



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 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
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 1:02 p.m.

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 – February 24, 2022

MOVED BY: J. Bruno
SECONDED BY: M. Shoemaker

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

7. Motion to Accept Agenda – March 31, 2022

MOVED BY: M. Shoemaker
SECONDED BY: J. Bruno

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

8. Communications & Reports – Information Only

- a) Special Account Ledger (Auction Fund) – February 2022
- b) Monthly Overtime (Paid and Banked) – February 2022

The Chief reported there was a homicide investigation that is still ongoing, a couple of overdose investigations as well as the International Bridge protests that all account for the overtime costs.

- c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – February 2022
- d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – February 2022
- e) Court Time Costing Comparison – October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

The Chief advised there was an increase in the year to date numbers due to officers now attending court in person when in the previous year, COVID had closed the courts.

- f) Statistical Reports – July 2021 to December 2021

The Chief advised that given the number of statistical reports provided, he would focus strictly on December. The Chief pointed out that calls for service were up by 5.9%. Crimes of violence went up to four and robberies have increase by 37%. Sex assault and assault were down and crimes of property are down.

Lisa asked if the property crimes to businesses decreased as a result of the Dynamic Patrols. The Chief noted that he could not definitively say why there was a decrease but he would suggest that fewer businesses were open and the downtown patrol were contributing factors.

The Chief also noted that numbers are down for vehicle related crimes, shoplifting was up. The Chief advised that an increase in shoplifting would have to do more with people in the community being need. Lisa asked about sending out messaging regarding loss

prevention and the Chief advised the website is full of information, however a reminder could send out to the public.

The Chief also pointed out that bail violations are up and a consistent issue. The Chief noted other communities are now publishing concerns with Bill-C75

g) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief reviewed the report and noted an internal investigation was conducted. Matt asked if the frontline staff receive customer service training and the Chief advised that they absolutely they do. There are quality controls on hiring and during their probationary period. There is also a program instituted in terms of quality control where communications are checked sporadically. There are a number of checks and balances in place

h) Use of Force Reports

The Chief noted the majority of these occurrences are related to domestic incidents that are known to be dangerous for officers to attend.

i) Travel Log

j) Notes of Appreciation

The report was reviewed and Lisa noted the Chief received an email of thanks for attending the Festival of Indian dinner. Rick also noted the service did a wonderful job on managing the bridge protest.

9. 2021 Search of Persons Annual Report 2021

The Chief reviewed the report. Matt asked if the search is done by an officer the same gender and Insp. Duguay advised that according to policy, strip searches are done in a controlled environment with a person of the same gender.

10. 2021 Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances Annual Report 2021

The Chief noted the requirement for this report was based on the street check legislation. The Chief reported that the service is consistent with other services. Lisa asked the Chief to explain what a street check is and the Chief advised it is where the police stop someone on the street, not related to an investigation, and ask them for identifying information. Today, there is a process that must be completed with documentation. As soon as police attempt to identify an individual, that is when the carding legislation kicks in.

11. 2021 Use of Force Annual Report

The Chief reported the seven firearms discharged are related to the shooting incident. The Chief also noted these would have been seen in use of force reports previously reported to the board on a monthly basis. The Chief wanted to note the naloxone statistics and described an incident where officers administered naloxone to save a life.

12. For Information: Request for Donation Form

Lisa suggested a minimum and maximum dollar amount should be added to the form. She also requested that an example be provided under criteria #2 so help clarify what the Board is willing to support.

Matt asked the board provides donation and offered the opinion that this money should be used for the police services needs as these are public dollars and should be put to a public purpose. Lisa pointed out that a lot of organizations have social funds they use to provide community donations.

Rick advised that being a community organization, the events the Board has been supporting are for the good of the community and it is good that police have been involved. Rick also pointed out that a lot of officers have been involved directly in these organization and it is good for the Board to support these. He felt that providing donations was good and pulling back Board support would send the wrong message. The amount we give are modest but shows that we are behind them.

John noted a concern with the potential quantity of requests that could come through. Lisa suggested we add the ability for people to ask for either funds or volunteer support. Lisa would work through it and forward to the board some suggestions.

Matt noted that the organizations the Board gives to are not what he takes issue with; it is that we donate public funds. Lisa did not think the greater community would have objection to the board using funds that would help the greater good. By having the form, it provides the opportunity to make other organization aware of what the Board does. Rick felt the donations were aligned with the mission for the Board and the Service. We are here for a number of things and community is at the centre. Rick noted that a lot of these requests come from the members of the service.

13. New Business

14. Next Meeting Date

April 28, 2022

15. Adjournment – Time: 1:38 p.m.

MOVED BY: J. Bruno
SECONDED BY: M. Shoemaker

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