

# STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 15th day of November 2023, at the Stratford Rotary Complex - Mansbridge Room, 353 McCarthy Road W., Stratford ON

**PRESENT:** Tim Doherty (Chair), Dave Gaffney, Martin Ritsma, Harjinder Nijjar, Steve Cousins, Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Inspector Mark Taylor, Inspector Jason Clarke, Councillor Rob Edney (St. Marys), Heather Monden, Galen Simmons (Media), Connor Luczka (Media), Casey Riehl (Executive Assistant), Members of the Public

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to order

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

### 2. Adoption of the November 15, 2023 Agenda and Addition of Agenda Items – Business Arising or New Business

**Motion by** Harjinder Nijjar | Dave Gaffney

**THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of November 15, 2023 be adopted as presented with the addition of a taxi license approval and under New Business – OAPSB Annual Membership Fee.**

**Carried.**

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

None declared.

### 4. Adoption of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2023

**Motion by** Dave Gaffney | Martin Ritsma

**THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2023 be adopted as printed.**

**Carried.**

### 5. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations

None noted.

### 6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1 Update on Stratford Police Station – Tim Doherty

Tim Doherty reported that Board members met to discuss the current status and condition of the station and a plan to move forward. Chief Skinner has circulated to the Board the briefing note he prepared for the Ministry.

**Motion by** Dave Gaffney | Steve Cousins

**THAT the Stratford Police Services Board requests that Police Chief Skinner meet with the CAO, City of Stratford, to discuss and bring forward a report regarding the replacement and/or renovation of the Stratford Police Station, which will be located in the downtown core. Following the presentation of the report, the Stratford Police Services Board Chair will contact the Clerk's office to make a request for this item to appear on a future Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session Meeting agenda.**

**Carried.**

## **7. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – October 2023**

Board members received the statistical reports for October 2023. Inspector Clarke reviewed the reports with the Board with respect to Stratford, St. Marys and Perth South and was available for questions.

### **7.1 Stratford**

- (1677) Calls for service.
- (277) Charges laid this month
- There were no hate/bias incidents reported.
- (66) Mental health related occurrences.
- (48) Domestic related occurrences.
- (11) Assault occurrences.
- (9) Drug and (7) impaired by alcohol offences
- (51) Motor vehicle collisions
- Top E-ticket issued was for no currently validated permit (15)
- A RIDE program was conducted this month, with (2) charges laid.

### **7.2 St Marys**

- (227) calls for services
- (64) charges laid this month.
- (8) Mental health related occurrences.
- (9) Domestic related occurrences.
- There were no drug or impaired by alcohol charges laid.
- (12) Motor vehicle collisions
- Top E-tickets issued were for speeding (5) and no currently validated permit (5)
- A RIDE program was conducted this month, with (1) charge laid.

### **7.3 Perth South**

- (160) Calls for services
- (86) Charges laid.
- There were no mental health related calls.
- (3) Domestic related occurrences.
- (8) Motor vehicle collisions
- Top E-ticket issued was for speeding (50)

**Motion by** Steve Cousins | Dave Gaffney

**THAT the Monthly Statistical Reports for October 2023 be received as presented.  
Carried.**

## **8. Approval of Monthly Accounts (October 2023)**

Chief Skinner reviewed the Statement of Operations as of October 31, 2023. The monthly budget is approximately \$1,000,000.00 per month and the Service is averaging \$972,000.00 per month for the first ten months. Depending on the December overtime payout, which can sometimes be a significant number, they are currently looking at a surplus of approximately \$600,000.00.

**MOTION by** Martin Ritsma | Harjinder Nijjar

**That the monthly accounts for October 2023 be approved as presented.  
Carried.**

## **9. Police Association Business**

None noted.

## **10. Public Complaints – Chief Skinner**

Chief Skinner reported that there was one new complaint received in October. There was also one complaint investigated and completed, with both allegations unfounded which have been reported back to the OIPRD and to the complainant. The third complaint is one that had previously been investigated and closed. The complainant was notified and the complainant has not asked for a review of the Chief's decision on the outcome of the complaint from the OIPRD, therefore it has now been closed in totality.

## **11. Correspondence**

All-Chiefs Memo's as received in agenda packages.

Chief Skinner brought to the Board's attention the Risk-Driven Tracking Database 2022 Annual Report. He noted that this is the Situation Table, which is a Provincial program that is in place. The Huron-Perth Situation Table statistics are included in this report. McGregor Austin-Olsen is the Co-Chair along with John Ritz from the City's Social Services Division.

## **12. Consent Items**

12.1 **Motion by** Harjinder Nijjar | Martin Ritsma

**THAT on the recommendation of the Chief of Police, Jeffery Fritch (City Cab), Patrick C. Nelson (Radio Cab) and Justin W. Pautler (City Cab) be approved for a taxi license.**

**Carried.**

### 13. New Business

#### 13.1 Ontario Association of Police Service Boards – Annual Membership Fee

Tim Doherty reported that the annual fee for 2024 is due for the Board's OAPSB membership. The membership fees are based on the number of members on the Service.

**Motion by** Dave Gaffney | Harjinder Nijjar

**THAT the Stratford Police Services Board spends \$3,837.68 for the 2024 Membership Fee with the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards.**

**Carried.**

### 14. Adjournment to In-Camera Meeting

**Motion by** Dave Gaffney | Steve Cousins

**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 to In-Camera at 4:44 p.m.

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Tim Doherty - Chair