

## STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 19th day of May, 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 April 21st, 2021

**MOTION by** Steve Cousins | Graham Bunting

**That the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21st, 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 meeting.

6. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – April 2021

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

6.1 Stratford

There were 1465 calls for service, 100 e-tickets were issued and 63 warnings were given. There was a significant increase in calls for service in comparing this month to the same month last year. Mental health and domestic violence related calls are down from last month.

There is a significant increase in thefts from motor vehicles with 40 cases this month compared to 9 in March. People continue to be advised to lock their cars.

Speeding continues to be an issue and it is the number one enforcement infraction.

## 6.2 St Marys

There were 252 calls for service, 32 e-tickets were issued and 14 warnings were given. Calls for service are up significantly over this time last year. There was an increase in property crime and mischiefs. Speeding is the number one enforcement infraction.

## 6.3 Perth South

There were 210 calls for service, 79 e-tickets were issued and 24 warnings were given. There was an increase in mischief occurrences due to mailboxes being smashed. There was a decrease in collisions, and speeding is also the number one enforcement infraction.

Graham Bunting advised that he has received a number of complaints from residents regarding speeding and running red lights and asked if any consideration has been given to using technology, specifically photo radar cameras. Inspector Clarke advised that the speed sign that is being used can be moved around and is used to collect data. The data collected will indicate what enforcement is needed in specific areas.

The Chief added that there are no plans to implement photo radar and red-light cameras, however, if the Board would like the Service to move in that direction, a report can be prepared. One of his concerns is the back-office support required as the information will have to be reviewed prior to issuing tickets.

**MOTION by** Graham Bunting | Rosemary Tanner

**That a report be prepared with respect to the use of photo radar and red-light cameras and presented to the Board at a future meeting. CARRIED.**

**MOTION by** Tim Doherty | Rosemary Tanner

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

## 6.4 Crime Stoppers Report

Chief Skinner reviewed the Crime Stoppers Report for the month of April. Nine tips were received by the Service – two were drug related, and seven intelligence related. In Huron and Perth Counties there have been 149 tips received this year.

**MOTION by** Rosemary Tanner | Graham Bunting

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

## 7. Approval of Monthly Accounts

The Chief advised that he has no issues with the accounts to date and answered questions from the Board.

**MOTION by** Tim Doherty | Steve Cousins

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

## 8. Community Equity Action Team (CEAT)

Tim Doherty provided an update regarding CEAT and advised that their monthly meeting was held. They are currently planning three public forums beginning in mid to late July and the format will depend on pandemic restrictions.

They are hoping to start receiving applications from community members who would like to be part of the CEAT. The members will be determined by the end of September with the kick-off meeting taking place in October.

Creedence has been able to get in touch with Muslim members of the community for their feedback. Creedence has send out acknowledgements and thank you notes to members of the community who participated in the interviews and surveys.

**MOTION by** Tim Doherty | Graham Bunting  
**That the update regarding the Community Equity Action Team be received. Carried.**

9. Body Worn Cameras Update

The Deputy Chief advised that Inspector Taylor and his team are currently working on finalizing the wording of the policy and revisions may be needed once the program is up and running. They are also working on a letter to stakeholders advising them of the program and the small scale deployment. Inspector Taylor added that training will begin next week.

**MOTION by** Rosemary Tanner | Tim Doherty  
**To receive the update on Body Worn Cameras. Carried.**

10. Police Association Business

The Chief advised that discussions continue to take place regarding a Part-Time Policing Program and a revised response will be provided to the Association.

11. Public Complaints

The Chief advised that further to the complaint received involving a criminal charge from a domestic dispute, the complaint has been resolved informally. Once the complainant was made aware of further specifics involved in the investigation, they were satisfied that everything had been done by the officer. The OIPRD has been advised of the resolution and the complaint is now closed.

A new complaint was received by the OIPRD, however, they chose to screen it out and it was not referred to the Service for investigation.

Regarding a previous complaint, the complainant was not satisfied with the outcome and has been advised of the process to initiate a request for review from the OIPRD. The review has not yet been initiated.

12. Correspondence

With respect to correspondence received from the Ministry regarding Phase 2 COVID-19 vaccines for Police Services, the Chief advised that members continue to get vaccinated along with administrative staff that aren't able to work from home. Front line workers can now get their second vaccine.

13. Consent Items

There were no consent items.

14. New Business

14.1 Annual Report

The Chief advised that the Annual Report is in draft form and will be provided to the Board at the next meeting. The Chief apologized for the delay.

14.2 Community Safety and Well-being Plan

The Community Safety and Well-being Plan has been finalized and is in the process of being presented to Municipal Councils across Perth County and four municipalities have adopted the Plan. As soon as the plan has been adopted by all Perth County municipalities, it will move into the implementation phase.

The Chief suggested that a presentation be made to the Board and that members be provided with a copy of the Plan.

14.3 OAPSB Annual General Meeting

The OAPSB Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

14.4 Zone 5 Meeting

The quarterly Zone 5 meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

16. Adjournment

**Motion by** Steve Cousins | Graham Bunting

**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 5:05 pm.

“Dan Mathieson”

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