

STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 16th day of February 2022, held virtually by Zoom.

PRESENT: Dan Mathieson (Chair), Graham Bunting, Steve Cousins, Tim Doherty, Rosemary Tanner (Vice-chair), Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Inspector Jason Clarke, Constable Rob McMillian (Stratford Police Association), Casey Riehl (Executive Assistant)

MINUTES

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Addition of Agenda Items – Business Arising and New Business

There were no new items added to the Agenda.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Executive Assistant assumed the role of the Chair for the purposes of an election and stated that pursuant to the *Police Services Act*, the Board is required to elect a Chair at its first meeting in each year. The Board chose to vote by a show of hands.

Motion by Steve Cousins | Rosemary Tanner

That Dan Mathieson be nominated as Chair of the Stratford Police Services Board to serve until May 31, 2022 and effective June 1, 2022 Tim Doherty will assume the Chair position for the remainder of 2022.

No further nominations were received.

Dan Mathieson and Tim Doherty agreed to let their names stand.

After a show of hands, Dan Mathieson was elected as Chair of the Stratford Police Services Board to service until May 31, 2022 and effective June 1, 2022 Tim Doherty will assume the chair position for the remainder of 2022.

The Executive Assistant stated that pursuant to the *Police Services Act*, the Board may elect a Vice-chair at its first meeting in each year. The Board chose to elect a Vice-chair by a show of hands.

Motion by Tim Doherty | Steve Cousins
That Rosemary Tanner be nominated as Vice-chair of the Stratford Police Services Board for the year 2022.

No further nominations were received.

Rosemary Tanner agreed to let her name stand.

After a show of hands, Rosemary Tanner was elected as Vice-Chair of the Stratford Police Services Board for the year 2022.

The meeting was turned over to the recently elected Chair, Dan Mathieson.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

5. Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2022

MOTION by Steve Cousins | Rosemary Tanner
That the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2022, be adopted as presented. Carried.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations

None scheduled.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Chief Skinner reported on Item #17, that the Municipality of Perth South has supported the Catch and Release resolution and St. Marys has the resolution on their upcoming CPEC Committee meeting next week for review and possible support through their Council.

8. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – January 2022

Inspector Clarke reviewed the Statistical Reports with the Board for January with respect to Stratford, St. Marys and Perth South and answered questions.

8.1 Stratford

There were 1256 calls for service, 94 e-tickets were issued, 59 warnings, 50 mental health related calls and 40 domestic related occurrences.

Calls have decreased so far in 2022 compared to the same time last year, including mental health related calls. There was an increase in break and enters and auto thefts. There was a spike in break and enters in sheds, cars and homes. There were five auto thefts in January, with all five vehicles eventually being recovered in other jurisdictions. Motor vehicle collisions spiked at 67, which were mainly weather related.

8.2 St Marys

There were 182 calls for service, 18 e-tickets issued, 4 mental health related calls and 4 domestic related occurrences.

Numbers overall have remained quite low. There was a small spike in motor vehicle related calls, with the vast majority of them being weather related.

8.3 Perth South

There were 137 calls for service, 36 e-tickets were issued, 2 mental health related calls, and no domestic related occurrences.

There was an increase in vehicle thefts, with 4 in January. There was one impaired by drugs charge.

MOTION by Graham Bunting | Tim Doherty
That the Monthly Statistic Reports for January 2022 be received. Carried.

9. Approval of Monthly Accounts

The Chief advised that the 2022 City budget, which includes the budget for the Police Services has been approved by Council. They are waiting on the 2021 year-end financial statements, which should also be ready for the March Board meeting.

MOTION by Steve Cousins | Rosemary Tanner
That the monthly accounts for January 2022 be approved. Carried.

10. Body Worn Cameras Update

The Deputy Chief advised there were no new updates at this time, and they are continuing with officer training.

11. Police Association Business

There was no Police Association business to discuss.

12. Public Complaints

The Chief advised that there were three complaint investigations that have been completed and are in the process of being reported back to the OIPRD. All three of the complaint allegations were unsubstantiated. Once the complainants are advised of the outcome of the investigation, they will have the opportunity to request a review of those investigations through the OIPRD. There were no new public complaints received.

13. Correspondence

The Chief reported that he has received correspondence from the City of Ottawa requesting the OPP and other Police Services possibly assist in deploying resources to provide numbers in Ottawa. Stratford is in the process of providing the OPP and the Unified Command Centre in Ottawa of the resources that Stratford would have available, should they require them.

Rosemary Tanner inquired if there was a budget set for Stratford deploying officers to assist in Ottawa? The Chief stated that there will be a reimbursement process and they will keep track of all the expenses incurred and charge it back to the Ottawa Police Service. Any backfill and overtime that Stratford may incur for backfilling positions in Stratford while officers are in Ottawa may fall onto the Stratford budget. The numbers of officers that Stratford could deploy would be relatively small, 2-4 officers.

Tim Doherty inquired if the Chief anticipated officers from Stratford would be deployed based on skillset, or is the offer just as needed. The Chief reported that the OPP did request details on what skillsets the officers that are available would have and they would slot them in where necessary, should any of the officers go. They would be deployed for 7-day periods.

14. Consent Items

MOTION by Graham Bunting | Rosemary Tanner
That on the recommendation of the Chief, Graham Bedwell (Aunt Gail's Taxi) and Bonnie Bieber (City Cab) be approved for a taxi license. Carried.

15. New Business

- 15.1 OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting – March 8, 2022 (virtual)
Information regarding attending the meeting was sent to Board members.
- 15.2 OAPSB Spring Conference & AGM – May 26-27, 2022 (virtual)
Information regarding attending the meeting was sent to Board members.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Steve Cousins | Tim Doherty

That the meeting adjourn to an In Camera session to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals, to reconvene in open session if required. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

"Dan Mathieson"

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Dan Mathieson - Chair