

Present: Member Myette
Member O'Connor
Member Matheson
G. Elliott, Secretary

Member Thede
Chief Bellai
Inspector Zettel
Member Buckland

Also on Zoom was Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor with the office of the Solicitor General.

The new Board appointee, Greg Thede, took the oath of Office with Commissioner Melissa McCulloch.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Duane Sprague spoke to the Board about the number of All Chiefs memos as well as surveys sent out recently by the Ministry to Police Services as a result of the current issue involving Covid-19;

He thanked the Board and Chief and staff for completing the surveys and continuing to provide the usual high level of adequate and effective police services in the context of the extra responsibilities related to the current Covid-19 pandemic;

The Chief advised that with the work of Melissa using Niche and the Inspector coding with her they were able to complete it quickly.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 1 – Pat O'Connor/Don Matheson

That the agenda for the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board dated April 15, 2020, be approved.

Disposition – Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared, however the Chairman advised that the members could declare at any time in the meeting.

4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion 2 - Pat O'Connor/Don Matheson

That the minutes of the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board #01-2020, dated February 19, 2020, be approved.

Disposition – Carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil

7. REPORTS

Chief's Report – April 2020

1) **Canine Unit**

The Chief advised that the dog has trained well with his handler Constable Luscombe and has already been busy. The Chief advised that in the fall the dog will return to Toronto for 2 months for training in guns, drugs and currency.

2) **Criminal Investigations/Drug Unit**

The Chief advised that the Unit is very busy and doing excellent work and he will bring some issues to the next meeting.

3) **Business Plan Survey**

The Chief advised that he has presented the Plan at the last couple of meetings and now would like to have final approval so he can put it on the website and also go to print. He noted that the format used – social media and mail out worked very well. The report highlights goals, objectives and measurements from comments.

Motion 3 – Pat O'Connor/Deanna Buckland

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board authorizes the Chief to proceed with the finalization of the Business Plan for 2020-2022.

Disposition – Carried.

4) **Annual Report**

The Chief highlighted the Plan advising it is similar to last year with the addition of a new implemented High Risk Entry Team and would to get it out to the Public.

The Chair noted it was a well documented report and the Board appreciates the work of the Chief and SSPS officers.

It was asked if this report and Business Plan could be printed and available for the public to pick up.

The Chief advised that this would be done.

5) **COVID-19**

The Chief advised that he has kept the Board informed of the precautions he has taken to protect membership and the community and noted that so far 100% compliance (no charges) for Covid-19 related calls for service. He noted the graduated approach appears to be beneficial at this time, however if there are breaches by citizens or businesses, Officers will proceed under the new Provincial/Federal legislation.

6) **Mega Health**

The Chief advised that Lee Horton-Shine has set up a blog for Officers during the Covid-19 outbreak to assist with their mental health/well being and that Officers are aware of this if they require assistance.

7) **New recruit**

The Chief advised that the new recruit has passed all relevant and required background checks for experienced officer recruiting and was requesting approval to hire Brian Lowerison effective June 1.

Motion 4 - Don Matheson/Deanna Buckland

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board authorizes the Chief to hire Brian Lowerison effective June 1, 2020, as 1st Class Constable.

Disposition – Carried

8) **Use of force report 2019**

The Chief advised that the Use of Force instructors reported to the Chief the number of instances where force was used by the members of SSPS and he advised he has no concerns re the use of force.

9) **Narcan/Naloxone report**

The report was prepared by the Inspector as per General Order AI-111SSPS to advise the Chief regarding narcan/naloxone administration.

The report advised that the Saugeen Shores Police administered 2 narcan devices to the public which were successfully administered and 0 to Police Service members.

10) **Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances (CIICC) Annual Report**

The Chief advised the information is submitted by the Inspector and provides information on Regulated Interactions as required by General Order AI-110SSPS.

The report advised there were no instances of Collection of Identifying information in certain circumstances in 2019 and there were no public or Chief's complaints resulting from regulated interactions in 2019.

11) **Mobile Mental Health and Addiction Team (MMHART)**

The Chief advised that the program is on hold because of Covid-19 and hopefully will be implemented later this year.

He advised that the SSPS will have an in house CMHA worker at the station to assist officers with mental health and addiction calls for service and this will improve our response time to mental health calls to assist the vulnerable in our community.

12) **Grey Bruce transfer of care protocol**

The Chief advised this protocol is designed to enhance collaboration between hospitals and the police with the purpose of improving outcome for individuals that have been apprehended by police officers under the Mental Health Act.

8. **ACCOUNTS/STATISTICS**

1) **Police Services Board Statistics – Inspector Zettel**

March 1 – 31, 2020 statistics

RIDE Programs

Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, the Saugeen Shores Police Service had started an initiative to increase the RIDE programs within Saugeen Shores. Members had been requested to complete proactive RIDE programs during their shifts. In 2019, Saugeen Shores completed a total of 47 RIDE programs. From January 2020 – March 15, 2020, Saugeen Shores completed 48 RIDE programs totaling 66 hours worth of RIDE programs. The RIDE programs were halted on March 15th to minimize officer contact. This initiative will continue again when the crisis is over.

Foot Patrols YTD 2020

143 conducted to date.

Mental Health YTD 2020

17 calls to date.

COVID-19 Report

89 direct "Danger COVID-19 calls.

As of April 1st Crime Stoppers are forwarding COVID complaints with 22 calls being received.

Weekly reporting and new tracking codes were implemented on April 11th to more accurately track the COVID-19 related calls.

These reports are to be submitted to the Ministry every Tuesday.

Charge/Occurrence Statistics

Occurrences – January 1 to March 31, 2020 – 2,454

Charges – January 1 to March 31, 2020 - 812

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - Nil

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Duane Sprague advised that the BCT class may get bumped to June. He spoke briefly about the authorization of the Covid-19 notification process that will be done through the Owen Sound Police Service communications centre staff for Saugeen Shore Police Services since Owen Sound dispatches for Saugeen Shores Police Service.

The Chief advised that to date there are no issues and the process appears to be working well.

11. **NEXT MEETING** – May 20, 2020, 4:00 pm. Via Zoom.

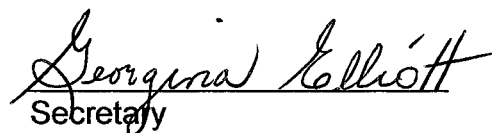
12. **CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

Motion 5 – Greg Thede/Don Matheson

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board meet in Closed to Public session to discuss matters in accordance with By-law 1-2011, Section 21.2 (b) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Disposition – Carried.


Chairman


Secretary