

GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 10 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:

None

Staff:

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

Senior Staff on Hand:

John Somerset, Inspector
John Valtonen, Inspector
Dan Despatie, Inspector
Marc Brunette, Inspector
Kaitlyn Dunn, Corporate Communications Coordinator

Guests:

Tom Gervais, SOLGEN Police Services Advisor

News Media:

Arron Pickard, Sudbury.com
Colleen Romaniuk, Sudbury Star
Jenny Lamothe, Sudbury.com
Molly Frommer, CTV News
Acting Inspector Sandra Dicaire, Strategic Operations
Amanda May, Professional Standards Bureau Assistant
Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Sergeant, Professional Standards Bureau

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

(2022-001) SIZER – 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 – 10:18 a.m.

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

(2022-005) CALDARELLI - BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board minutes of December 8, 2021, be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

Accept Consent and Discussion Agenda

(2022-006) BOIS – SIZER: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board approves and receives the Consent and Discussion Agenda items for the January 19, 2022, meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

Chair Poratto-Mason extended a warm welcome to Deputy Chief Sara Cunningham providing a brief background.

Board Elections

2022 Election for Board Chair and Vice Chair

Board Administrator Gatien conducted the nomination process for the 2022 elections for Board Chair and Vice Chair. Chair Poratto-Mason nominated Member Sizer for the position of Chair, who accepted the nomination. Member Vagnini nominated Member Bois for the position of Chair, who declined the nomination. All members were in favour of Member Sizer serving as Chair for 2022.

Member Bois nominated Vice Chair Caldarelli to serve as Vice Chair again. Vice Chair Caldarelli accepted the nomination. Member Sizer elected Member Poratto-Mason to serve as Vice-Chair. She declined the nomination. All members were in favour of Vice Chair Caldarelli being re-elected and serving as Vice Chair for 2022.

(2022-007) BOIS – VAGNINI: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board elects AL SIZER to the position of Chair for 2022; and further

THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board elects FRANCES CALDARELLI to the position of Vice Chair for 2022.

CARRIED

Presentation – Professional Standards Bureau: Public Trust and Accountability & Risk Management

Acting Inspector Sandra Dicaire gave a presentation on the Professional Standards Bureau for the Board.

A/Insp. Dicaire reviewed the oversight agencies in Ontario that oversee policing, including the OIPRD, OCPC, and the SIU. These agencies provide public inquiry when there are questions about police investigations.

The Professional Standards Bureau is a department of the GSPS. Its mandate is to handle internal misconduct investigations (Chief's complaints), public complaints, and risk management. The department is staffed by two investigators at the rank of sergeant, a civilian administrator, and receives oversight from the Staff Sergeant, Strategic Operations. The unit reports to the Inspector, Strategic Operations/Executive Officer of the Office of the Chief of Police.

Police discipline is legislated and regulated by formal complaints from the OIPRD; criminal allegations involving death, serious injury, and/or sexual assault that are investigated by the SIU; and other misconduct that is investigated by the PSB on direction of the Chief (Chief's complaint).

The Police Services Act has a Code of Conduct for police officers. The following are breaches of that Code of Conduct:

- Code of Conduct
- Discreditable Conduct
- Insubordination
- Neglect of Duty
- Deceit
- Breach of Confidence
- Corrupt Practice
- Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise Of Authority
- Damage to Clothing or Equipment
- Consuming Drugs or Alcohol in a manner prejudicial to duty

A/Insp. Dicaire detailed the process of a PSB investigation, and how they are concluded. Results of a PSB investigation include being referred to a judicial hearing, losing hours, dismissal, and suspension with pay. There is currently no option to suspend without pay under the *PSA*.

A/Insp. Dicaire ended by saying that the PSB balances public trust and accountability with employee right. It serves to provide specific and general deterrence for

unacceptable behaviour. The PSA and sections related to discipline are currently being reviewed with a view to modernization.

Annual Report on Public Complaints

Chief Pedersen reviewed the report for the Board.

(2022-008) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board receive the 2021 Annual Report on Public Complaints pursuant to Section 31(1)(j) of the *Police Services Act* for information.

CARRIED

Delegation of Signing Authority

Chief Pedersen reviewed this report for the Board.

(2022-009) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board receives the 2021 Delegation of Signing Authority, Chief of Police GSPSB Policy – 030, semi-annual report July to December 2021, for information.

CARRIED

Staffing/Deployment Update

Chief Pedersen and CAO Baiden reviewed the staffing and deployment report.

(2022-010) CALDARELLI – BOIS: 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:

Kinna, Scott	December 23 rd 2021	Cadet
Lachance, Candice	December 23 rd 2021	Cadet
Belisle, Jacques	December 23 rd 2021	Cadet
Whalen, Patrick	January 24 th 2022	Special Constable
Kruk, Zenon	January 24 th 2022	Special Constable
Bennett, Tyler	January 24 th 2022	Special Constable

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

Williams, Joseph	Resigned: December 3 rd 2021	Part Time Background Investigator
Bendig, Melissa	Resigned: December 7 th 2021	Temporary Full Time CSP Youth Safety
Hayes, Karen	Retirement: December 23 rd 2021	Full Time Data Entry/CPIC Clerk
Hotson, Stephen	Retirement: January 7 th 2022	Sergeant

CARRIED

Annual Report on Secondary Activities

Chief Pedersen reviewed the report for the Board. There are a number of conditions for secondary activities of officers, including that they cannot take place be while working and they cannot have conflict of interest.

(2022-011) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board receives the 2021 Annual Report on Secondary Activities for information.

CARRIED

Donations Reserve Fund Requests

Chief Pedersen reviewed this report for the Board. Vice Chair Caldarelli commented she is happy that the Board is able to support community organizations as the pandemic is ongoing.

In consideration of the request from the Elgin Street Mission, the Board wished to increase the recommended amount from \$500 to \$1500

(2022-012) BOIS – CALDARELLI: THAT the Board approve the following donations with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$750 in support of My Y is Resilient Campaign

\$1500 in support of the Elgin Street Mission

CARRIED

Board Trust Fund Request

Chief Pedersen reviewed the report for the Board.

(2022-013) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Board approve the following donation with funds drawn from the Board Trust Fund:

\$1,300 in support of Cst. Kyle Chandler to participate as part of Team Northern Ontario at the Canadian Police Curling Association Nationals.

CARRIED

Revised December Donation Motion

At its December Board meeting the Board approved a motion to donate to two Service initiatives, the Tender Hearts Hockey Tournament and the Shopping with Cops Program. After the fact, the Service was advised that the Tender Hearts Hockey Tournament was cancelled; in this regard the funds are no long required. In this regard, the original December motion is rescinded and replaced with the following:

(2022-014) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Board rescind Motion 2021-168 and replace it with the following:

THAT the Board approves the following donations with funds drawn from the Donations Reserve Fund:

\$3,000 in support of the Greater Sudbury Police Service 2021 Shopping with Cops Program

CARRIED

PAO Conference – March 7-8, 2022

Board Administrator Gatien made the Board aware that March 7-8, 2022, has been set as the date for the 2022 PAO Labour Conference. He will forward the conference agenda when it is available.

Report from the Chief

Chief Pedersen introduced Deputy Chief Cunningham for her first update to the Board.

There were a number of memos from the Ministry of the Solicitor General that Chief Pedersen summarized for the Board.

Operational Updates

Patrol Operations

In December Patrol Operations handled 3000 calls, laid 345 charges, and conducting over 150 proactive patrols.

Of note, an older woman had her purse stolen from men who forced their way into her apartment under the guise of selling candles door-to-door. Officers were able to recover the purse and charge men with robbery.

The Search Management Team were able to locate a couple who had not returned on time from a planned camping trip north of Capreol. They were found in their vehicle which had slid off the road.

9-1-1 Emergency Communications Centre

The 9-1-1 ECC handled over 21,000 calls in December, with 4900 being 9-1-1 calls. This number is slightly down from November.

The 9-1-1 ECC is currently working on the NG 9-1-1 transition, a new calls-for-service model, and installation of new Harris Radio consoles.

Criminal Investigations

Major Crimes dealt with a stabbing downtown. After having the victim transported to HSN, officer closed the area off and were able to locate the assailant. The victim was unfortunately pronounced dead on arrival at HSN. The man taken into custody was charged with first degree murder.

In 2021, the Drug Enforcement Unit seized over \$4 million of drugs, \$200,000 cash, and 30 guns. They conducted 26 investigations which resulted in the arrest of 49 people and 218 Criminal Code charges laid.

The Integrated Crime Section's Project Samaritan made a significant arrest as part of phase one of the operation. The Drug Enforcement Unit received information about a non-resident of Sudbury actively selling illicit substances in the West End and downtown area. After obtaining a CDSA search warrant the subject was arrested at 11:48 a.m. on December 8, 2021. DEU members attended 80 Brodie Street to execute the warrant, which resulted in a seizure of drugs, drug paraphernalia and weapons. The total value of the drug seizure was \$179,917. To date, phase one of Project Samaritan has resulted in the arrest of 5 individuals and over \$200,000 of drugs and proceeds of crime and \$10,000 in recovered stolen property. Project Samartian remains ongoing in 2022.02.03

In 2021, the B.E.A.R. unit executed over 35 search warrants, resulting in 530 criminal charges and seized \$175,000 in illicit drugs.

In 2021, the I.C.E. unit conducted 96 Internet child exploitation investigations, 44 search warrants that resulted in 16 individuals arrested, and laid 234 criminal charges related to child exploitation and sex offences.

Specialized Operations

In February the Community Mobilization and Community Engagement Sections executed many community patrols, meetings, and assessments, and conducted 2 MCRRT calls. They also participated in multiple initiatives, including MCRRT In-Service Training, bear delivery to HSN, and distributing sexual assault information packages to post-secondary schools.

The Courts section processed 85 prisoners through the Bail and Weekend WASH Court process at GSPS headquarters and 159 prisoners through the Sudbury District Jail.

Integrated Operations

The Traffic Management unit stopped 3500 vehicles over 10 Festive RIDE days and laid 10 charges. Over 2021, the TMU laid 2205 charges under the Provincial Offences Act.

The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) assisted frontline officers in responding to multiple calls for service, including 3 ICE Unit search warrants and conducting 5 K9 searches, including at the Sudbury District Jail.

Corporate Communications

Corporate Communications conducted a number of campaigns throughout December. Of note, the Moose Hunt Initiative took place on December 1, lead by Cst. Darrell Rivers.

The Service's #ElfOnTheShelf Cst. Nickel joined the Service again for the holiday season and took part in a number of initiatives and holiday messaging.

Member Poratto-Mason thanked Deputy Chief Cunningham for the hard work the Service puts in for the community.

New Business

Board member Bois asks that the Board coordinate a special meeting with the SPB, City Council and SLT to discuss the issue of a new police facility.

Motion to Meet In Camera – 11:31 a.m.

(2022-015) PORATTO-MASON – BOIS: THAT the Board moves back to IN CAMERA to resume discussions.

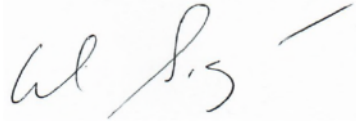
CARRIED

Adjournment: Time 1:05 p.m.

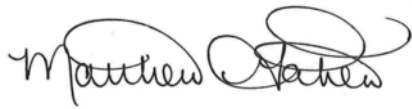
Next meeting Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

(2022-018) PORATTO-MASON – CALDARELLI: THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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Al Sizer, Board Chair

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Matthew Gatien, Board Administrator