



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 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. D. Dewar
S. Miles
L. Louttit
L. Hodgson

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

3. Call to Order

Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 1:00 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 – May 30, 2024

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

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

7. Motion to Accept Agenda – June 27, 2024

MOVED BY: I. MacKenzie
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) – May 2024

The Chief reviewed the report.

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

Chief reviewed the report and noted that our overtime doubled in May. The Chief advised that the Service has typically found that May is an expensive month. We had an arson, a murder suicide, officer involved shooting and an attempt homicide. These incidents involved significant scene protection. We are doing our best over the next few months to curtail this.

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

The Chief reviewed the report.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – May 2024

The Chief reviewed the report.

e) Court Time Costing – October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

The Chief reported that there is 37% of the budget remaining and there was one particular case that took a significant amount of court time.

f) Statistical Reports – April 2024

The Chief reported there has been an increase in calls for service. Assaults are down but IPV occurrences increased. Break and enters are down, however shoplifting occurrences are notable. The Chief reviewed the full statistical report and that from

the last briefing, shoplifting was up significantly. The Chief noted that the way we deal with shoplifting and property offences mean the deterrent value of the criminal justice system has been reduced. These people have to be dealt with in a sterner matter and held accountable.

Marchy relayed an example of him experiencing a shoplifting incident and there being nothing the staff could do.

Sonny asked if the Chief is getting the support he needs from the local Crown Attorney, provincial and federal representatives. The Chief noted the Crown's office has done exceptional work in trying to assist us. They are bound by the same laws we are, in terms of release and bail. The police can always do more, but the reality is the back half has to support the issue of deterrence. The issue is, there is no deterrent, and the Chief is fearful the process will become normalized. The Chief advised he has no issues lobbying for changes and noted the Crown Attorney's office is doing everything they can.

Sonny asked the Chair about writing a letter from the Board level to explain the frustrations and ask for support. The chief was supportive of this. John agreed this could be a motion.

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. Ian advised he recently received three compliments on our police officers. John reiterated that he has also experienced positive interactions with police and commended the service.

9. Division 2 – Downtown Location

Presented by Insp. D. Dewar

Marchy asked if the substation would roam around to areas beyond Queen Street. The Chief noted the presence would be felt in the entirety of the downtown core. Ian wanted to reiterate this is a substation and not a police station. Sonny suggested defining the boundaries of 2 Division to help. It was also clarified that we are utilizing current numbers and deployment until staffing has increased. Sonny also noted this will be a significant

increase from what we had at the mall. Eventually there will be officers working there 24/7.

10. Board Meetings – Reformatting

The Board agreed to change meeting times to the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

11. New Business

12. Next Meeting Date

To be determined

13. Adjournment – Time: 1:36 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.