



## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 – 1:00 P.M.**

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

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### **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**

<b>Members:</b>	J. Bruno I. MacKenzie M. Bruni S. Spina	<b>Staff:</b>	Chief H. Stevenson Deputy B. Duguay S. Miles L. Hodgson L. Louttit
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**Other Attendees:** T. Gervais (SolGen)  
O. Rosa (Wishart)

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

### **3. Call to Order**

Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 1: 05 p.m.

### **4. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **5. Election of Officers**

CHAIR

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

The Board APPOINTED J. Bruno as Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board. Carried.

VICE-CHAIR

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

The Board APPOINTED I. MacKenzie as Vice-Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board. Carried.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING ACT

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

The Board APPROVES M. Bruni as the Community Safety and Policing Act designated lead, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board. Carried.

FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE:

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

The Board APPOINTED I. MacKenzie to be on the Board's Finance/Budget Committee. Carried.

NEGOTIATING / GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

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

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

POLICE FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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

The Board APPOINTED I. MacKenzie and M. Bruni to be on the Board's Police Facility Planning Committee. Carried.

**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 – November 30, 2023**

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

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

**8. Motion to Accept Agenda – January 25, 2024**

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

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

**9. Communications & Reports – Information Only**

a) Monthly Overtime (Paid and Banked) – December 2023

The Chief reviewed the report and noted we have had many substantial incidents for the year.

b) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – December 2023

The Chief reviewed the report.

c) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – December 2023

The Chief reviewed the report.

d) Statistical Reports – August - November 2023

The Chief noted that calls for service are up 4%. Crimes of violence have increased, specifically with homicides. Crimes of property have encouraging results as these

numbers are down. Motor vehicle thefts are down and shoplifting has increased significantly.

e) Use of Force Report

The Chief reviewed the report and noted that firearms pointed are an indication of the violent occurrences taking place. The total number for the year shows a significant increase.

f) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief reviewed the report.

g) Travel Log

The Chief reviewed the report.

h) Notes of Appreciation

The Chief reviewed the report.

With regards to bail, John asked if there have been announcements regarding funding being allocated to cities for handling these issues. The Deputy explained we applied for a grant and we received a portion of the grant money available, which will be reallocated to devoting manpower hours to handling bail issues and allow us to be proactive in our enforcement options.

Ian asked for a breakdown of the complaints and to note which ones are repeat complaints.

With regard to statistics, Sonny asked if we have the same type of comparison of data for our comparator agencies. The Chief advised we don't report on this, but other statistics could be accessed on their websites. The Chief advised he could report on specific parameters if the Board determined they would like this. The Chief also noted you can go on the UCR website and find comparator information on there.

**10. Sault Ste. Marie Police Services By-Law #2004-01 (Second Amendment)**

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

**11. New Business**

There was no new business.

**12. Next Meeting Date**

February 29, 2024

**13. Adjournment – Time:**

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

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