

GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – 10:17 A.M.
ZOOM

PUBLIC MINUTES

Present:

Lise Poratto-Mason, Chair
Frances Caldarelli, Vice Chair
Michael Vagnini, Member
Richard Bois, Member
Al Sizer, Member
Matthew Gatien, Board Administrator

Regrets:

None

Staff:

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

Senior Staff on Hand:

John Somerset, Inspector
John Valtonen, Inspector
Dan Despatie, Inspector
Marc Brunette, Inspector
Sara Cunningham, Inspector
Kaitlyn Dunn, Corporate Communications Coordinator

Guests:

Tom Gervais, SOLGEN Police Services Advisor

News Media:

Arron Pickard, Sudbury.com
Colleen Romaniuk, Sudbury Star

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

(2021-157) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT this Board adjourn the public portion of its meeting to move IN CAMERA to discuss confidential items pertaining to legal and personal matters, in accordance with Section 35(4)(b) of the *Police Services Act*.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from In Camera Session – 10:17 a.m.

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

Roll Call

Attendance taken.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Adoption of Minutes

(2021-159) CALDARELLI – SIZER: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board minutes of October 18, 2021, and October 20, 2021, be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

Accept Consent and Discussion Agenda

(2021-160) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board approves and receives the Consent and Discussion Agenda items for the December 8, 2021, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

Ontario Strategy to End Human Trafficking

Chief Pedersen reviewed the grant received from the SOLGEN. The funding will go towards offsetting partial costs of an officer's salary for human trafficking investigation and prevention.

(2021-161) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board enters into an Agreement with the Solicitor General – Ontario Provincial Police for funding in the amount of \$17,400 to assist with Ontario's Strategy to End Human Trafficking.

CARRIED

SIU Update

Chief Pedersen reviewed the SIU report for March 19, 2021, regarding an individual who was in distress on the Bridge of Nations. The SIU review determined that the officers on scene were properly trained for the situation and that all protocols were followed. However, the SIU did have five recommendations for the Service which are being effected. They are detailed in the SIU Update report.

(2021-162) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board receives this Special Investigations Unit (SIU) update on the other custody death for information.

CARRIED

Member Vagnini joined the meeting late due to technical difficulties at 10:24 a.m.

Occupational Health and Safety Policy

CAO Baiden reviewed the report for the Board. CAO Baiden acknowledged the work of the health and safety committee during the pandemic.

(2021-163) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board reapproves the Occupational Health and Safety Policy – GSPSB Policy 008 for 2021-2022 term in its existing form.

CARRIED

Accessibility Standards Update

CAO Baiden reviewed this report for the Board. Customer service continues to update its practices to ensure AODA compliance. Corporate Services and Board staff have had training and recently had software installed to ensure all documents are accessible through the web site. The renovations at our Larch Street site were AODA-compliant, and renovations at headquarters will also address compliance requirements. Some components at headquarters are “as-built” and allowed are excused from the AODA, but anything new is made AODA-compliant.

(2021-164) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Board accepts this 2020-21 Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) update for information.

CARRIED

Crime Prevention Week Update

Chief Pedersen reviewed the Service’s activities for Crime Prevention Week, which was November 7-13. This year’s events included a presentation by Dr. Laurie Haskell and a social media live ride-along with Sarah Kaelas, Multi-Media Marketing Specialist for GSPS. The event went well, once again primarily in a virtual mode.

Staffing and Deployment Update

The Board received the Staffing and Deployment report.

(2021-165) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board, in accordance with Section 31(1) (a) of the *Police Services Act*, hereby approves the appointment of the following members:

Lecavalier Mathieu	December 9 th 2021	Experienced Officer
Topple, Kaylee	October 15 th 2021	Part Time Customer Service

And further that the Board accepts the following resignations and retirements:

McDonald, Derek	Resignation: October 4 th 2021	Part Time Fleet and Facilities
Brazzoni, Jessica	Resignation: October 7 th 2021	Part Time Court Clerk
Gall, Katherine	Resignation: October 22 nd 2021	EDI Intern
Zacerkowny, Steve	Retirement November 19 th 2021	PSB Assistant
Verigin, Brianna	Resignation: November 19 th 2021	Intel Analyst

CARRIED

Finance Report January-September 2021

CAO Baiden reviewed the Finance Report for the Board. CAO Baiden noted a negative variance compared to the projected budget. This variance is a result of not yet receiving the recovery from the Safe Restart Program, which will offset COVID expenses. As well, employer CPP contributions go through at the beginning of the year, but the budget variance is slowly becoming smaller as the year ends.

(2021-166) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board receives the January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 Finance Report for Information.

CARRIED

2021 Continuing Education

Chief Pedersen reviewed the Continuing Education report for the Board.

(2021-167) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board receives the 2021 Continuing Education Tuition Reimbursement report for information.

CARRIED

Donations Reserve Fund Requests

Chief Pedersen reviewed requests from community groups from the donations reserve fund.

(2021-168) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT the Board approve the following donations with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$1,750 in support of the Greater Sudbury Police Service hockey team to attend Tender Wishes Law Enforcement/Customs Charity Hockey Tournament

\$3,000 in support of the Greater Sudbury Police Service 2021 Shopping with Cops Program

CARRIED

OAPSB Membership Renewal

The OAPSB is the governing body for police services boards in Ontario. Vice-Chair Caldarelli serves on the Board of Directors for the OAPSB as Vice-Chair. She reminded the Board of the networking and information sharing opportunities this organization provides the Board.

(2021-169) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT the Board approves the annual Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) membership fee of \$6,595.27 for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

OAPSB Conference Update

Vice-Chair Caldarelli reviewed the conference for the Board as not many were able to attend. Year-over-year the numbers were down, which can be attributed to the pandemic. CAO Baiden echoed Vice-Chair Caldarelli's sentiments, stating the agenda and content were important to current issues and were well presented. Some highlights were the Peel Police Services Board's presentation on their experience with OHRC; Solicitor General Jones provided some updates on the *COPS Act* moving forward; WSIB spoke on trends in policing; Johnstone & Cowling law firm spoke on health and wellness; and OMERS gave an update on OMERS pension plan.

Report from the Chief

Chief Pedersen reviewed updates from the Ministry of the Solicitor General for the Board's information. He also informed the Board that the Service's day-to-day operations have not really changed; our members continue to come to work and ensure we're present in the community, and those who can stay home will continue to work from home under the new guidelines from the Ministry of Health.

Operational Update

Chief Pedersen and Chair Poratto-Mason noted that this is Deputy Chief Weber's last meeting with the Board, and congratulated her on all her hard work over her career, and wished her well in her retirement. Deputy Chief Weber thanked the Senior Leadership Team and the Board for their support and leadership in her time as Deputy.

Deputy Chief Weber updated the Board on operational matters.

Patrol Operations continues to be busy with priority calls for service. On November 4 officers responded to a female in distress who had self-inflicted wounds. Officers were able to administer emergency first aid until EMS arrived.

9-1-1 ECC took 16000+ calls in November, which is a slight increase from October. 56 of these calls were 911 calls. Our communicators managed over 7000 events for police and fire. The ECC is going through a transition with the installation of Harris Radio Consoles.

On November 2 the Criminal Investigations Division arrested a man who was involved with a shooting in Toronto was arrested at a Sudbury residence and returned to Toronto.

The Drug and BEAR units were very active in downtown in November. The DEU made an arrest for trafficking downtown, seizing \$3600 of fentanyl and \$2500 in proceeds of crime.

The DEU located a man with an outstanding warrant at a bank machine. Upon apprehending the man they found he had a stolen bankcard and \$10,000 of stolen property from a break-and-enter that had not yet been reported.

BEAR investigators continue to investigate the theft of catalytic converters in the community. They arrested two more people in November.

BEAR officers were able to arrest a 24-year-old man who has caused significant damage at a local RV business; 22 trailers were broken into, causing damage in excess of \$47,000.

The COVID outbreak at the Sudbury Jail continues to affect delivery of court services. Prisoners have been sent to other jails. This process was done effectively and efficiently, but has caused an increase of expenses and use of resources. November saw 79 prisoners processed at police headquarters and 157 at the Sudbury Jail. 429 briefs and 201 bench warrants were processed.

Corporate Communications continues to be busy, with media releases and social media posts about bursaries, awards, safety measure, and GSPS' Elf on the Shelf, Cst. Nickel.

New Business

None.

Motion to Meet In Camera – 10:45 a.m.

(2021-170) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Board moves back to IN CAMERA to resume discussions.

Adjournment: Time 12:21 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

(2021-176) CALDARELLI – SIZER: THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Lise Poratto-Mason, Board Chair



Matthew Gatien, Board Administrator