

STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 10th day of April, 2019 at 4:30 pm, Shakespeare Room, City Hall.

PRESENT: Dan Mathieson, Graham Bunting, Tim Doherty, Peter Hyde, Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Inspector Jason Clarke, Pat Shantz – Executive Assistant.

REGRETS: Rosemary Tanner

MINUTES

1. Call to order

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

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Executive Assistant assumed the role of the Chair for the purposes of an election and stated that pursuant to the *Police Services Act*, the Board is required to elect a Chair at its first meeting in each year. The Board chose to vote by a show of hands.

Motion by Tim Doherty | Peter Hyde

That Dan Mathieson be nominated as Chair of the Stratford Police Services Board for the year 2019.

After three calls, no further nominations were received.

Motion by Graham Bunting | Peter Hyde

That nominations be closed. Carried

Dan Mathieson agreed to let his name stand.

After a show of hands, Dan Mathieson was elected as Chair of the Stratford Police Services Board for the year 2019.

The Executive Assistant stated that pursuant to the *Police Services Act*, the Board may elect a Vice-chair at its first meeting in each year. The Board chose to elect a Vice-chair by a show of hands.

Motion by Peter Hyde | Dan Mathieson

That Tim Doherty be nominated as Vice-chair of the Stratford Police Services Board for the year 2019.

After three calls, no further nominations were received.

Motion by Dan Mathieson | Graham Bunting

That nominations be closed. Carried

Tim Doherty agreed to let his name stand.

After a show of hands, Tim Doherty was elected as Vice-Chair of the Stratford Police Services Board for the year 2019.

The Chair and Vice-Chair were congratulated and the meeting was turned over to the recently-elected Chair, Dan Mathieson.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Peter Hyde declared a pecuniary interest in the February and March 2018 accounts for the rental of 154 Downie Street as his spouse owns the building.

4. Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7th, 2019

MOTION by Graham Bunting | Peter Hyde

That the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7th, 2019, be adopted as presented. Carried.

5. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations

There were no hearings of deputations or presentations scheduled.

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

7. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – February & March 2019

Inspector Clarke reviewed the individual Statistical Reports with the Board.

7.1 Stratford

There were 1243 calls for service, 122 e-tickets were issued and 101 warnings given in February 2019. There were 1494 calls for service, 202 e-tickets issued and 134 warnings given in March.

7.2 St Marys

There were 252 calls for service, 51 e-tickets were issued and 48 warnings given in February 2019. In March, there were 316 calls for service, 103 e-tickets were issued and 46 warnings given.

7.3 Perth South

There were 175 calls for service, 56 e-tickets were issued and 22 warnings given in February, 2019. There were 201 calls for service, 79 e-tickets issued and 36 warnings given in March.

Collectively for Stratford, St Marys and Perth South, 402 charges were laid in February and 587 charges were laid in March.

MOTION by Peter Hyde | Graham Doherty

That the Monthly Statistic Reports for February and March 2019 be received. Carried.

The Chief asked the Board to note that there were 73 attempted frauds in March 2018, compared to 3 attempted frauds in February 2019. This is a significant decrease and attributed to the

change in the way the incidents are accepted and investigated. Attempted frauds were the largest statistic contributing to the Service's Crime Severity Index and the process change will significantly lower the numbers.

8. Approval of Monthly Accounts – February & March 2019

The Chief advised that the accounts are on track for the first quarter. He advised that the fuel account has the potential to go over budget, but it is being monitored. Three replacement vehicles will be purchased from the capital expenditure plan – 1 Ford Explorer and 2 Highbred Ford Explorers. Although the highbred models cost more, a savings in fuel costs is anticipated along with lower maintenance costs.

The Chief also added that regarding court security and prisoner transportation grants, there has been a reduction in grants across the province. With the reduced grant, the Service may be approximately \$95,000 short. A new Court Security Plan has been developed in an effort to reduce costs.

The Festival has asked the Service to provide increased security and visibility during their events for opening week and Inspector Mark Taylor is working with staff on a security plan. The Chief is putting together a cost estimate and will advise the Festival.

Motion by Peter Hyde | Tim Doherty

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

Motion by Tim Doherty | Graham Bunting

That the accounts for the rent for 154 Downie Street for February and March, 2019, be approved for payment. Carried.

9. Police Association Business

There was no Police Association business at this time.

10. Public Complaints

The Chief advised that there are two ongoing public complaints.

One involves an allegation regarding the misuse of police records. The complaint was referred back to the Service by OIRPD and an investigation is taking place.

The second complaint was investigated and no wrong doing by officers was found. It was returned back to OIRPD where it was appealed and withdrawn.

11. Correspondence

The Chair advised the Board that an update was received advising that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services will now be referred to as the Ministry of the Solicitor General. On April 4th, 2019, Minister Sylvia Jones was sworn in as the Solicitor General of Ontario.

12. Consent Items12.1 Taxi Driver Licenses

Motion by Graham Bunting | Peter Hyde

That on the recommendation of the Chief, that Kelly Daum, William R. Wreford, Eleanor Sousa and John Barron be approved for a taxi license. Carried.

13. New Business13.1 Bike Patrol

The Deputy Chief provided a report regarding the return of Bike Patrol Program in a modified format. He advised that the patrol would be done by the Community Resource Officers, Jen Benjamin and Darren Fischer, during the summer months while school is out. The total cost of the program would be \$3,000 for bikes and equipment. Year to year, the costs should be minimal.

Motion by Peter Hyde | Graham Bunting

That the start up cost of \$3,000 for the Bike Patrol Program be approved. Carried.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15th, 2019.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Graham Bunting | 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 5:15 pm.

"Dan Mathieson"

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Dan Mathieson – Chair