



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 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 Insp. W. Freeman Insp. D. Dewar S. Miles L. Louttit
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Media: B. Kelly (Sault Star)
K. Armstrong (SooToday)
M. McDonald (CTV)

3. Call to Order

Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

4. Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were 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 – March 28, 2024

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

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

7. Motion to Accept Agenda – April 25, 2024

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) – March 2024

The Chief reviewed the report and noted there were no changes.

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

The Chief reported that overtime has gone up as a result of the Project Teal takedown.

c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (5 Year Comparison) – March 2024

The Chief noted there has been an increase to sick time, resulting in overtime.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – March 2024

The Chief reviewed the report.

e) Budget Report – Ending March 31, 2024

The Chief reported that we have spent 17% in the first quarter and are well within our 25%.

f) Year End Statistical Report – 2023

The Chief reviewed the year end report for 2023 and noted that assault have maintained, sex assaults are down significantly, homicides have increased significantly, and attempt homicides are also up. All of these types of occurrences are

extremely expensive. The Chief also noted that with regards to crimes of property, break and enter totals were down but businesses were up. Residential property crime was down, as well as attempt break and enters. IPV incidents were relatively the same.

The Chief reminded the board of the IPV pilot project and noted that 197 follow up calls have been conducted and out of them, 9 have generated new incidents and out of those, we have laid two charges. This has been since March 5, 2024.

Marchy asked about the break and enter totals on the business side, if there was a certain area of town being impacted and the Chief advised that it can be broken down by zone, but the number would be for the entire service area.

Sonny asked about violent crime and the decrease and asked if there was a number we should be shooting for to see a reduction and the Chief advised that zero would be the goal.

Ian asked if we have any idea if the 33% is from citizen outside of Sault Ste. Marie. The Chief advised that without a deeper dive we couldn't say, but the people conducting break and enters are breaking in to find property to buy drugs. That is the number one reason across the municipality as to why people commit this crime, and it is a cycle of the drug subculture. The Chief noted that this is where we need treatment facilities for these individuals.

g) Statistical Reports – January & February 2024

The Chief reviewed the year to date for February and noted that robberies were down, sex assaults were down and IPV incidents are consistent. The chief reviewed the report. Theft occurrences are up significantly.

Sonny confirmed that businesses are not necessarily relying on their own practices to prevent theft and are relying on police to manage these occurrences. Police are responding after the fact and the Chief noted this opens up the area of crime prevention and to use the service to give them ideas as to how to reduce thefts. Sonny asked if there is an outreach team for this and the chief advised they can all and we have a team that would provide advice. The overall call would be to reduce crime and calls for service.

h) Use of Force Report

The Chief reviewed the report.

i) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief reviewed the report.

j) Travel Log

The Chief reviewed the report.

9. Request for Donation: Walk for Alzheimer's

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve the request for donation for the Walk for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$500, to be paid from the Board's Auction Account. Carried.

10. New Business

Request for Donation: Grocer 4 Good

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve the donation to Grocer 4 Good in the amount of \$500, to be paid from the Board's Auction Account. Carried.

11. Next Meeting Date

May 30, 2024

12. Adjournment – Time: 1:32 p.m.

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

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