

GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday February 19, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.
Police Headquarters, Alex McCauley Boardroom, 5th Floor

PUBLIC MINUTES

Present:

Michael Vagnini, Chair
Lise Poratto-Mason, Vice Chair
Frances Caldarelli, Member
René Lapierre, Member
Richard Bois Member
Joanne Latendre, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

Staff:

Paul Pedersen, Chief of Police
Sheilah Weber, Deputy Chief of Police
Sharon Baiden, Chief Administrative Officer

Senior Staff on Hand:

Dan Despatie, Inspector
John Valtonen, Inspector
Sara Cunningham, Inspector

Guests:

Tom Gervais, MSG Police Services Advisor
Sergeant Rick Clark and Constable Darryl Ferguson – Training Branch
Acting Inspector Adam Walden and Staff Sergeant Jerry Willmott – CID
Eric Gosselin – Missing Persons Coordinator
Andrew Remeikis – CIT

News Media:

Arron Pickard, Sudbury.com

Motion to Meet In Camera Time – 9:00 a.m.

(2020-027) CALDARELLI – PORATTO: THAT this Board adjourn the public portion of its meeting to move IN CAMERA to discuss confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters, in accordance with Section 35(4)(b) of the *Police Services Act*.

CARRIED

The Board moved back into PUBLIC to resume discussions at 9:58 a.m.

Matters Arising from In Camera Session

The Board will report any matters discussed during the In Camera meeting. The Board discussed and resolved confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters.

Roll Call

Attendance taken.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None

Chair Vagnini Introduction

Chair Vagnini acknowledged and welcomed Tom Gervais, Ministry of the Solicitor General (MSG) Police Services Advisor for Zone 1 and 1A Boards which includes Greater Sudbury. Mr. Gervais provided some background on himself and his role as Advisor. He had 32 years with Windsor Police Service retiring as an Inspector and now works under the MSG. He is available to provide information, advice, referrals, and training to the Board.

Board Member Expiry

Board Member Dr. Rayudu Koka was appointed to the Board in February 2018 by the Ministry of the Solicitor General by Order In Council for a two-year term ending on February 7, 2020. Dr. Koka's appointment did expire on that date.

Appointment and Swearing In of New Board Member

Chair Vagnini warmly welcomed new Board Member Lise Poratto-Mason. The Ministry of the Solicitor General appointed Ms. Poratto-Mason on February 14, 2020 for a three-year term. Ms. Poratto-Mason took the Oath of Office and was congratulated by all Board Members and Senior Staff.

2020 Election of Board Vice Chair

With the expiry of Dr. Koka's appointment, a vacancy was created in the position of Vice Chair. Chair Vagnini requested nominations for the positions of Vice Chair of the Board. Member Caldarelli nominated Lise Poratto-Mason and she accepted.

(2020-033) BOIS – LAPIERRE: THAT the Board elects Lise Poratto-Mason to the position of Vice Chair for the 2020 year.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

(2020-034) BOIS – LAPIERRE: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board Minutes of January 15, 2020 be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

Consent and Discussion Agenda

The Board received and approved the Consent Agenda for the following items:

- 2020 Elimination of Racial Discrimination Dinner
- Notes of Appreciation

(2020-035) LAPIERRE – BOIS: THAT the Board accepts the Consent Agenda and Discussion Agenda for the February 19, 2020 meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

Notes of Appreciation

A letter was received from Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue extending their sincere thanks from the Sudbury Jewish Community to the Service for the sensitive and unwavering support provided after the anti-Semitic attacks in the U.S. “While we have always been fortunate to maintain a good relationship with our local police, your officer’s attention, compassion, and interest over the past few years have been exceptional. My communication with Constable Kevin O’Shaughnessy and his colleagues has demonstrated commitment and empathy in every interaction. We thank you for your leadership in building a force that is responsive and culturally aware.”

An email was received from Director Paul Hebert, Ontario Police College, thanking the Service for their continued support of their training programs. He also thanked Sergeant Steve Train for assisting OPC. “I appreciate that you released Sergeant Train to OPC. Steve is a highly respected officer with extensive experience. He engaged the students and assisted the instructor throughout the week. The success of the Search Warrant course is greatly attributed to Steve’s contribution.”

An email message was received from a Sudbury resident expressing gratitude for the confidential availability to report a sexual assault online through Coplogic. They also thanked Detective Constables Denis Savoie and Ryan Hutton for promoting an incredible sense of protection, kindness, and compassion that made each difficult step, that much easier. “I want to say that the idea for online reporting is brilliant. I felt relief in being able to report without the shame of being in person and felt empowered in this ease of the first step. You should be commended for the evolution of reporting so far. During the officers’ interview at my home, I felt validated and believed. Please express my gratitude and profound respect to them.”

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Notes of Appreciation Continued

An email message was received from a Sudbury resident expressing their admiration for the officers' actions during an incident they witnessed. Constables Shane Foessl, Karly Gosselin, and Braden Hill along with Sergeants Randy Buchowski and Jason Gagne attended. The altercation was a challenging situation as the involved were agitated and uncooperative. "Officers maintained their professionalism and calm demeanors. They made it very clear that the safety of the involved was their major concern. Being a police officer is a difficult and demanding job while being held to a high standard. I think it's important to recognize when officers work had to meet those standards."

An email message was received from a Sudbury parent commending Constable Kevin O'Shaughnessy for his care and concern while dealing with his adult son who was involved in an incident in their neighbourhood and home. The son was attempting to cope with the death of a sibling. "This fine gentleman described the details with great care to a concerned parent. He cared and understood what good people sometimes have to endure in their lives. After this incident, my son requested help to deal with life's sometimes difficult curves. Thank you Kevin and team."

Firearms Officer Agreement

The Province has requested a renewal Agreement which will see the Firearms Officer Secondment extended for an additional one-year period until March 31, 2021 under the same terms and conditions.

(2020-036) LAPIERRE – BOIS: THAT the Board enters into an Agreement with the Ministry of the Solicitor General operating as an Area Firearms Office for Ontario for the secondment of a Firearms Officer for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

CARRIED

CopLogic Cloud Solution

The CopLogic reporting tool allows citizens and businesses in Greater Sudbury to report crimes online using the gspcs.ca website or GSPS mobile app. LexisNexis has created a cloud based solution that would eliminate the need for onsite servers. This solution will provide the site with instant updates, almost zero downtime, and will contribute to the security posture of the GSPS network. Information is kept in Canada.

(2020-037) BOIS – LAPIERRE: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Service Board enters into a master Agreement with LexisNexis, the providers of the CopLogic online reporting system, for the purpose of moving online reporting from on-site storage to their cloud solution.

CARRIED

Appointment of Special Constables

The Board was advised of the appointment of Special Constables.

(2020-038) BOIS – LAPIERRE: THAT the Board approves the appointment of the following Special Constables effective January 20, 2020 pursuant to Section 53 of the *Police Services Act* in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Approval of Appointment form:

Anik DENNIE
Louis LEMIRE
Megan ROSE

CARRIED

Court Security and Prisoner Transport Program

The Board received a report in relation to Ministry of the Solicitor General funding for the Court Security and Prisoner Transport Program. Recent correspondence has been received confirming the 2020 allocation will be \$53,888.97 over and above the budgeted amount.

2020-2021 Strategic Direction Update

The Board received a report on the 2019 results of the 2019– 2021 Strategic Direction including activities with specific performance indicators of the four pillars throughout the various divisions of the organization.

(2020-039) CALDARELLI – LAPIERRE: THAT the Board receives the 2019-2021 Strategic Direction Update for 2019 for information.

CARRIED

2020 Use of Force Report

Reports are submitted in accordance with the Provincial Use of Force Standards as governed by Regulation 926 of the *Police Services Act*, the Greater Sudbury Police Service ADM 012 Use of Force Reporting and ADM 44 Use of Force a Use of Force Report. Analysis of the Use of Force reports and statistics has shown no areas outside of the already established training curriculum need further attention.

(2020-040) LAPIERRE – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board receives the 2019 Use of Force report in accordance with the *Equipment and Use of Force Regulation 926 of the Police Services Act* and in accordance with the Board’s Policy on Use of Force under By-Law 2003-1.

CARRIED

Unclaimed Property Policy

The Board was advised that due to the increased use, possession, and seizure of electronic devices such as computers, laptops, iPads, and cell phones, it is necessary to address these items in the Unclaimed Property policy.

(2020-041) CALDARELLI – LAPIERRE: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board approves an update to the Unclaimed Property in the Possession of the Police Service Policy GSPSB – Policy 002 to address seized or found electronic devices in possession of the Service and for those items to be destroyed.

CARRIED

False Alarm Reduction Program

The Board received a report on the ongoing work of ensuring efficient and effective response to calls for service where a review of the False Alarm Reduction Program has been identified as a priority. The review will include an examination of current practices in place around response to residential and commercial alarms, fees associated with response, and an analysis of data around false alarm response.

(2020-042) LAPIERRE – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board endorses a comprehensive review of the False Alarm Reduction Program.

CARRIED

Disposition of Found / Seized Money

The Board received a report in relation to the disposition of monies that have come into the possession of the Police Service through incidents of found or seized money.

(2020-043) CALDARELLI – LAPIERRE: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board accepts for deposit to the Board Trust Fund \$689.36 in unclaimed funds.

CARRIED

Lions' Eye in Sky Program Donation

The Board received a report on a donation to the Lions' Eye in the Sky Program.

(2020-044) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board accepts a \$2,000 donation from the Downtown Business Improvement Association for deposit to the Donations Reserve Fund in support of the Lions' Eye in the Sky program.

CARRIED

2020 OAPSB Spring Conference

The Board received information on the upcoming OAPSB Annual Conference and AGM.

(2020-045) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT the Board authorizes Members to attend the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Annual Conference and AGM May 27-30, 2020 in Toronto.

CARRIED

Donations Reserve Fund Requests

The Board received a request for financial support from the Chief's Youth Initiative Fund.

(2020-046) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board approve the following donation with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$1,000 in support of the 2020 YMCA Strong Kids Campaign – CYIF

\$240 in support of the 2020 CYAC Trek for Teens Charity Curling Tournament – CYIF

\$1,000 in support of the 2020 Cops, Kids, and Ice Fishing – CYIF

\$600 in support of the 2020 'S' Days Program – CYIF

\$2,500 in support of the 2020 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics – General Fund

\$500 in support of the 2019 YMCA Peace Medal Ceremony – General Fund

CARRIED

Report from Chief

Chief Pedersen's report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Chief reviewed his report highlighting certain activities for the months of December 2019 and early January 2020 as circulated with the Board Agenda. As always, the Service takes great pride in its involvement with the community.

New Business

The Board agreed that due to lack of quorum, the March 2020 meeting will be cancelled.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Time – 11:57 a.m.

(2020-047) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Executive Assistant