

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

PUBLIC MINUTES

Present:

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

Regrets:

Lise Poratto-Mason, Chair

Staff:

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

Senior Staff on Hand:

Sara Cunningham, Inspector
Kaitlyn Dunn, Corporate Communications

Guests:

Tom Gervais, MSG Police Services Advisor
Sergeant Rick Clark, Training and Professional Development Branch
Constable Todd Gascon, Training and Professional Development Branch

News Media:

Ben Leeson, Sudbury Star
Arron Pickard, Sudbury.com
Alana Everson, CTV
iPhone (no other name provided)

Motion to Meet In Camera, Time – 9:03 a.m.

(2021-024) VAGNINI – 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

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.

Chair Poratto-Mason had sent regrets for the meeting and had requested that Vice Chair Caldarelli Chair the meeting.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Adoption of Minutes

(2021-029) BOIS – VAGNINI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board minutes of January 20, 2021 be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

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

- 2020 Civil Litigation Annual Update
- Strip Search Policy Update
- OAPSB Board Vacancy Update
- Notes of Appreciation

(2021-030) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Board accepts the Consent and Discussion Agendas for the February 17, 2021 meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

Vehicle Graphics

CAO Baiden reviewed the tender process for vehicle graphics with the Board. The contract is for three years and can be extended for 2 years after that. The contract is for \$53,000 per year. This is included as part of the Fleet Services item in the budget.

(2021-031) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board approves GSP20-115 - Vehicle Graphics Contract concluding on December 31st, 2023 (subject to two additional one year extensions) with the following Service Provider:

M. Designs Canada Ltd. o/a Fastsigns Etobicoke

AND FURTHER THAT a Request for Standing Offer be issued by the City's Purchasing Department to allow the commencement of services.

CARRIED

Staffing/Deployment Update

Chief Pederson reviewed the staffing update of newly hired members that have started with the Service.

(2021-033) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board, in accordance with Section 31(1) (a) of the Police Services Act, hereby approves the update of the following members of the Greater Sudbury Police Service on the dates and positions specified:

Member Hired:		
JEAN, Veronique	February 8, 2021	Communicator
Members Resigned/Retired:		
LARIVIERE, Judy	December 31, 2020	Payroll
JOHNSON, Nancy	December 31, 2020	Communicator
AGOWISSA, Shannon	January 1, 2021	First Class Constable
McKERRAL, Joseph	January 8, 2021	Court Clerk
KOZICKI, Kristina	January 31, 2021	Court Clerk

CARRIED

IODE Youth Presentation

Chief Pederson informed the Board that the recipient of the 2020 IODE Youth Award is Constable Stefany Mussen, who was nominated by Staff Sergeant Valerie Tiplady. Cst. Mussen holds many roles with the Service and in her personal life where she trains and mentors youth in the Greater Sudbury community. Cst. Mussen will be donating the award's \$500 prize to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sudbury.

Vice-Chair Caldarelli asked the Chief to pass along the Board's congratulations.

The Chief will meet privately with Cst. Mussen following this meeting to present her with this well-deserved award, which will also be documented on the Service's social media channels.

2020 Annual Report on Public Complaints

The Board received the 2020 Annual Report on Public Complaints. Chief Pederson noted that out of 60,000 calls for service in 2020, only 37 resulted in public complaints. This is equal to the amount of complaints in 2019. None of the Public Complaints have been substantiated or resulted in sanctions against an Officer. Two (2) are still under investigation to be completed in 2021.

(2021-034) BOIS – VAGNINI: THAT the Board receive the 2020 Annual Report on Public Complaints pursuant to Section 31(1) (j) of the Police Services Act for information.

CARRIED

2020 Use of Force Report

The Board received the 2020 Use of Force Report. Chief Pederson reviewed the report, stating that all Service training is in line with Ministry standards. Officers continue to follow de-escalation training.

Chief Pederson noted that Use of Force reports were up 31.7% in 2020. The primary contributing factor to the increased number of reports is that calls involving the presence of a weapon are up by 100% Chief Pederson also noted that assaults on officers during these type of Calls for Service rose in 2020.

(2021-035) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Board receives the 2020 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

Final Disposition of Found or Seized Money

The Board received the report on the Final Disposition of Found or Seized Money. Chief Pederson noted that the reporting of these funds is a requirement of the *Police Services Act*.

(2021-036) SIZER – VAGNINI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board accepts for deposit to the Board Trust Fund \$4,234.55 in unclaimed funds that were received in 2020.

CARRIED

2021 CAPG Membership

The Board received the 2021 membership fee request from the CAPG. Chief Pederson noted that this membership allows GSPSB to connect with other Boards across Canada.

(2021-037) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Board approves the annual (CAPG) membership fee of \$2000 for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021.

CARRIED

2021 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics – Chief’s Youth Initiative Fund

Chief Pederson submitted a request for \$1000 to go towards the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. While the usual event cannot be held, the Chief informed the Board he would still be doing a polar plunge on video as part of the event.

(2021-038) SIZER – VAGNINI: THAT the Board approve the following donation with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$1000 in support of the 2021 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics – Chief’s Youth Initiative Fund.

CARRIED

Report from the Chief

The Chief’s Report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Chief Pederson noted that there were a number of reports from the Ministry of the Solicitor-General which have been summarized for the Board’s information.

Operational Updates

Deputy Chief Weber noted that we continue to have large volumes of 9-1-1 calls. ECC received 21,000 calls in total in January, with 4,700 calls being for 9-1-1 Emergency Service.

The what3words app has been a great success and was used twice in January and early February to help locate citizens during Calls for Service. Of note was a Call for Service for stranded snowmobilers north of Capreol. The app has also helped the Fire Department to locate lost people more quickly.

Deputy Chief Weber also noted the Service’s ongoing focus on road safety with #AnytimeAnywhere RIDE campaign.

There have been multiple high-risk arrests and vehicle takedowns. This included a joint effort with the Espanola OPP. GSPS was able to locate a vehicle fleeing a shooting in Espanola. This resulted in the arrest of three (3) suspects and recovery of a loaded gun.

Also of note was the joint investigation with Toronto Police Service that led to the arrest of two suspects and recovery of \$56,700 worth of drugs and \$500 in cash.

The Service continues to engage with public on social media with several successful public awareness campaigns.

New Business

Chief Pederson indicated he would take any questions from the media after the meeting concluded.

Member Bois asked the Chief about the status of federal legislation regarding getting guns off the street. Chief Pederson replied that the legislation has only recently been provided to Police Services, so the Service is still working on reviewing and determining what the impacts on policing will be..

Adjournment: Time – 10:40 a.m.

Next meeting, Wednesday, March 17, 2021

(2021-039) BOIS – VAGNINI: THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Board Chair



Board Administrator