



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 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
M. Bruni

Staff: Chief H. Stevenson
Deputy R. MacLachlan
S. Miles
L. Louttit
Insp. B. Duguay

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 1:01 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 23, 2023

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 – April 6, 2023

MOVED BY: M. Bruni
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) – February 2023

The Chief reviewed the report.

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

The Chief reported that overtime was down significantly.

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

The Chief noted there has been a lot of sick time.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – February 2023

The Chief reported that patrol overtime is down.

e) 2022 Year End Statistical Report

The Chief reported that these statistics are an overall comparator for the year. Assaults show an increase, along with sexual assaults. Crimes of property show a decrease for break and enters and residential property crimes have gone down. Thefts have also decreased, along with mischief occurrences. However, frauds have

increased. Although our crimes of violence have stayed the same overall, crimes of property are down overall.

John asked what is involved with regards to the fraud category and the Deputy advised this would include credit card fraud, high incident and low value frauds (i.e., online and perpetrators who live elsewhere). Fraud is considered theft by deceit and encompasses a board area.

The Chief also reviewed the statistics for the young offenders and noted that property crimes have significantly increased. Thefts are also significantly up and this is cause for concern. The Chief advised that one could draw the conclusion that more effort could be put into young offenders who are more susceptible to this type of criminality.

f) Statistical Reports – January 2023

The Chief reviewed the statistical report.

g) Use of Force Report

The Chief reviewed the Use of Force report.

h) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief reviewed the report. Moving forward, Marchy asked to have the report make a note of who is a repeat complainant.

i) Travel Log

The Chief reviewed the report.

9. **New Business**

Councilor Spina had questions regarding the 2022 statistics and previous reports from the Chief had indicated an 80% increase in violent crime, but this report showed a decrease. The Chief explained that was from over five years and this report was for year to year. The Chief advised that violent crime has increased over the last 5 years by 80%.

Councilor Sonny asked about what this increase could be attributed to, and the Chief advised this is due to the increase in use of firearms, weapons and drugs. The Chief noted we have seen the increase practically and through the evidence of data to show that communities today are more dangerous than they were before. The CAPC will say that policing has changed significantly in the last 5 years. Councilor Spina advised his hope is to find the root cause and to find ways to address these issues from a community perspective.

Councilor Spina also noted that it is exciting to see there is a decrease and asked the Chief if there is an initiative that is contributing to this. The Chief advised crimes of violence are the result of core issues. There has been the Downtown Ambassador Program, the

Downtown Wellness Bus that services individuals before they go into crisis. The Downtown Association has also had security services and hotels have had additional security services. The Chief also noted that all municipalities are struggling with this issue. The police service and community services have all tried to tackle this issue.

Lisa requested an update in regard to the March Sault Star article that spoke about having a third-party review. The Chief clarified if this was referring to the civilian review, there was an upcoming meeting with the Mayor and CAO to discuss the matter.

10. Next Meeting Date

April 27, 2023

11. Adjournment – Time: 1:30 p.m.

MOVED BY: M. Bruni
SECONDED BY: I. MacKenzie

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