



## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 30, 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**

**Members:** I. MacKenzie  
M. Bruni  
S. Spina

**Staff:** Chief H. Stevenson  
Insp. W. Freeman  
Insp. B. Bolduc  
S. Miles  
L. Louttit

**Media:** B. Kelly (Sault Star)  
K. Armstrong (SooToday)  
M. McDonald (CTV)

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

Vice-Chair, I. MacKenzie called this meeting to order at 1:09 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 – April 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 – May 30, 2024**

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

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) – April 2024

The Chief reported no change to the Board's account.

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

The Chief reported that overtime is almost half what it was from last month. With respect to the cumulative total, we are about \$50,000 over and will hopefully bring that down over the year.

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

The Chief reported that for the month we are down about \$11,000 and this is comparable to last year.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – April 2024

The Chief reported that some of these overtime costs are due to sickness.

e) Budget Report – Ending April 30, 2024

The Chief reported that the Services is about 5% above where we would like to be but hopefully in the fall it will even out and by the second quarter we should be around the 50% mark.

f) Statistical Reports – March 2024

The Chief reviewed the year-to-date report. Overall, total calls are up 2.7%. Robberies are down, assaults are down and sexual assaults show a small increase, however IPV violence is comparable. For our intimate partner violence program, since the start there have been 271 call backs, 14 have led to further investigation, 4 have led to charges, 4 no charges and 6 under investigation. The Chief advised this is an example of scenarios we would not have known about if we had not called back. We have also increased the services to the complainant.

With regards to crimes of property, they are down but a bit higher for businesses. Residential property crimes are almost half what they were previously.

The Chief noted shop lifting has almost doubled. Ian advised that is a significant increase in shoplifting. Marchy asked what can stores and businesses can do to prevent/reduce shoplifting. The Chief suspects the larger stores are producing the greatest volume of thefts. To prevent this, there is crime prevention information available. They can contact our general number and ask for Sgt. Jeremy Stevenson and we can go out and do an assessment of a location to help determine what they can do to reduce their numbers.

The Chief also noted this is impacted by the court system and the deterrent value in our system has to be increased. All governments have to collectively do more to stop this from occurring.

Sonny asked about the IPV numbers and when the follow up is being done, are there new incident numbers being generated or if it is under the same number? The Chief advised the original call back is under the original number, but if there is a new offence to be reported, there would be a separate occurrence. The Chief does not think this will create a spike in statistics.

g) Use of Force Report

The Chief reviewed the report.

h) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief reviewed the report.

i) Travel Log

The Chief reviewed the report.

j) Notes of Appreciation

The Chief reviewed the report.

**9. New Business**

**10. Next Meeting Date**

June 27, 2024

**11. Adjournment – Time: 1:26 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.