



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.

POLICE SERVICES BOARD ROOM

1. Roll Call

Members – J. Bruno
L. Vezeau-Allen
Mayor C. Provenzano
R. Webb
I. MacKenzie

Staff – Chief H. Stevenson
Deputy R. MacLachlan
S. Miles

2. Call to Order

Chair J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Mayor Provenzano confirmed this would be his last meeting and there will be a new council appointee decided next week. Ian asked to move the elections to the next meeting, in the light of the upcoming changes. The Mayor advised the Chair and Vice Chair should be elected according to the statute and the Board could defer the committee selections to the next meeting. John suggested to the Board that the selection for Chair and Vice Chair be made and the selection for committee members be deferred to the next meeting. All board members were in favour.

The Chair turned the meeting over to Chief Stevenson to conduct the election of officers.

3. Election of Officers

CHAIR

MOVED BY: R. Webb
SECONDED BY: C. Provenzano

The Board APPOINTED Liza Vezeau-Allen as Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board.
Carried.

VICE-CHAIR

MOVED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

The Board APPOINTED John Bruno as Vice-Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board.
Carried.

Chief Stevenson turned the meeting over to Chair, Lisa Vezeau-Allen.

SECRETARY

MOVED BY: J. Bruno
SECONDED BY: I. MacKenzie

The Board APPROVES Sarah Miles as Secretary, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board.
Carried.

Selection of the committee members would be deferred to the next meeting. All in favour.

4. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Questions and Information Arising Out of the Minutes and Not Otherwise on the Agenda

There were no questions or information that arose.

6. Adoption of Minutes – November 25, 2021

MOVED BY: I. MacKenzie
SECONDED BY: J. Bruno

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the regular meeting, as presented, be hereby approved.
Carried.

7. Motion to Accept Agenda – January 27, 2022

MOVED BY: R. Webb

SECONDED BY: C. Provenzano

RESOLVED that the Agenda of the regular meeting, as presented, be hereby approved.
Carried.

8. Communications & Reports – Information Only

a) Monthly Overtime (Paid and Banked) – September to November 2021

The increases over the fall were a result of three major drug seizures and a joint force operation, along with the police shooting that took place.

b) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – September to November 2021

Ove the last three years the service has been good at reducing overtime in terms of having enough staff. There is a steady decline in the amount of overtime taking place in regards to staff shortages.

c) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – September to November 2021

d) Public Complaints Against Police

Lisa requested a report from A/Insp. Bolduc concerning the customer service and how this new model is working. The Chief explained these numbers are from when the unit was not yet in place, but he would be happy to report on the activities of the new unit.

e) Use of Force Reports

f) Travel Log

9. Q4 2021 CROMS Statistical Report

Presented by: Sgt. R. Magnan

10. Re-appointment to Police Services Board

I. MacKenzie has been re-appointed to the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board a further period of three years, effective February 28, 2022.

11. Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board Budget – 2022

On January 14, 2022, during a special meeting regarding the Sault Ste. Marie Police

Service's 2022 Budget, the Board passed the following motion:

MOVED BY: C. Provenzano
SECONDED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen

RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2022 Budget as presented in the amount of \$32,001,283. Carried.

12. Share Services Between The City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service

The Mayor advised there was a discussion at council about this type of work and there were also discussions at the bargaining committee and board levels. The city and the Service should work together to assess if there are opportunities for shared services and to only go down this road if there are opportunities for cost savings. The Mayor felt it was a productive endeavour and would address issues brought forward by council. The Chief was supportive of the motion and the CAO and the Chief had already begun these discussions. The Mayor noted a similar motion is on the agenda for council. All board members were happy to support this motion as well.

MOVED BY: C. Provenzano
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

WHEREAS municipalities commonly provide civilian administrative support to municipal police services;

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie currently provides financial and human resources support to Sault Ste. Marie Police Services;

WHEREAS the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service budget has increased significantly year over year with civilian costs rising sharply from 2021 to 2022;

WHEREAS the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service is looking for ways to address its impact on the municipal levy without affecting service levels;

NOWTHEREFORE the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service Board directs the Chief to work with the CAO and their respective senior staff to assess the City providing further administrative services to Sault Ste. Marie Police Services provided the provision of those services represents a decrease in the cost of those services to the ratepayers of the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Carried.

13. New Business

The Mayor advised this would be his last meeting of the Police Services Board. He wrote to council earlier and in recognizing he will not be running for mayor again, he thought it was important for other councillors to have an opportunity. The Mayor wanted to increase the likelihood that after the election there are people sitting on the boards

that have experience. The Mayor noted that he has been on the board for 7 years and recognizes there are a lot of challenges with policing. The opioid epidemic has affected our community and these individuals do not have the support they need. The pressure of these issues falls on our police service. Offered his thanks for all those who have worked with him.

All board members offered their thanks and congratulations.

14. Next Meeting Date

February 24, 2022

15. Adjournment – Time: 1:57 p.m.

MOVED BY: I. MacKenzie
SECONDED BY: J. Bruno

That the regular meeting is adjourned and that the Board enter into the caucus meeting.
Carried.