

## STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 18th day of September, 2019 at 4:30 pm, Council Chamber, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Dan Mathieson (Chair), Graham Bunting, Tim Doherty, Peter Hyde, Rosemary Tanner, Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Detective Rachelle Willows (Police Association), Pat Shantz – Executive Assistant.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Doug Diplock, St. Marys

### MINUTES

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Peter Hyde declared a pecuniary interest in the August 2019 accounts for the rental of 154 Downie Street as his spouse owns the building.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19th, 2019

**MOTION by** Tim Doherty | Rosemary Tanner

**That the minutes of the regular meeting of June 19th, 2019, be adopted as presented. Carried.**

4. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations

There were no hearings of deputations or presentations scheduled.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1 Court Security and Prisoner Transport

The Chief advised that he hopes to have a proposal setting out various options for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

6. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – August 2019

Deputy Chief Foster reviewed the individual Statistical Reports for August 2019 with the Board and answered questions.

6.1 Stratford

There were 1859 calls for service, 136 e-tickets were issued and 111 warnings were given. There were 37 calls dealing with mental health issues and a total of 317 charges laid.

Graham Bunting thanked the officers who attended the Special Olympic Soccer Game.

## 6.2 St Marys

There were 275 calls for service, 35 e-tickets were issued and 31 warnings were given. There were 11 calls dealing with mental health issues and a total of 50 charges were laid.

## 6.3 Perth South

There were 287 calls for service, 125 e-tickets were issued and 31 warnings were given. The Deputy Chief advised the Board that a majority of the calls for service were due to officers being proactive and were generated by them, not by complainants.

## 6.4 Crime Stoppers

The Crime Stoppers Report is from the month of July. There were six tips – 3 were drug activity related and 3 were of a general nature.

**MOTION by** Tim Doherty | Peter Hyde

**That the Monthly Statistic Reports for August 2019 be received. Carried.**

## 7. Approval of Monthly Accounts – August 2019

The Chief reviewed the accounts with the Board and provided information regarding why some accounts are currently in a deficit, the availability of grants, strategy for putting money into reserve accounts and overall strategy moving forward.

**Motion by** Graham Bunting | Peter Hyde

**That the monthly accounts for August, 2019, with the exception of the accounts regarding the rent for 154 Downie Street, be approved for payment. Carried.**

**Motion by** Rosemary Tanner | Tim Doherty

**That the accounts for the rent for 154 Downie Street for June, July and August, 2019, be approved for payment. Carried.**

## 8. Police Association Business

There was no Police Association business at this time.

## 9. Public Complaints

The Chief advised that there is still an outstanding complaint that was investigated and substantiated. The member of the public has requested the OIRPD to investigate as he feels the police won't take his complaint seriously. They are currently reviewing the investigation.

There is one new Chief's complaint regarding the conduct of an off duty officer.

A new complaint has been received from the public and the Service is currently attempting to have the complainant go through the OIRPD.

## 10. Correspondence

The Chief reviewed the correspondence received with the Board and answered questions.

## 11. Consent Items

### 11.1 Taxi Driver Licenses

**Motion by** Graham Bunting | Tim Doherty

**That on the recommendation of the Chief, Christopher Moffat (Stratford Taxi), Linda Gadreau (City Cabs), Peter Roberts (City Cabs) and Dale Forler (Stratford Taxi), be approved for a taxi license. Carried.**

## 12. New Business

### 12.1 Stratford Taxi Mobility Van Service

The Chief advised that over the past 6-8 months, there has been a number of situations that have come to light with respect to the provision of a mobility van service for people with accessibility issues within the City of Stratford. There is a legislative requirement that the City provide that service through the use of taxis.

Stratford Taxi had purchased six wheelchair accessible vans with the intent to use two in the community and fixing up and selling the remaining four vehicles to help with the cost of all six. As set out in the letter to the Board from Stratford Taxi, they are no longer able to continue the service as it is no longer viable.

The Chief asked the Board if they would like to look into providing financial support for a taxi mobility service or other possible solutions. The Chair suggested that some statistical information be obtained from Stratford Taxi (ie. volume of calls) and refer the matter to the City's Finance Sub-Committee for consideration.

**Motion by** Peter Hyde | Rosemary Tanner

**To refer this matter to the City's Finance Sub-Committee for consideration. Carried.**

### 12.2 In Camera Meetings Policy/Protocol

The Chair advised that correspondence was received from the Ministry with respect to open and closed meetings. The Chief and legal counsel will review the Board's current policy to ensure that it is in compliance with the Police Services Act.

## 13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:30 pm in the Council Chamber.

## 14. Adjournment

**Motion by** Graham Bunting | Peter Hyde

**That the meeting adjourn to an In Camera session to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals, to reconvene in open session if required. Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

"Dan Mathieson"