



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 – 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
I. MacKenzie
L. Vezeau-Allen
E. Dabutch

Staff: Chief H. Stevenson
Deputy R. MacLachlan
S. Miles
L. Louttit
S/Sgt. V. Monto
Insp. B. Duguay
Insp. W. Freeman

Other Attendees: T. Gervais (M. SolGen)
S. Spina (Virtual)

Media: B. Kelly (Sault Star)
J. Hopkins (SooToday)

3. Call to Order

Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 1:04 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 – January 26, 2022

MOVED BY: I. MacKenzie
SECONDED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen

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

7. Motion to Accept Agenda – February 23, 2023

MOVED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen
SECONDED BY: I. MacKenzie

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) – January 2023

The Chief reviewed the report.

b) Monthly Overtime (Paid and Banked) – January 2023

The Chief reviewed the incidents that led to the increase in overtime for the month of January. John asked if we could see the major events that lead to the overtime and the Chief advised that yes, this overtime is attached to certain incidents. The Chief noted these types of events are involved and expensive.

c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – January 2023

Lisa asked if overtime would go down with the additions to our complement. The Chief advised that yes, if you have more people available this will help to decrease overtime costs. The Chief noted we have been able to take some of the cost off of overtime projections in the next year.

Lisa asked about doing projections and the Chief noted the collective agreement supersedes what he would like to do but it is typically consistent. We do know annual leave a year in advance.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – January 2023

e) Statistical Reports – December 2022

The Chief reviewed the year to date report and noted the occurrence work load was relatively stable. The Chief also reviewed the crimes of property and noted decreases. Lisa asked for clarification on sudden deaths and the Chief advised that yes, sudden deaths would include overdoses.

The Chief reviewed the increase in bail violations.

Lisa asked about the mental health numbers and if we are seeing a reduction in calls because of the Downtown Ambassador Program. The Chief noted it is hard to know why people didn't call but he does know the Mental Health Association is collecting this data in the downtown which is data that can assist all of us. The Ambassador Program can help deal with people in crisis before police have to be called which makes it a wonderful program but you cannot yet say if it is related to a reduction in calls for service

f) Use of Force Report

The Chief reviewed the report.

g) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief explained that sometimes we have multiple complaints from one complainant.

h) Travel Log

The Chief reviewed the report.

9. **2022 Use of Force Annual Report**

The Chief reviewed the Annual Use of Force Report and noted it is collected as per the legislation. The Chief reported on the statistical overview and noted the increase in firearms being drawn is concerning. The Chief noted that firearms involved in occurrences has increased significantly, along with edged weapons.

Lisa asked about the meaning of passive resistance and the Deputy advised that it has to do with the state the individual is in where they are not complying with an officer but are also not being assaultive to the officer.

Ian noted the reports give a clear picture of where the crime is coming from.

In reference to Naloxone, John asked if everyone was trained and the Chief confirmed they are all trained.

10. New Business

Autism Training via Peel Police

Lisa advised that on November 4, 2022 in Mississauga, there was an incident with a nonverbal autistic individual that led to the Peel Police putting out a statement advising they had to look for better ways and the situation was not handled well.

At her last Autism Ontario meeting, Peel had reached out to various organizations and they are going to be formulating a training model for police services. It is not yet completed but advised we could reach out to Peel for more information.

Recently there were updates to the Autism Strategy and there were some concerns in the room about the effectiveness of the vulnerable persons registry. Lisa would share any updates and recommended the service reach out to Peel. The Deputy advised we would do this.

Addition to Membership on Negotiating Committee

MOVED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen
SECONDED BY: I. MacKenzie

The Board APPOINTED M. Bruni to be on the Board's Negotiating / Grievance Committee.
Carried.

11. Next Meeting Date

March 30, 2023

12. Adjournment – Time: 1:31 p.m.

MOVED BY: I. MacKenzie
SECONDED BY: E. Dabutch

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