



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 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 – J. Bruno
R. Webb
I. MacKenzie
M. Shoemaker

Staff – Chief H. Stevenson
Deputy R. MacLachlan
S. Miles
L. Louttit
L. Hodgson

3. Call to Order

Vice Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 1:00 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 – April 28, 2022

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

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

7. Motion to Accept Agenda – May 26, 2022

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

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

8. Presentation: No Colours Initiative

Presented by Sgt. D. Sguigna

9. Communications & Reports – Information Only

a) Special Account Ledger (Auction Fund) – April 2022

The Chief noted the Board had a deposit into the account from the auction funds.

b) Monthly Overtime (Paid and Banked) – April 2022

The Chief reviewed the report and noted that overtime went up due to scene security for an arson as well as a serious home invasion occurrence that resulted in two crime scenes.

c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (4 Year Comparison) – April 2022

The Chief reviewed the report and noted it also shows an increase.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – April 2022

The Chief pointed out there was a significant increase in overtime costs in the civilian world due to covid backfill. In addition, civilians provide support whenever there is a serious incident which also impacts the overtime.

e) Statistical Reports – Year End 2021

The Chief reviewed the Statistical Reports for 2021.

f) Statistical Reports – January to March 2022

The Chief reviewed the Statistical Reports for March.

g) Public Complaints Against Police

h) Use of Force Reports

i) Travel Log

j) Notes of Appreciation

10. Taxi By-Law: Driverseat Request for Additional Licence

MOVED BY: M. Shoemaker

SECONDED BY: R. Webb

RESOLVED that the Board approve the request of Driverseat for an addition of one taxi licence, bringing their taxi fleet to three (3). Carried.

11. Request for Donation: Walk for Alzheimer's

Ian opposed to the donation and advised he made his own personal pledge to the cause. Ian did not think the money should be donated or spent outside of the police service.

Matt asked if it would be possible to have the person circulate a link or donation form so a personal contribution could be made, as he did not to feel it should be supported by the police service.

Rick expressed his support for the donation as the police service is a community organization and it is a member of the service that is requesting the donation. The proceeds are coming from the auction and are not operating money. Rick felt it was important the Board show support for community organizations.

John also supported the donation as it had been given it in the past.

As there the Board could not reach a consensus, it was determined the matter would be deferred to the next meeting.

12. Police Services Boardroom Renovation

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve the amount of \$5000 to be taken from the Board's Auction Account to renovate the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Boardroom. Carried.

13. New Business

Rick wanted to thank Inspector Duguay and the Deputy for taking the Board on a tour of the facility. It confirmed the suspicion and discussion that the Board has had about the conditions of the building. Rick noted the building is well past its prime in terms of condition and size and there is no room for expansion. Rick also pointed out that if you just visit the front desk or board room, you wouldn't see it the areas of need, however if you see where people are working, it is woefully inadequate. It needs to change and the Police Service needs to move.

Matt felt there was some benefit to having members of the media tour whatever areas they can access. It was obvious the place was built for a service that existed in the 90's but it does not meet the needs of a modern service.

Ian advised the issues has been raised in the past several times and about 12 years ago it was deemed that money was being poured into the building and something should be done. The question always came down to money. Ian reiterated it hasn't improved and is only getting worse.

Matt also stated that whatever we can put downtown, ought to be put downtown.

14. Next Meeting Date

June 30, 2022

15. Adjournment – Time:

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

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