

GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 29, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.
Alex McCauley Boardroom/ZOOM

PUBLIC MINUTES

Present:

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

Regrets:

Joscelyne Landry-Altmann, Member

Staff:

Paul Pedersen, Chief of Police
Sara Cunningham, Deputy Chief of Police
Sharon Baiden, Chief Administrative Officer

Senior Staff on Hand:

Jerry Willmott, Inspector
Marc Brunette, Inspector
John Somerset, Inspector
John Valtonen, Inspector
Dan Despatie, Inspector
Barry Ornella, Detective Staff Sergeant
Randy Buchowski, Sergeant
Sarah Kaelas, Multi-Media Marketing Specialist

Guests:

Tom Gervais, SOLGEN Police Services Advisor

News Media:

Tyler Clarke, Sudbury.com

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

(2022-088) CALDARELLI – PORATTO-MASON: 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. Member Landry-Altman was not able to attend the public portion of the meeting.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Adoption of Minutes

(2022-095) CALDARELLI – PORATTO-MASON: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board minutes of May 18, 2022, be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

Accept Consent and Discussion Agenda

(2022-096) BOIS – PORATTO-MASON: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board approves and receives the Consent and Discussion Agenda items for the June 29, 2022, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

Crime Statistics Report Presentation

Chief Pedersen gave a presentation on current crime statistics in Sudbury. The last 5 years saw a slight increase in criminal offences, however the last two years have seen a decrease of 3.4 %. Crime prevention tactics used by the Service have led to better awareness in the community of crime patterns, which has led to increased reporting of crimes. Social and economic factors play a large role in criminal behaviour, such as substance use. Changes in how crimes are classified, particularly sexual assault-related charges have resulted in more reported crimes. Social media messaging helps to meet the community where they are to ensure that messages are being delivered to the community and helps celebrate successes in the community. Chief Pedersen emphasized the steps the community can take to proactively safeguard themselves, and ways they can connect with the police and report crimes before calling 9-1-1.

Balancing Competing Pressures Presentation

Chief Pedersen gave a presentation on calls for service in the community. Non-mental health related welfare checks and mental health calls for service have risen. Along with these calls, the Service's highest percentage of priority 1 and 2 calls are ambulance assists, meaning police are attending the call along with EMS staff. If an individual is detained under the Mental Health Act, police officers are the only authority legally allowed to apprehend a person. Police-hospital transition protocols have been updated to reduce wait times at Health Sciences North (HSN). The MCRRT service has also been implemented to help reduce police interaction and transition community members in crisis to other community service partners faster. However, it needs to be noted that many outside agencies request and expect a police response when there are unknown variables or the potential of violence when they are called for assistance. Along with the external pressures associated with these calls are the internal pressures with the well-being of the Service workforce. On any given day 11.7% of sworn members are non-deployable. There needs to be continued analysis of calls for service and conversations

with other agencies to ensure sworn members are being deployed where they are most needed.

The Board thanked Chief Pedersen for the informative presentations.

Vice Chair Caldarelli Fran requested a presentation detailing how drug-impaired RIDE checks are conducted.

Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

CAO Baiden and Nathan Dokis, Manager of CIT, reviewed this report. The Service has 619 computer assets that need to be updated and standardized to remain compliant with regulatory and security requirements, and to maintain compatibility with partner organizations like CGS Human Resources and the Ontario Police Technology Information Co-operative (OPTIC).

(2022-097) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Board enters into an agreement with Softchoice Canada Inc. to purchase a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement with four hundred and twenty-five (425) M365 E3 & M365 E5 Information, Protection and Governance subscription licenses on a twenty-two month term commencing July 1, 2022 to April 30, 2024, for a total contract cost of \$429,250.00 excluding taxes with funds to be drawn from the operating budget.

CARRIED

Next Generation 9-1-1 Netagen Managed Solution Agreement

CAO Baiden and Nathan Dokis, Manager of CIT, reviewed this report. Netagen will help the Service to begin implementing the NG 9-1-1 protocol.

(2022-098) CALDARELLI – PORATTO-MASON: THAT the Board enters into an Agreement with Netagen Communication Technologies Inc. for the purchase of the Netagen Commander 911 On-Premise Managed Telephony System to provide the Greater Sudbury Police Service with a managed Next Generation 9-1-1 solution based on Komutel technology at an estimated annual cost of \$345,588 per year (excluding taxes) for a period of five years for a total approximate contract cost of \$1,727,940 (excluding taxes) with funds to be drawn from the NG 911 Capital Funding and Operating budget as required.

CARRIED

PeerConnect Agreement

Chief Pedersen and CAO Baiden reviewed this report for the Board. GSPS was part of a pilot project testing this service. Members are able to access this program through an app on their phone. The project was successful and will be a permanent part of the Wellness Program offered through the GSPS.

(2022-099) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT the Board enter into an Agreement with First Response Mental Health (FRMH) for the purpose the purpose of PeerConnect: Peer Support, Health and Wellness Tool in support of member wellness at an approximate cost of \$18,000 per year.

CARRIED

Clifford and Lily Fielding Charitable Foundation Agreement

Chief Pedersen and CAO Baiden reviewed this report for the Board. This agreement allows the Service to continue their agreement with the Fielding Foundation to offer outdoor programs for children in the community.

(2022-100) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Board enters into an Agreement with the Clifford and Lily Fielding Charitable Foundation for the purpose of operating an outdoor paddling and adventure program at Crowley Lake.

CARRIED

Right to Disconnect Policy

CAO Baiden reviewed this report for the Board. After receiving a legal review after the May Board meeting this policy, and its Service equivalent, were implemented.

(2022-101) PORATTO-MASON – CALDARELLI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board implements GSPSB Policy 031 – the Right to Disconnect Policy, effective June 2, 2022.

CARRIED

Youth In Policing Initiative Report

CAO Baiden reviewed this report for the Board. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic the Service was not able to have many summer students the past two summers. Full summer student programs were able to resume this year. These programs allow students to be employed with wages offset through government funding.

(2022-102) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board enters into an agreement with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services for the purpose of employing students in the summer employment program for a period of eight weeks.

CARRIED

CAPG Conference Support

The Board received a funding request from the Canadian Association of Police Governance for the annual CAPG Conference, taking place in September in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The Board traditionally supports the conference.

(2022-103) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board approves a \$500 donation to the 2022 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) to assist with the costs of the conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan with funds to be drawn from the Police Services Board operating account.

CARRIED

Donation Requests

Chief Pedersen reviewed this report for the Board.

(2022-104) BOIS – PORATTO-MASON: THAT the Board approve the following donation with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

Welcome Friend Association Rainbow Camp – \$2,000.00 – Chief's Youth Initiative Fund

2022 Rick and Dan McDonald Memorial Golf Tournament – \$1000 - Chief's Youth Initiative Fund

2022 India-Canada Youth Festival – \$1,000 – Chief's Youth Initiative Fund

2022 S.P.Y.D.R., BURST and SPARK Programs – \$1,350 – Chief's Youth Initiative Fund

CARRIED

Board Trust Fund Request

Chief Pedersen reviewed this report for the Board. A member has sought support to participate in the Police Fire Can-Am Games 2022. The Board traditionally supports members for events such as this as they promote teambuilding and networking amongst Services provincially and nationally.

(2022-105) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board approve the following donation with funds drawn from the Police Services Board Reserve Trust Fund:

\$1000 in support of the Police Fire Can-Am Games 2022

CARRIED

Board Meeting Schedule Update

Board Administrator Gatien reviewed this matter for the Board. There are some conflicts with the Chief's schedule for the September and October meeting, so new meeting dates were proposed.

(2022-106) PORATTO-MASON – CALDARELLI: THAT the board continues with hybrid meetings, and further;

THAT the Board change the September 21 and October 19 meetings to September 28 and October 26 to accommodate scheduling conflicts with the Chief of Police.

CARRIED

Zone 1A Representative

The Board received correspondence from the Zone 1A Secretary that a meeting and social to honour outgoing Chair Doug Jelly would be taking place in October, and asked who would be interested in attending. As a long-standing member of the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board, Vice Chair Caldarelli knows Chair Jelly well and has stated she will attend the meeting to represent the Board.

The Board's current representative on the Zone 1A is Member Michael Vagnini, who is no longer with the Board. The Board needs to choose a new representative for the Zone 1A Board. After some discussion, the Board agreed that Vice Chair Caldarelli would represent that Board going forward.

(2022-107) BOIS – PORATTO-MASON: THAT Vice Chair Frances Caldarelli will serve as the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board's representative on the Zone 1A Board of Directors until such time it is decided a new representative is required.

Report from the Chief

Chief Pedersen acknowledged that this is Insp. John Somerset's last meeting as he is retiring. Insp. Somerset has been with the Service since 1994.

Operational Updates

911 Emergency Communications Centre – Andrea Savage, Manager

The 9-1-1 ECC continues to receive many calls for service. Deputy Chief Cunningham highlighted the work of the PCRC which helps to triage calls and ensure Patrol Operations can respond to priority calls.

The NG911 transition is in progress, with new equipment beginning to be set up.

The 9-1-1 ECC's new manager Andrea Savage has implemented a new dispatching model. As well, with help from HR Manager Holly Bilodeau, the 9-1-1 ECC ran a virtual recruitment event. 160 people signed up, with 8 new members onboarded as a result.

Patrol Operations – Insp. John Somerset

We are seeing many calls where members have to use lifesaving measures (ie. Narcan).

The Rural Response Unit dealt with a complaint regarding improper ATV use.

Marine Unit patrols are back on the water and will be patrolling on Canada Day. They are also engaging youth with the “I Got Caught Wearing My PFD” program again.

The Rural Liaison unit was liaising with electrical workers that were on strike, ensuring safe striking conditions.

Integrated Operations – Insp. Marc Brunette

The TMU laid many drug- and alcohol-impaired offences in June. The TMU is running a different initiative each month: May’s campaign was “Better Late Than Never,” targeting motorcycles.

The ERU executed many search warrants in May, including a barricaded person.

Specialized Operations – Insp. Dan Despatie

The Downtown Strategy team is engaging Downtown Business partners to deal with downtown issues. These issues include panhandling and unhoused individuals in Memorial Park. The team continues to work with community partners to connect unhoused individuals with services.

Criminal Investigations – Insp. John Valtonen

Criminal offences were up in May. A murder occurred in Dowling, along with one on Elm Street on May 31. The May 31 murder is still being investigated with the subject at large.

The BEAR unit is dealing with robbery spree and have been able to arrest and charge the woman responsible.

The DEU, with assistance from the ERU, arrested a man from Toronto and laid several drug trafficking charges, and seized drugs and cash.

Detectives from the Major Crime unit dealt with a barricaded person in Val Caron. The man was charged with multiple offenses and two firearms were seized from the residence.

Corporate Communications – Kaitlyn Dunn, Corporate Communications Coordinator

Many initiatives were highlighted by Corporate Communications in May and June, including the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Pride Month.

New Business

None.

Motion to Move Back IN CAMERA – 11:47 a.m.

(2022-108) PORATTO-MASON – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board moves back to IN CAMERA to resume discussions.

Date of Next Meeting – September 28, 2022

Adjournment – 12:31 p.m.

(2022-114) CALDARELLI – BOIS: THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Frances Caldarelli, Board Chair



Matthew Gatien, Board Administrator