

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

**PUBLIC MINUTES**

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**Present:**

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

**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 Somerset, Inspector  
John Valtonen, Inspector  
Marc Brunette, Inspector  
Sara Cunningham, Inspector

Kaitlyn Dunn, Media Liaison

**Guests:** Tom Gervais, MSG Police Services Advisor

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**News Media:**

Ben Leeson, Sudbury Star

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**Motion to Meet In Camera Time – 9:02 p.m.**

(2021-010) BOIS – VAGNINI: 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

The Board moved back into PUBLIC to resume discussions at 10:08 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 personal matters.

### **Board Administrator**

Chair Poratto-Mason introduced Matthew Gatien. Matthew joins the Board in the capacity of Board Administrator; this is a new position for the Police Services Board. Matthew brings with him a wealth of knowledge and skills in writing, publishing, and social media to serve the Board.

### **Board Executive Assistant Retirement**

The Chair also took this opportunity to congratulate Board Executive Assistant Joanne Latendre on her well-deserved retirement.

### **Roll Call**

Attendance taken.

### **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None

### **Adoption of Minutes**

(2021-0015) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board minutes of December 9, 2020, January 11, 2021, and January 12, 2021 be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

## **Consent Agenda**

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

- 2021 Crime Stoppers Proclamation
- 2021 OAPSB Vice Chair Announced – Vice Chair Caldarelli
- 2020 Board Expenses
- 2021 CAPG Webinar Series
- Correspondence – Ministry of the Solicitor General
- Notes of Thanks

(2021-016) SIZER – BOIS: THAT the Board accepts the Consent and Discussion Agendas for the January 20, 2021 meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

Chair Poratto-Mason asked the Board Members if there were any questions on the Consent Agenda items.

Chair Poratto-Mason congratulated Vice Chair Frances Caldarelli on her appointment as Vice Chair of the Ontario Association of Police Services Board for 2021. Vice Chair Caldarelli will be serving her fifth year on the OAPSB Executive.

## **Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities (CRIA) Applications**

The Board was advised that applications for funding were submitted . Project Survivor will increase GSPS' ability to educate our community on the signs and prevalence of human trafficking, reporting avenues, and support services for victims and survivors.

Project TIIPS – Trauma-Informed Indigenous Prevention and Support will provide in-person/virtual culturally sensitive victim support, safety planning and outreach to reduce victimization and violence against Indigenous women and girls, along with ensuring GSPS officers receive Indigenous-centred and trauma-informed training on violence against Indigenous women and girls and the systemic barriers for accessing services among survivors.

(2021-017) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board makes two applications under the 2021 – 2022 Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities

(CRIA) Grant Program through the Ministry of the Attorney General to offset costs associated with Projects Survivor and TIIPS, each not to exceed \$100,000 in Program support.

CARRIED

### **Staffing / Deployment**

The Board received the Staffing / Deployment Report detailing new member appointments.

(2020-018) VAGNINI – 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 of the Greater Sudbury Police Service on the dates and positions specified:

DENNIE, Anik	December 29, 2020	Cadet
ROSE, Megan	December 29, 2020	Cadet
MORIN, Jessie	December 29, 2020	Cadet
MICHEL, Samuel	January 4, 2021	Court Security
STALTERI, Sabrina	January 4, 2021	Court Security
LACHANCE, Candice	January 4, 2021	Court Security
IVANOV, Alexandru	January 4, 2021	Court Security
MCDONALD, Derek	January 4, 2021	Fleet and Facilities

CARRIED

### **Secondary Activities Annual Report**

The Board received a report on Member Secondary Activities for 2020. Guidelines are in place for members who are engaged in off-duty secondary activities. All applications are submitted, reviewed, and approved through the Chief's office.

(2021-019) CALDARELLI – VAGNINI: THAT the Board receives the 2020 Annual Report on Secondary Activities for information.

CARRIED

## **Delegation of Signing Authority Update**

The Board received a report on Delegation of Signing Authority delegated to the Chief or Designated Official by the Board. A report advises all procurement contracts and agreements approved and executed of an operational nature valued at \$50,000 or less.

(2021-020) VAGNINI – SIZER: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board receives the 2020 July to December semi-annual report of Delegation of Signing Authority Chief of Police, GSPSB – Policy 0030, for information.

CARRIED

## **2021 PAO Employment Conference**

The Board was advised of the upcoming Police Association of Ontario Virtual Employment Conference on March 1-2, 2021. This provides a learning opportunity on current trends and issues in police sector labour relations, legal precedents, and an opportunity to meet members of other Boards. Vice Chair Caldarelli urged Members to participate if possible in this excellent educational opportunity. Members were asked to confirm interest in attending.

(2021-021) CALDARELLI – VAGNINI: THAT the Board authorizes Members to participate in the 2021 Police Association of Ontario VIRTUAL Annual Employment Conference.

CARRIED

## **Donations Reserve Fund**

The Board received a request for financial support from the Donations Reserve Fund.

(2021-022) VAGNINI – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board approves the following donations with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$2,500 in support of the 2021 Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE) Scholarships and Awards

\$1,000 in support of the 2021 Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser

CARRIED

## **Report from Chief**

Chief Pedersen reviewed his report as circulated with the Board Agenda highlighting certain activities for the months of December 2020 and early January 2021. Of note are the many Ministry of Solicitor General updates regarding the pandemic and changes to status. Chief Pedersen advised that recognition of new and promoted members were being recognized in a safe way.

Chair Poratto-Mason acknowledged the Chief and all GSPS staff for their work during this difficult and constantly changing situation.

### **Chief's Report – Operational Updates**

Deputy Weber provided background on the reports. Demand for police and 'calls for service' has increased with the COVID-19 pandemic. There has also been an increase in serious partner violence and large drug seizures.

Involved Officers were commended for providing immediate assistance to the unresponsive community member discovered during a Canine track, potentially saving his life.

With the increase in impaired driving incidents, our Traffic Management Unit will be conducting the *#AnywhereAnytimeRIDE* campaign. Officers will be out conducting random R.I.D.E. spot checks during the day and at night, any day of the week to ensure drivers are operating vehicles both lawfully and safely. Road Safety is a Shared Commitment. Please plan ahead for a safe ride home.

**New Business**

Chief Pedersen reported on the 2021 Police Budget presentation to City Finance and Administration Committees which was well received. Chair Poratto-Mason acknowledged the Chief and staff for the excellent presentation; material was well prepared and informative. The Chief fully responded to questions posed by Councillors.

Councillor and Board Member Sizer advised the process of Budget deliberation and the possibility of Police receiving a request to reduce. The full 2021 City Budget is expected to be released in March 2021.

The Board will be updated if further information is received.

**Adjournment: Time – 10:58 a.m.**

Next meeting Wednesday February 17, 2021.

(2021-023) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



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Board Chair



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Board Executive Assistant