



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 3, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.**

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

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### **1. Call to Order**

Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### **2. Motion to Move IN-CAMERA**

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

RESOLVED that the Board agree to adjourn the public portion of its meeting and in-camera to discuss confidential items pursuant to Section 44 (2) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.

CARRIED

### **3. 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.

### **4. Roll Call**

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

**Staff:** Chief H. Stevenson  
Deputy B. Duguay  
Insp. W. Freeman  
S. Miles  
C. Foucher  
A. Davey

**Media:** J. Hopkins (SooToday)

**5. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**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 – June 27, 2024**

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 – October 3, 2024**

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

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

CARRIED

**9. Matters Arising from In Camera – 10:51 a.m.**

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

RESOLVED that the The Board approved the 2025 budget as presented on this day, October 3, 2024, in the amount of \$40,170,897 reflecting an increase of 8.19% over 2024. This approved budget will be brought forward to the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

CARRIED

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve the transition to .9 mm pistols for the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service in 2025 with the cost of approximately \$245,000 to come out of the Police Capital Reserve fund.

CARRIED

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

RESOLVED the Board approves the purchase of semiautomatic carbines in 2025 to meet the new requirements of the Community Safety and Policing Act with the cost of approximately \$53,000 to come out of the Police Capital Reserve fund.

CARRIED

## 10. Communications & Reports – Information Only

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

The Chief reviewed the board account.

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

The Chief reported it was a busy summer for overtime, which was typically generated by not filling complement. The Chief reviewed the major incidents that also contributed to the overtime.

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

The Chief advised there are currently three full-time dispatchers off.

d) Monthly Staff Shortage Costs – August 2024

The Chief reviewed the report.

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

The Chief reviewed the court costings.

f) Budget Report – Ending August 31, 2024

The Chief advised we are currently about 3% under for our budget usage.

g) Statistical Reports – May, June & July 2024

The Chief reported that occurrences are up compared to last year. Overall, we are 6% up. The Chief also noted an increase to IPV calls. Property crimes are down significantly. The chief noted that online reporting tends to increase numbers. We are dealing with significant shoplifting across the board due to a lack of deterrent.

h) Intimate Partner Violence Project Statistics

The Chief reviewed the report.

i) Use of Force Report

The Chief reviewed the report.

j) Public Complaints Against Police

The Chief reviewed the report.

k) Travel Log

The Chief reviewed the report and noted that everything was budgeted for.

l) Notes of Appreciation

The Chief reviewed the report.

## **11. Presentation: In-Car Camera System**

A presentation video on the in-car camera system was played for the Board.

Insp. Freeman reviewed how the camera system works and noted we anticipate by early next week all will be fully trained, and the cameras will be ready for use.

Marchy confirmed the cameras work when the lights are on only.

Ian asked about the officers being equipped with cameras and Insp. Freeman advised training will begin within the next month. The Chief reiterated the importance of having our DEMS unit set up prior to these programs being implemented in order to manage the amount of data that will come through.

The Board thanked Insp. Freeman for all of his work on this program.

## **12. OAPSB Labour Conference**

Both John and Ian advised they would attend the conference.

## **13. Chief's Report: Changes to Front Lobby**

The Chief advised the lobby will be locked and the public will access a phone and call inside, and the service will triage their needs. This allows for more control at the front desk. This will not restrict anyone from coming to the service, it is simply to manage and direct people better.

**14. Board Membership Update**

John reported that Eva Dabutch has resigned from the Board.

**15. Adjournment – Time: 11:30 a.m.**

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

RESOLVED that the meeting is now adjourned.

CARRIED