



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 2024 – 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
M. Bruni
S. Spina

Staff:

Chief H. Stevenson
Deputy B. Duguay
Insp. B. Bolduc
S. Miles
L. Hodgson
L. Louttit
A. Davey

Other Attendees: T. Gervais (SolGen)

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

3. Call to Order

Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 1:06 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 25, 2024**

MOVED BY: M. Bruni
SECONDED BY: S. Spina

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

7. **Motion to Accept Agenda – March 28, 2024**

MOVED BY: S. Spina
SECONDED BY: M. Bruni

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

8. **IPV Pilot Project**

Presented by: Dep. Duguay

The Chief added that there will be an analytic portion of this project.

9. **Recruitment Incentives**

Presented by: Insp. Bolduc

Insp. Bolduc advised that recruitment is heavily involved with Sault College and a high percentage of hires come from Sault College. Insp. Bolduc also advised that Sgt. MacFarlane has also tapped into Lake State University.

The Board accepted the presentation as information.

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

a) Special Account Ledger (Auction Fund) – February 2024

The Chief reviewed the report.

b) Monthly Overtime (Paid and Banked) – February 2024

The Chief reported the overtime is fairly consistent and noted that January is lower compared to last year.

c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – February 2024

The Chief noted a decrease for February.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – February 2024

e) Court Time Costing Comparison – October 1, 2023-September 31, 2024

The Chief noted the Service is on projection for where we should be for court costs.

f) Statistical Reports – December 2023

The Chief reviewed the year-to-date statistics and noted there has been a higher number of calls for service. The Chief also highlighted the IPV numbers. Overall theft was down but shoplifting was up.

John advised the numbers are showing a decrease, however the numbers still exist. John asked for the Chief to shed light on the conditions in Sault Ste. Marie and what could be causing it. The Chief advised it is a multivariate response. Showing a decline does not mean that people don't feel the impact. This is not a positive report card because we as a community have to do more to protect people from theft. The Chief noted that theft affects more people than violent crime and it causes a sense of fear because people have to be able to protect their items and conduct commerce. The Chief noted the downtown businesses that have to lock their doors and reiterated that policing will not fix long term mental health and drug addiction; this issue has to be addressed on all levels. Collectively we need to do more.

The Chief advised we are looking to have a downtown police presence that is greater than what we have now and will assist with having a greater presence in the downtown core. Officers in the core can interact with people who live there, including homeless, and get them services before they go into crisis. We don't accept these numbers in any way as a positive because there is more we can do and are trying to do.

g) Use of Force Report

The Chief reviewed the report.

h) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief reviewed the report and noted the Act will change on April 1, 2024 and become the CSPA, which holds a new process for dealing with complaints.

i) Travel Log

The Chief reviewed the report.

11. Fitness Room Equipment

Angela explained there is old equipment in the fitness room for which the initial cost had been split with the Board. As the equipment is being replaced, they would like to put it on the auction in order to get the best value for the equipment. The proceeds would be split. The Board approved and accepted the presentation as information.

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

MOVED BY: M. Bruni
SECONDED BY: S. Spina

RESOLVED that the Board approved the amendments to By-Law 2004-01. Carried.

13. For Information: Board Online Learning

Tom noted that with the coming of the CSPA there is a duty for board members to be trained in order to continue to exercise their duties of office.

14. New Business

15. Next Meeting Date

April 25, 2024

16. Adjournment – Time: 2:01 p.m.

MOVED BY: S. Spina
SECONDED BY: M. Bruni

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