

**GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 10:17 A.M.**  
**ZOOM**

**PUBLIC MINUTES**

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**Present:**

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

**Regrets:**

Tom Gervais, SOLGEN Police Services Advisor

**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  
Sarah Kaelas, Multi-Media Marketing Specialist  
Melissa Lariviere, Procurement Coordinator

**Guests:**

None

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**News Media:**

Arron Pickard, Sudbury.com

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**Motion to Meet In Camera, Time – 9:01 a.m.**

(2021-144) CALDARELLI – SIZER: 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**

(2021-148) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board minutes of September 15, 2021, be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

**2022 Budget Presentation**

Chief Pedersen presented the 2022 budget to the Board.

He reviewed the areas of service to the community that affect how police service is provided and how that affects the cost of providing that service. He highlighted

administrative costs including facilities, fleet, program support charge backs that influence the budget.

Chief Pedersen reviewed the positions that are supported by grant funding which provide various levels of offset to the full-salary.

Chief reviewed our size in comparison to other services, Sudbury is the 12-largest in the province. There are 160 officers per 100,000 population in Sudbury.

Calls for service in the area of thefts and shoplifting are down when compared to 2020. These numbers can be attributed to COVID-19 and the impact it has had on social habits.

Calls for service for assisting EMS, mental health calls, and sexual assault are up. These can also be attributed to COVID-19 as mental health has been challenging as a result of social routines being disrupted.

CAO Baiden reviewed budget variances for fixed costs that have gone up particularly in the area of insurance and certain benefit premiums.

CAO Baiden reviewed the capital budget outlook up to 2026 to highlight major projects, including putting capital in reserve for the funding of a new facility and to support ongoing renovations and leasehold improvements.

Chair Poratto-Mason confirmed that this is a zero-growth budget. Staffing levels have remained relatively constant with one additional sworn position offset with a provincial funding grant and two positions that stood down during 2021 reinstated.

(2021-149) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board approves the 2022 Operating Budget in the amount of **\$68,813,937.72**, and further;

THAT the Board approves the 2022 Police Capital Plan; and further

THAT the Board receives the 2022 and 2026 forecasted Capital Plans; and further

THAT the Board recommends that City Council accepts these budgets.

CARRIED

Member Vagnini left the call due to technical difficulties during the presentation. He later rejoined for the Discussion Agenda.

## **Consent and Discussion Agenda**

(2021-150) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board approves and receives the Consent and Discussion Agenda items for the October 20, 2021, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

## **Consent Agenda**

The Board received and approved the Consent and Discussion Agenda items as follows:

- 2020 Annual Report

## **Discussion Agenda**

### **SIU Annual Report**

Chief Pederson reviewed the SIU Annual Report for the Board.

### **Crime Prevention Week**

Crime Prevention Week is Nov. 7-13. Chief Pedersen reminded the Board this event is coming up; it is a week for businesses and police to liaise.

### **Body-Worn Camera and Conducted Energy Weapons**

CAO Baiden discussed our previous motion with Axon. There is a cost savings by bundling BWC and CEW through Axon. This will come from the reallocated Capital

Finance Reserve Funds. The project will be paid for over a period of six years. She acknowledged the hard work of finance staff in preparing this update for the Board.

(2021-151) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board rescinds resolution 2021-127 in respect of Axon Public Safety Canada Inc. in relation to the Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) Taser 7 Fleet;

AND THAT the Board enters into an Agreement with Axon Public Safety Canada Inc. to purchase/lease-to-own the CEW Taser 7 Fleet and Body Worn Cameras at an estimated annual cost of \$557,760 annually (including taxes) for a period of six years for a total approximate cost of \$3,346,562 (including taxes) with funds to be drawn from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

### Staffing and Deployment Update

Chief Pedersen reviewed the Staffing and Deployment Report for the Board.

(2021-152) SIZER – CALDARELLI: 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:

Fournier, Nicole	October 8, 2021	Temporary Human Trafficking Crime Analyst
Topple, Kaylee	October 15, 2021	Part-time Customer Service Clerk

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

Huneault, Mathieu	Resignation	September 1, 2021	Part Time Special Constable
Lovat, Bill	Retirement	September 14, 2021	First Class Constable

CARRIED

## **Auxiliary Officer Annual Report**

This year's Auxiliary Officer Report was presented. Activities for the auxiliary during 2020 were significantly reduced as a result of COVID-19. For the majority of 2020, the use of auxiliaries was suspended. As soon as the Service is in a position to re-start the program, recruitment will be underway.

## **Donations Reserve Fund Requests**

Chief Pedersen reviewed the donation requests for this month.

(2021-153) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Board approve the following donations with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$250 in support of Special Olympics "Draft an Athlete"

\$1,000 in support of the R.I.D.E. Program

\$460 in support of the National Peace Officer Memorial Run

CARRIED

## **Karrie Burke Women in Policing Bursary**

Chief Pedersen reviewed the Karrie Burke Bursary. Staff Sergeant Karrie Burke was a GSPS officer who unfortunately passed away suddenly last year. In her honour, her family asked that a bursary be made to assist women who wish to enter policing.

(2021-154) CALDARELLI – SIZER: THAT the Board approves the allocation of \$500 from the Karrie Burke Bursary with funds drawn from the Donation Reserve Fund;

AND FURTHER, that the Board award the following winner of the 2021 Karrie Burke Women in Policing Bursary:

Marina Leblanc \$500.00

CARRIED

## **2021 OAPSB Labour Seminar**

Vice-Chair Caldarelli provided highlights on the upcoming OAPSB Labour Seminar confirming its value for members to attend. This event provides invaluable learning and networking opportunities

(2021-155) CALDARELLI-BOIS: THAT the Board approves the participation of Members at the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Labour Seminar to be held virtually November 18, 2021 at a registration fee of \$249 per registrant.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board support the conference with a donation of \$500, with funds to be drawn from the Board Training Account.

CARRIED

## **2022 Police Services Board Meeting Schedule**

Board Administrator Gatien reviewed the current meeting schedule with the Board and presented a meeting schedule based on the current arrangement of meeting in the mornings on the third Wednesday of the month, with other special meetings as needed. The Board agreed that this schedule will continue to work for them in 2022.

## **Chief's Report**

The Chief's Report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Chief Pedersen reviewed the many memos received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General in September. The National Police Officer Memorial Run was not able to take place in its usual format because of the ongoing pandemic. The Service's team participated by completing the mileage at the track at the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre.

The Service acknowledged the Day for Truth and Reconciliation. An Indigenous Mental Health First Aid training was held on that day. The day was also highlighted on the Service's social media .

The Service was not able to hold its Annual Awards Gala in the spring. While the hope had been to have an in-person member recognition ceremony this fall, ongoing COVID concerns cancelled the event. It is hoped to be simply postponed to the spring when gatherings of this kind are permitted. Chief Pedersen has been meeting with award recipients individually for photo opportunities that are highlighted on the Service's social media.

## **Operational Updates**

Deputy Chief Weber commended the hard work of the Communications Centre. She also highlighted the new Calls-For-Service Model, which has been led by Manager of 911 Emergency Communications Craig Maki and Sgt. Randy Buchowski. The Comm Centre has had new Harris Radio consoles installed with training under way. These should be up and running by December.

The Drug Enforcement Unit received a tip about drugs at a residence in Chelmsford. The residence has a Health Canada Cannabis sticker, but were in violation. They had 1600 plants, which resulted in a \$2 million seizure.

Patrol Operations was very busy in September Deputy Chief Weber highlighted the August 25 Motor Vehicle Collision. The driver was trapped and could have died, but was saved by the quick action of officers on the scene.

The Integrated Operations Division is diverting calls away from frontline to allow patrol to focus on true frontline calls

Traffic Management continues to focus on keep roads safe, with 24 impaired driving charges laid in September.

Inspector Despatie gave an update on the Specialized Operations Division. The Community Mobilization Section (CMS) and Community Engagement Section (CES) were busy in September. The Bike Unit and other downtown patrols continued to be active in September, with help from health services to address issues in the downtown core.

CES helped with back to school initiatives with school visits and youth engagement. They also assisted with the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) initiative, and assisted CGS By-Law with COVID and ACGO compliance downtown.

Deputy Chief Weber gave a review of Prisoner Management. This unit is part of the Courts Section. Courts is responsible for the management of prisoners in custody who



are required to appear in a court. These individuals are mainly received two ways, through GSPS or the Sudbury District Jail. In September, 82 people were processed at GSPS headquarters and 79 were processed at SDJ. The COVID outbreak at SDJ has required more resources for transporting prisoners, with some being sent to other municipalities. Case and Crown Brief management is done through our Court Clerks.

Deputy Chief Weber also gave an overview of the hard work the Corporate Communications team provides. Their media releases and social media postings provide updates to the public of the Service's work and cases that our members respond to.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Adjournment: Time 11:43 a.m.**

Next meeting Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

(2021-156) SIZER – CALDARELLI: THAT this meeting be adjourned.

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Lise Poratto-Mason, Board Chair



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Matthew Gatien, Board Administrator