



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.

**POLICE SERVICES BOARD ROOM
(Virtual Option Provided)**

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg, specifically the Garden River and Batchewana First Nations, as well as Métis People.

2. Roll Call

Members – L. Vezeau-Allen
J. Bruno
R. Webb
I. MacKenzie
M. Shoemaker

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

3. Call to Order

Chair, L. Vezeau-Allen called this meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

4. Swearing In

Councillor Matthew Shoemaker was sworn in as a Member of the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board.

5. Conflict of Interest Declarations

R. Webb declared a conflict of interest with regards to Sault College Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Program.

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

There were no questions or information that arose.

7. Adoption of Minutes – January 27, 2022

MOVED BY: R. Webb
SECONDED BY: J. Bruno

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

8. Motion to Accept Agenda – February 24, 2022

MOVED BY: M. Shoemaker
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

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

9. Presentation: District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board – Homelessness in Sault Ste. Marie

Presented by Michael Nadeau & Joanne Pearson

Presentation provided on PDF

10. Presentation: SSMPS' Record Setting Drug Seizure

Presented by D/Sgt. David Sguigna

Presentation provided on PowerPoint.

Deputy MacLachlan noted the focus of these investigations is not on the addict as we all accept this as a health issue. The focus is on at the seller and distributor level of the drug trade.

Ian asked if we have any idea how much drugs are coming into the city and Sgt. Sguigna advised it is difficult to tell but on average, the Drug Enforcement Unit will seize that same quantity of drugs over the course of a year while this seizure was completed in one investigation.

Matthew asked about the timeline of the investigations and Sgt. Sguigna advised these investigations are time sensitive and they do their best to act on the information if they are able to do so. Sgt. Sguigna also noted there are very specific rules that have to be followed and there is a lot of time placed into the investigation so at the time of prosecution everything is set up so officers are prepared to go to court and defend their position. Sgt. Sguigna advised that police learn from every investigation and try to improve each time.

11. Committee Selection

FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE:

MOVED BY: I. Mackenzie
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

The Board APPOINTED M. Shoemaker, J. Bruno and L. Vezeau-Allen to be on the Board's Finance/ Budget Committee. Carried.

NEGOTIATING / GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

MOVED BY: M. Shoemaker
SECONDED BY: I. Mackenzie

The Board APPOINTED L. Vezeau-Allen, R. Webb and J. Bruno to be on the Board's Negotiating/Grievance Committee. Carried.

POLICE FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

MOVED BY: J. Bruno
SECONDED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen

The Board APPOINTED I. MacKenzie, R. Webb and M. Shoemaker to be on the Board's Police Facility Planning Committee. Carried.

12. Communications & Reports – Information Only

a) Special Account Ledger (Auction Fund) – December 2021

The Chief clarified that the Board is responsible for legal costs, as per the collective agreement.

b) Monthly Overtime (Paid and Banked) – December 2021 & January 2022

For 2021, the Chief noted there was an increase in overtime and advised that this is due to a very busy year as the Service had four homicide investigations, four suspicious fires/arsons, etc. The Chief noted that this is due to operational issues, and they vary by month.

For 2022, the month of January shows a decrease in overtime from last year.

c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – December 2021 & January 2022

For December 2021 the service saw an increase and this could be anything related to sickness, annual leave around Christmas, etc. However, the overtime is still down significantly from 2018 and 2019 as we have kept up with uniform and civilian hiring.

For January 2022 the overtime is significantly down. The Chief noted the service is doing its best to monitor overtime very closely.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – December 2021 & January 2022

The Chief noted these amounts have stayed relatively consistent.

e) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief reported that many of the files have closed and a couple are ongoing. The Chief clarified that these are complaints lodged against the Service from the OIPRD and there are some the Service takes on even though the complaints are not against officers. The Service will conduct an internal investigation on these matters.

Matt asked about Complaint #3 and the Deputy advised we were able to review tapes and when the complainant called in, what she thought she said was not what she actually said and the matter was unsubstantiated.

Matt asked if we reimburse the OIPRD and the Deputy explained the Professional Standards Bureau conducts the investigation but at times the OPIRD may do the investigation, or another police service will be asked to conduct an investigation. There is no exchange of finances during these processes.

f) Use of Force Reports

The Chief reviewed the report.

g) Travel Log

The Chief reviewed the report and noted the unbudgeted training for Cst. Krmpotich was due to the Service's regulatory responsibilities.

13. Sault College Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Program

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve an annual contribution to the Scholarships, Bursaries and Award program at Sault College, in the amount of \$1500 to be funded from the Board's Auction Account. Carried.

14. For Information: Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Budget Plan – 2022

The Chief advised that for the budget this year, our Finance Coordinator, Angela Davey, will have a meeting the month after each quarter end to look at the budget and projection issues. She suggested the finance committee meet after this presentation and go through line-by-line items to be better prepared for when the budget is due. Lisa thought having the finance committee meeting a couple of times before the budget is due would be proactive. All members agreed.

15. For Information: Request for Donation Form

Lisa explained a donation form request would be available on the website. The Chief noted it would make it more accessible for the public to make a request of the Board allow for more transparency. A draft will be created for the next meeting and the Board can provide their opinions.

16. New Business

17. Next Meeting Date

March 31, 2022

18. Adjournment – Time: 2:09 p.m.

MOVED BY: R. Webb
SECONDED BY: I. MacKenzie

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