

GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 10:00 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:

Sheilah Weber, Deputy Chief of Police

Staff:

Paul Pedersen, Chief of Police
Sharon Baiden, Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Despatie, Acting Deputy Chief of Police

Senior Staff on Hand:

Marc Brunette, Inspector
Sarah Kaelas, Multi-Media Marketing Specialist

Guests:

Tom Gervais, SOLGEN Police Services Advisor

News Media:

Ben Leeson, Sudbury Star
Arron Pickard, Sudbury.com

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

(2021-118) 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 – start at 10:01

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

(2021-124) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board minutes of June 9, 2021, and June 15, 2021, be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

Presentation – Rural Community Response Unit

Chief Pederson gave the Rural Community Response Unit presentation on behalf of John Somerset, Inspector of Patrol Operations. The officers in this unit are part of Patrol Operations. This unit consists of one sergeant and five constables. The primary functions of members assigned to this unit are Search and Rescue; Off-Road/All Terrain Vehicle (ATV), and Snowmobile education and enforcement; Liaison Team for Protests and Demonstrations; and Police Liaison during labour disputes. Throughout COVID-19, these members have also formed part of the education and enforcement team. The Rural Unit

participates in Security Details when political leaders and other dignitaries are in the city. These duties are often short notice due to confidentiality.

Consent and Discussion Agenda

(2021-125) CALDARELLI – VAGNINI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board approves and receives the Consent and Discussion Agenda items for the September 15, 2021, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

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

- Notes of Appreciation
- Internal Promotions

Discussion Agenda

Provincial Digital Evidence Management Solution MOU

CAO Baiden reviewed the Provincial Digital Evidence Management Solution MOU for the Board. This new digital evidence tool will allow all stakeholders in the justice system to upload evidence. Chief Pedersen had previously notified the Ministry of the Solicitor General of GSPS's interest in participating in this solution. A Memorandum of Understanding is required as part of the onboarding process.

(2021-126) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board enters into an agreement with the Solicitor General by way of an MOU that allows the Greater Sudbury Police Service to join the Provincial Digital Evidence Management Solution (DEMS) as provided for by Axon Public Safety Canada Inc. at a cost of approximately \$63,000 with funds to be drawn from the Communications Operating account.

CARRIED

Conducted Energy Weapon Procurement

CAO Baiden reviewed the Conducted Energy Weapon Procurement Agreement with the Board. The current CEWs in use by the Service have reached their end of useful life and need to be replaced.

(2021-127) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board enters into an Agreement with Axon Public Safety Canada Inc. to purchase/lease to own the CEW Taser 7 Fleet for GSPS at an estimated annual cost of \$264,981 annually (not including taxes) for a period of five years for a total cost of \$1,324,907 (not including taxes) with funds to be drawn from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Financial Report Year-End December 31, 2020

CAO Baiden reviewed the Financial Year-End Report for the year ending December 21, 2020. The audit by KPMG has now been completed and the year end concluded. It was noted that the year-end deficit related to COVID-19 unplanned expenditures and has been offset by the provincial Safe Restart Municipal Stream, which the City received.

(2021-128) SIZER – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board receives the 2020 Year-End Greater Sudbury Police Service Financial Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2020, as audited by KPMG as part of the City of Greater Sudbury audit, carried by City Council Resolution #CC2021-171 on June 15, 2021.

CARRIED

Firearms Officer Agreement

CAO Baiden reviewed the Firearms Officer Agreement for the Board. This agreement allows for the secondment of a GSPS member to the position of Firearms Officer. This officer participates in the administration of the Chief Firearms Office under the direction of the Chief Firearms Officer in accordance with the *Firearms Act*. The agreement provides for full salary and related compensation reimbursement.

(2021-129) CALDARELLI – SIZER: THAT the Board extends their Agreement with the Ministry of the Solicitor General operating as an Area Firearms Office for Ontario for the secondment of a Firearms Officer for an additional five year period to March 31, 2026.

CARRIED

Employee Assistance Program

CAO Baiden reviewed the Employee Assistance Program agreement for the Board. This current agreement is an extension of the original agreement made with ComPsych in December 2017 to administer the services provided in the Employee Assistance Program.

(2021-130) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board enters into a one-year Agreement extension with ComPsych Corporation for the purpose of delivering the Employee Assistance Program services to the members of the Greater Sudbury Police Service in accordance with the same terms and conditions for the period of November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022.

CARRIED

Sudbury Revolver Club Agreement

CAO Baiden reviewed the Sudbury Revolver Club Agreement. This agreement has worked well in the past and it is recommended that it be renewed.

(2021-131) SIZER – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board enters into a renewal Agreement with the Sudbury Revolver Club for use of training facilities.

CARRIED

IBM Storage Area Network with Maintenance and Support

CAO Baiden reviewed the IBM Storage Area Network (SAN) report for the Board. The Service's digital storage needs have outgrown the current SAN, necessitating the purchase of more storage

(2021-132) SIZER – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board awards the purchase of an IBM Storage Area Network (SAN) with Maintenance and Support from Midrange Computer Group Inc. at a cost of \$177,912 (not including taxes) with funds to be drawn from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Delegation of Signing Authority

The Board received and approved the semi-annual Delegation of Signing Authority report. This authority allows the Chief to authorize expenditures and contracts in the name of the Board that fall under \$50,000.

(2021-133) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT the Board receives the Delegation of Signing Authority, Chief of Police GSPSB – Policy 0030, semi-annual report for information.

CARRIED

SIU Investigation – November 21, 2020

The Board received the Section 11 Administrative Review Report following the SIU investigation for a call for service on November 21, 2020, where a man was arrested for Public Intoxication. The review found that all policies and procedures were followed during this incident.

(2021-134) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Board receives this Special Investigations Unit (SIU) update on Incident occurring November 21 2020, for information.

CARRIED

SIU Investigation – June 25, 2019

The Board received the Section 11 Administrative Review Report following the SIU investigation for a call for service on June 15, 2019, where a woman had filed a complaint of sexual assault involving one of her children. The complainant was highly agitated when officers arrived. After 40 minutes of verbal diffusion tactics, the complainant's actions caused concern for the safety of others and she was placed under arrest. She resisted arrest and was brought to the ground. During the arrest officers learned she was pregnant. The woman was brought to HSN where she was cleared medically and was released from police custody later that day. On June 29, 2019, the woman gave birth to a premature baby, who died the following day. The SIU found there was no misconduct by any GSPS member.

The Section 11 report included a review of the incident by the Indigenous Liaison Officer and an external partner with an Indigenous lens. This further review made recommendations; namely, revisiting of stakeholder information sharing protocols and cultural awareness and sensitivity training.

(2021-135) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Board receives this Special Investigations Unit (SIU) update on the incident occurring June 25, 2019, for information.

CARRIED

Staffing/Deployment Update

The Board received the staffing and deployment update.

(2021-136) CALDARELLI – SIZER: 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:

Sydock, Jason	August 30, 2021	Cadet
Boutour, Audrey-Ann	August 30, 2021	Cadet
Powell, Kevin	August 30, 2021	Cadet
Cropp, Melanie	August 30, 2021	Cadet
Pelangio, Bradley	August 30, 2021	Cadet
Cimino, Julia	July 12, 2021	Student - CMU

Dupis, Rily	July 12, 2021	Student – Fleet & Facilities
Miller, Tyandra	July 12, 2021	Student – CMU
Okojie, Ahouse	July 12, 2021	Student – Records
Tasker, Kaela	July 12, 2021	Student – Records
Tremblay, Aiden	July 12, 2021	Student – Equipment & Supplies
Nicholls, Saige-Marie	August 6, 2021	Student - Museum
Gravel, Dillan	July 7, 2021	Equipment & Supplies Clerk
Hanson, Nicole	September 7, 2021	Court Clerk
Lamothe, Meghan	August 9, 2021	Temp FT CSP Youth Safety
Bendig, Melissa	August 16, 2021	Temp FT CSP Youth Safety

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

Edwards, Jacqueline	Resignation	July 16, 2021	Crime Analyst
Hill, Braden	Resignation	July 20, 2021	First Class Constable
Mussen, Stefany	Resignation	August 27, 2021	First Class Constable
Dober, Shelley	Retirement	July 26, 2021	Property Clerk
Rumford, Terry	Retirement	August 3, 2021	Staff Sergeant

CARRIED

Diversity Advisory Committee Bursary

The Board received the Diversity Advisory Committee Bursary report. This bursary recognizes outstanding grade 12 students who demonstrated a commitment of diversity, inclusive practices, and cultural acceptance in their school and/or community. The DAC received six (6) applications and after much deliberation picked two students to receive the bursary.

(2021-137) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Board approves the allocation of two (2) \$500 from the Diversity Advisory Committee Bursary with funds drawn from the Donation Reserve Fund;

AND FURTHER, that the Board award the following as winners of the 2021 Diversity Advisory Committee Bursary:

Lily Van Der Zyl \$500.00

Danyelle-Riley Basso \$500.00

CARRIED

Donations Reserve Funds Requests

The Board received the Donations Reserve Funds Requests report.

(2021-138) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Board approve the following donations with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$1,000 in support of the 2021 YWCA “Women of Distinction” Awards Gala

\$1,000 in support of Talent Identification Camp

\$500 in support of My Best Self Program: A Youth Mental Health Initiative

\$500 in support of Run to Remember

\$500 in support of the 2021 Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference

CARRIED

CAPG Conference Attendance

The Canadian Association of Police Governance is holding their 32nd General Meeting and Conference. The Board traditionally attends as it is a great opportunity for networking, discussion, and learning with Board colleagues across the country.

(2021-139) CALDARELLI – SIZER: THAT the Board authorizes Members to participate in the Canadian Association of Police Governance Virtual Annual General Meeting and Conference September 28 to September 30, 2021, for the group fee of \$850.

Report from the Chief

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 since June. Some highlights of these updates include the Roadmap to Reopening, the Use of Force and Firearms Training Order, the Crisis Call Diversion program, the moving of Police Service Advisors to the new Inspectorate of Policing, and a COVID-19 spending update.

Operational Updates

Deputy Chief Weber was not able to attend this meeting of the Board. Acting Deputy Despatie reviewed the Operational Update with the Board.

Acting Deputy Despatie highlighted that over 6000 calls were taken by the 9-1-1 ECC in August alone. The ECC has 3 people in training and they are progressing well.

A/Deputy Despatie reviewed the work of the Criminal Investigations Division. 3 males were arrested for attempted murder; 3 others were arrested for a shooting on Lloyd Street; and a cannabis grow-op was busted and \$95,000 of cannabis was seized. He also reviewed the incident involving a 28-year-old man who stole a truck and drove erratically through the city, causing damage to multiple vehicles and buildings. The individual and truck were finally apprehended on Kukagami Lake Road with assistance from the OPP.

The Break, Enter, And Robbery (B.E.A.R.) Unit, Drug Enforcement Unit, and Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.) Unit all made multiple major arrests over the summer months resulting in multiple arrests made and charges laid.

Patrol Operations was busy over July and August with over 8000 calls for service handled, including 400 mental health calls for service. The Rural Unit ran a campaign with the MNR focusing on marine safety, impaired operation, fishing regulations, and invasive species. The initiative resulted in 55 charges.

The Rural Unit was also busy monitoring anti-mask protests and labour disputes. Bike, marine, and ATV patrols were conducted throughout the summer and aided in 8 search and rescue events.

The SPYDR and BURST programs returned after not being able to run last summer.

New Business

None.

Motion to Meet In Camera – 11:05 a.m.

(2021-140) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT the Board moves back to IN CAMERA to resume discussions.

CARRIED

Adjournment: Time 12:45 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

(2021-141) BOIS – VAGNINI: THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Lise Poratto-Mason, Board Chair



Matthew Gatien, Board Administrator