

# STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 27th day of October 2021, held virtually by Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Dan Mathieson (Chair), Graham Bunting, Steve Cousins, Tim Doherty, Rosemary Tanner, Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Inspector Jason Clarke, Inspector Mark Taylor, Constable Rob McMillian (Police Association) and Pat Shantz (Executive Assistant).

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to order

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

### 2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

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

### 3. Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22nd, 2021

**MOTION by** Graham Bunting | Tim Doherty

**That the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22nd, 2021, be adopted as presented. Carried.**

### 4. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations

There were no hearings of deputations or presentations.

### 5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 5.1 Strategic Traffic Management Review

The Chief advised that discussions have taken place with the Community Policing Advisory Councils for St Marys and Perth South regarding traffic related issues which are also issues in Stratford. Strategies have been discussed around electronic monitoring, red light cameras at intersections and photo radar. St Marys has prepared a report and a copy will be made available to the Board.

During discussions, it was agreed that it would be beneficial for all three municipalities to get together to review traffic issues and to brainstorm initiatives that could be put in place to deal with the traffic complaints and the accidents that are happening. A group of staff could meet monthly to review the accidents and create a template so that the relevant information is documented. The group would then report back to each municipality with suggestions for improvement. Representatives from the County and the OPP may also join the group discussions. It is hoped to have a strategic traffic management plan in place.

Graham Bunting feels that something should be done, and he and Rosemary Tanner will work with the Chief and report back to the Board.

6. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – September 2021

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

6.1 Stratford

There were 1576 calls for service, 92 e-tickets were issued, 43 warnings, 50 mental health related calls and 43 domestic related occurrences. There was an increase in mischiefs and vehicle thefts.

6.2 St Marys

There were 273 calls for service, 22 e-tickets were issued, 14 warnings, 18 mental health related calls and 8 domestic related occurrences. Two individuals were involved in 12 of the mental health related calls.

6.3 Perth South

There were 228 calls for service, 95 e-tickets were issued, 18 warnings, 1 mental health related calls and 4 domestic related occurrences.

**MOTION by** Tim Doherty | Graham Bunting

**That the Monthly Statistic Reports for September 2021 be received. Carried.**

7. Approval of Monthly Accounts

The Chief advised that 74% of the budget has been spent as of the end of September. The Chief provided information regarding the accounts that are currently over-spent and answered any questions from the Board.

**MOTION by** Steve Cousins | Rosemary Tanner

**That the monthly accounts for September 2021 be approved. Carried.**

8. Community Equity Action Team (CEAT)

Tim Doherty provided an update regarding CEAT and advised that a monthly meeting was held yesterday. Creedence has conducted interviews and is in the process of notifying the successful applicants who will sit on the Team. Creedence advised that there was a very strong list of applicants.

Tim added that the Steering Committee was not involved in the selection process to increase transparency in the process.

**MOTION by** Tim Doherty | Steve Cousins

**To accept the monthly update regarding CEAT. Carried.**

9. Body Worn Cameras Update

Inspector Taylor provided an update and advised that they continue to go through the process to determine what will be redacted from the videos, what will be disclosed in court and how to get the videos to the courts. Issues from other services have been identified such as eye problems of staff who are continually watching the videos for redacting, however, the process seems to be running smoothly. The program should be up and running service-wide in the new year.

**MOTION by** Steve Cousins | Rosemary Tanner  
**That the body worn camera update be received. Carried.**

10. Police Association Business

There was no Police Association business to discuss.

11. Public Complaints

The Chief advised that two new public complaints have been received through the OIPRD. One has been screened out as not being in the public's best interest to continue due to criminal charges relative to the case before the courts. The second complaint has been assigned for investigation.

Regarding the complaint set out at the Board meeting last month regarding a masking incident, the Chief advised that the investigation has concluded with no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the officers involved.

12. Correspondence

There were no questions from the Board regarding correspondence received.

13. Consent Items

There were no consent items to discuss.

14. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 24th, at 4:30 pm.

16. Adjournment

**Motion by** Graham Bunting | Rosemary Tanner  
**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 5:05 pm.

"Dan Mathieson"

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