

## STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 24th day of November 2021, held virtually by Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Dan Mathieson (Chair), Graham Bunting, Steve Cousins, Tim Doherty, Rosemary Tanner, Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Inspector Jason Clarke, Inspector Mark Taylor, Constable Rob McMillian (Police Association) and Pat Shantz (Executive Assistant).

### 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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27th, 2021

**MOTION by** Graham Bunting | Rosemary Tanner

**That the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27th, 2021, be adopted as presented. Carried.**

4. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations

There were no hearings of deputations or presentations.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

6. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – October 2021

Inspector Clarke reviewed the Statistical Reports with the Board for October with respect to Stratford, St. Marys and Perth South and answered questions.

6.1 Stratford

There were 1553 calls for service, 72 e-tickets were issued, 44 warnings, 52 mental health related calls and 42 domestic related occurrences. There was a small increase in assaults with a number taking place at the high schools. There were six impaired charges during the month and 54 motor vehicle collisions. Speeding remains the number one enforcement issue.

6.2 St Marys

There were 231 calls for service, 30 e-tickets were issued, 10 warnings, 11 mental health related calls and 13 domestic related occurrences. There were six motor vehicle collisions and speeding continues to be an issue.

6.3 Perth South

There were 189 calls for service, 61 e-tickets were issued, 13 warnings and 1 domestic related occurrence. There were five auto thefts, two of which have been recovered.

**MOTION by** Steve Cousins | Tim Doherty

**That the Monthly Statistic Reports for October 2021 be received. Carried.**

6.4 Crime Stoppers Report

The Chief reviewed the Crime Stoppers Report for October, 2021, and advised that 10 new tips had been received – 3 were drug related and 7 were intelligence related.

**MOTION by** Graham Bunting | Tim Doherty

**That the Crime Stoppers Report for October 2021 be received. Carried.**

7. Approval of Monthly Accounts

The Chief advised that the Service is spending approximately \$936,000 on average per month which will result in a surplus at the end of the year. However, December typically has a higher amount due to overtime payouts.

**MOTION by** Steve Cousins | Rosemary Tanner

**That the monthly accounts for October 2021 be approved. Carried.**

8. Community Equity Action Team (CEAT)

Tim Doherty provided an update regarding CEAT and advised that the kick off meeting of the CEAT members will take place next week. Bios of the members will be available to the Board at the December meeting. The Chair suggested inviting the CEAT members to the Board meeting in January for introductions.

9. Body Worn Cameras Update

Deputy Chief Foster advised that they are awaiting the arrival of the extra set of cameras. The plan is to organize training for 2022.

10. Police Association Business

There was no Police Association business to discuss.

11. Public Complaints

The Chief advised that one complaint resulted from an arrest where the officers believed the driver was impaired by drugs. The initial report came in from a member of the public who was concerned with the individual's driving. A drug recognition expert performed a drug impairment examination which indicated a negative result and the individual was released unconditionally. The OIPRD received the complaint regarding the arrest and the cost of towing the vehicle. It was determined that there be an informal resolution resulting in the complainant withdrawing the complaint.

Another complaint involved a vaccination issue at the Rotary Complex where someone produced a medical exemption certificate that was suspect when reviewed by the security officer. As a result, the individual was not allowed into the Complex and the police were called. The individual filed a complaint with the OIPRD, however, as they don't oversee private security or the policies of a recreation facility, it was out of their scope.

12. Correspondence

Regarding the All Chiefs Memo, Basic Constable Training, the Chief advised that due to a few retirements taking place in the new year, three seats have been requested for the program at the Ontario Police College and individuals have been identified who will be attending.

13. Consent Items

**MOTION by** Graham Bunting | Tim Doherty

**That on the recommendation of the Chief, Mark Smith (Radio Cab), Thomas John Archer (Stratford Taxi) and Gregory Hilson (City Cabs) be approved for a taxi license. Carried**

14. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

16. Adjournment

**Motion by** Steve Cousins | Tim Doherty

**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 4:50 pm.

"Dan Mathieson"

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Dan Mathieson - Chair