

## STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 19th day of December, 2018 at 4:30 pm, Council Chamber, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Dan Mathieson (Chair), Tim Doherty, Peter Hyde, Rosemary Tanner, Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Inspector Jason Clarke, Constable Rob McMillan (Police Association), Pat Shantz – Executive Assistant.

**REGRETS:** Graham Bunting

### 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 November, 2018 accounts for the rental of 154 Downie Street as his wife owns the building.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21st, 2018

**MOTION by** Rosemary Tanner | Tim Doherty

**That the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21st, 2018, 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 Accident Support Service International (ASSI)

The Deputy Chief provided an update and advised that the Agreement has been signed and returned to them. It is anticipated that the service will be up and running by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and motor vehicle collisions can be reported between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday. The goal is to reduce office time spent on collisions and provide better service to the public.

6. Receipt of Monthly Statistic Reports – November 2018

Inspector Clarke reviewed the Monthly Statistical Report with the Board and advised that there was an increase in mischief incidents and three arrests have been made. There was also an increase in frauds due to Christmas gift scams and one individual was involved in multiple frauds. There was also an increase in motor vehicle accidents due to the weather.

St Marys – there were 238 calls for service in November that included 14 motor vehicle accidents and 55 issued e-tickets.

Perth South – there were 181 calls for service that included 19 motor vehicle accidents and 70 issued e-tickets.

The Chief added that there has been a lot of positive feedback from both communities regarding police involvement and the focus on priorities. Residents are happy with the visibility of the officers and their engagement with the communities.

**MOTION by** Tim Doherty | Peter Hyde

**That the Monthly Statistic Reports for November 2018 be received. Carried.**

7. Approval of Monthly Accounts – November 2018

The Chief advised that he had no concerns regarding the accounts to date. The Deputy Chief advised that money is still outstanding from St Marys and Perth South regarding equipment that was purchased.

**Motion by** Peter Hyde | Rosemary Tanner

**That the monthly accounts for November 2018, with the exception of the accounts regarding the rent for 154 Downie Street, be approved for payment. Carried.**

**Motion by** Tim Doherty | Rosemary Tanner

**That the accounts for the rent for 154 Downie Street for November 2018, be approved for payment. Carried.**

The Chair advised that he and the Chief met with the City's Treasurer regarding funds in the amount of \$400,000 sitting in surplus at the end of 2018. It was agreed that \$150,000 would be allowed to be returned to the Service to be expended in 2018. However, as there isn't sufficient time to spend the funds on priorities identified this year, the funds can be transferred to a reserve account and be spent in the first quarter of 2019. The Treasurer advised that Board approval would be required.

**Motion by** Peter Hyde | Rosemary Tanner

**That the Board hereby authorizes the transfer of \$150,000 for 2018 expenditures to a reserve account to be paid out in the first quarter of 2019. Carried.**

8. Police Association Business

The Chair advised that notice has been received from the Association with respect to bargaining and a meeting will be scheduled for February.

9. Public Complaints

The Chief advised that there is currently one outstanding complaint that is currently before the OIRPD. He has no issue with the investigation or the conduct of the officers involved.

10. Correspondence

Discussion took place regarding correspondence received. The Chief provided information to the Board with respect to the changes in drinking and driving legislation, particularly in relation to roadside screening. He advised that an officer no longer requires reasonable suspicion to stop a vehicle. However, a roadside screening device is needed to be in the car with the officer and he is looking at increasing the number of devices. Also, the rule has changed from "over 80 mg"

to "80 and over" and charges can now be laid at 80 mg per 100 ml of blood. The legislative changes have been put in place to support the work of police.

## 11. Consent Items

### 11.1 Taxi Licenses

The Board was advised that applications had been received from Nadine Werezak (Stratford Taxi), William Moses (Stratford Taxi) and Luke Cowell (City Cab) with respect to a taxi license.

**Motion by** Rosemary Tanner | Tim Doherty

**That on the recommendation of the Chief, Nadine Werezak (Stratford Taxi), William Moses (Stratford Taxi) and Luke Cowell (City Cab) be approved for a taxi license. Carried.**

The Chief advised that he has met with Stratford Taxi regarding the availability of accessible taxis in the City. Stratford Taxi has advised that they would like to license two new accessible taxis and they have been working with One Care. There is a huge demand for wheelchair accessible vehicles and they would like to have the taxis on the road this week to meet the Christmas demand.

The Chief provided an update regarding the promotion being advertised by a local cab company. He advised that the promotion is in violation of the Taxi By-law and the cab company has agreed to stop offering the promotion once all outstanding offers already out in the community have been fulfilled.

## 12. New Business

### 12.1 OPIOIDS

The Chief advised that there have been some issues in the community and it was felt that it was important to bring the partners together from the Opioid Strategy group to compare notes. There have been a number of overdoses recently, and although there is suspicion, it can't be concluded that they are opioid related. In addition to the overdoses, there have been four deaths and one serious life-altering situation. A media release has been published to raise public awareness and get the message out. Positive feedback has been received and the partners will be meeting again in January to put a strategy together that would have a positive impact on the drug culture within the City.

### 12.2 Drug Dispensing for the Service

The Chair advised that due to the cap in place regarding the dispensing fee and due to issues of officers not being able to attend the suggested drug store for prescriptions, he would like to discontinue the drug tendering process. As tendering has already taken place this year, Pharmasave will be the drug store suggested to officers for the next two years.

**MOTION by** Rosemary Tanner | Peter Hyde

**To award the drug dispensing tender to Pharmasave at the Festival Marketplace Mall from January 2019, to December 2020, and to discontinue the process of contacting pharmacies to tender the cost of drug dispensing fees thereafter. Carried.**

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

14. Adjournment

**Motion by** Peter Hyde | Rosemary Tanner

**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 5:10 pm.

“Dan Mathieson”

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Chair – Dan Mathieson