

**GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 10 A.M.**  
**ZOOM**

**PUBLIC MINUTES**

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**Present:**

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

**Regrets:**

None

**Staff:**

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

**Senior Staff on Hand:**

Sandra Dicaire, Acting Inspector  
Edward Stiller, Acting Inspector  
Kaitlyn Dunn, Corporate Communications Coordinator

**Guests:**

Tom Gervais, SOLGEN Police Services Advisor

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**News Media:**

Tyler Clarke, Sudbury.com  
Ben Leeson, Sudbury Star  
Angela Gemmill, CBC

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**Roll Call**

Attendance taken.

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

None.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

(2022-022) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board minutes of January 19, 2022, and February 7, 2022, be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

### **Accept Consent and Discussion Agenda**

(2022-023) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board approves and receives the Consent and Discussion Agenda items for the February 16, 2022, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

### **New Municipal Police Board Appointee Welcome**

On February 8, 2022, City Council appointed Ward 12 Councillor Joscelyne Landry-Altmann as a member of the Police Services Board to replace Member Michael Vagnini.

Chair Sizer and Chief Pedersen welcomed Member Landry-Altmann to the Board.

## **Police Auctions Canada Annual Report**

Chief Pedersen reviewed this report for the Board. This is an annual report on income the Board earns from auctions of lost property (e.g. found bicycles, unclaimed property, etc.). The Service used to conduct these auctions themselves, however, the Board approved the use of an outsourced provider to conduct them approximately two years ago which has resulted in some savings in the running of these auctions.

(2022-024) SIZER – LANDRY-ALTMANN: THAT the Board receives the Annual Report for monies received through Police Auctions Canada for the sale of property that has come into the possession of the Police Service for information.

CARRIED

## **Police Record Checks Reform Act Update**

Chief Pedersen asked CAO Baiden to review this report for the Board. Bill 113 is legislation that amends the process for criminal records checks for volunteers, and was passed in November 2021. The amendments clarify what a volunteer is (person who receives no money for what they do). Most of the volunteer record checks completed by GSPS are for vulnerable sector checks, which do not fall under Bill 113. For those records checks that are now exempt, the Service will see a decline of approximately \$6300 in revenue from these record checks being made free. There has also been a reduction in revenues realized through record checks as a result of the pandemic and volunteer programs not running. Bill 113 will come into effect in spring 2022.

(2022-025) PORATTO-MASON – LANDRY-ALTMANN: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board receives the report of the impact on revenue due to the amendments to the Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015.

CARRIED

## **2021 Use of Force Annual Report**

Chief Pedersen reviewed this report for the Board. This is an annual requirement that Services must submit each year. The report is prepared by subject matter experts from the Training and Professional Development Branch. Each use of force incident is

reviewed to ensure incidents are categorized correctly before submission. All officers are trained in Use of Force and must be requalified annually. In 2021, GSPS had 124 reports for 95 incidents. If there are multiple officers at one incident where Use of Force has been used each officer must fill out a Use of Force report, leading to more reports than incidents.

The number of reports and incidents is down in 2021 from 2020. Our new Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team has contributed to some of this decline, as de-escalation efforts and direct mental health intervention often prevents the need for the application of force. Most reports occur in the evenings when higher-risk incidents tend to occur, and mostly involve frontline officers.

(2022-026) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Board receives the 2021 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

### **Memorandum of Understanding Ottawa Police Service**

As a result of the ongoing occupation in Ottawa, the Ottawa Police Service asked for assistance from our Public Order Unit. This is a common practice among police services when there are large public events or demonstrations. Very few services are equipped to handle large demonstrations without help from other services. The MOU details the cost of services to be charged back to Ottawa so there is no cost to citizens of Sudbury.

(2022-027) PORATTO-MASON – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board enters into an agreement with the Ottawa Police Services Board and the Ottawa Police Service for the provision of Public Order Unit services from the Greater Sudbury Police Service.

CARRIED

### **2021 Information Privacy Commission Annual Report**

CAO Baiden reviewed this report for the Board, which is an annual report required by legislation. The Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy act applies to municipal institutions, including police. It allows people to request general records that contain

their own information, as well as public reports. The report must detail all requests, any refusals, and the fees collected for such requests.

CAO Baiden acknowledged the work of our Records Branch for the work they do in this area. In 2021 there were 55 requests for information, versus 36 in 2020. The start of the pandemic saw a decline in requests, but 2021 saw a more normal amount of requests. Most reports take less than 30 days to complete, so are completed in mandated amount of time. Extensions are allowed under certain circumstances. In 2021, 35 requests were disclosed in full. Other reports were redacted; the Act provides guidelines for doing so. There is a \$5 fee for requests. 2021 saw just under \$500 collected.

(2022-028) BOIS – LANDRY-ALTMANN: THAT the Board receives this 2021 Privacy Commission Annual Report for information.

CARRIED

### **Donations Reserve Fund Requests**

Chief Pedersen reviewed the Donations Reserve Fund Requests report for the Board.

(2022-029) PORATTO-MASON - CALDARELLI: THAT the Board approve the following donations with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$1,000 in support of the 2022 Coldest Night of the Year – Walk Event

\$1,500 in support of Sudbury and Manitoulin Children’s Foundation PLAY program

CARRIED

### **PAO Labour Conference**

Board Administrator Gatien reviewed the PAO Conference Agenda for the Board. Board members and members of the Senior Leadership Team and Sudbury Police Association traditionally attend.

(2022-030) SIZER – PORATTO-MASON: THAT the Board authorizes Members to attend the 2022 Police Association of Ontario Annual Employment Conference.

CARRIED

### **CAPG Membership**

Board Administrator Gatien reviewed the CAPG membership for the Board.

(2022-031) BOIS – LANDRY-ALTMANN: THAT the Board approves the annual Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) membership fee of \$2040 for the period of April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

CARRIED

### **2022 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Conference Registration**

Board Administrator Gatien reviewed the OAPSB conference and AGM for the Board. Board members and members of the Senior Leadership Team traditionally attend. The OAPSB Board of Directors is voted on and appointed at this annual meeting. Vice Chair Caldarelli has served on the BoD previously and will be seeking re-election at the AGM.

(2022-032) PORATTO-MASON – LANDRY-ALTMANN: THAT the Board authorizes Members to attend the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Virtual Spring Conference and AGM Event May 26-27, 2022, and further;

THAT the Board supports Vice Chair Caldarelli's nomination to be re-elected to the OAPSB Board of Directors for the 2022-23 year.

CARRIED

### **Report from the Chief of Police**

Chief Pedersen reviewed updates from the Ministry for the Board.

## **Operational Updates**

### 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Centre

The 9-1-1 ECC received 22,000 phone calls in January. 5000 of those calls were 9-1-1 calls. Many of the calls received are questions or lower priority and can be diverted to Police Community Response Centre (PCRC).

Our communications system is being updated. Communicator staff have gone through training for this change. The transition was to happen in mid-2022, but is being postponed Canada-wide due to manufacturer issues.

### Patrol Operations

Patrol Operations conducted significant focus patrols in January as there were concerns regarding traffic complaints and identified crime trends. A heavy focus was done in the 720 Bruce Street area as a result of the recent homicide there.

Deputy Chief Cunningham reviewed the Rural Response team. This is a small unit, but it has many functions. The team conducted patrols on ATVs and MSVs to patrol snow sports. These patrols were done in conjunction with the STOP program and MNRF. The Rural Response Unit is also tasked as the provincial liaison team and works with protests like the Slow Roll Convoys. Deputy Chief Cunningham advised there is a potential labour dispute upcoming with college staff. The Rural Response Unit will work and liaise with those groups.

### Specialized Operations

The Specialized Operations division continues to work in collaboration with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

The Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT) continues to be a success.

The Service's volunteer programs continue to be on hold. They are auditing the program to see how it will look post-pandemic.

Deputy Chief Cunningham highlighted that courts are still functioning, despite pandemic restrictions.

The property section just conducted its yearly audit and will report on it to the Board next month.

Criminal Investigations

The Major Crime unit continued to investigate the homicide at 720 Bruce Street. The investigation took detectives to London. They worked with the LPS to execute a search warrant and arrest and charge a male suspect.

Major Crime also investigated a sexual assault at the New Sudbury Centre. A 44-year-old man was identified and arrested as the suspect and will appear in court.

Corporate Communications

The Corporate Communications team continues to consistently and actively engage with the community through various campaigns and messaging through traditional and social media. Deputy Chief Cunningham highlighted some of the major campaigns conducted in January, including Festive RIDE, Bell Let’s Talk Day, and Road Rage Prevention.

Of note was the Second Annual Law Enforcement Snowmobile Ride in Support of Special Olympics, which raised \$3500.

**Motion to Meet In Camera, Time – 10:52 a.m.**

(2022-033) CALDARELLI – 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



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Al Sizer, Board Chair



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Matthew Gatien, Board Administrator



