

Saugeen Shores Police Services Board
February 17, 2021, Police Services Board Room

#02-2021

Public Meeting, Pg. 1

Present: Member Myette
Chief Zettel
Member Woodley
Inspector Mighton

Member Thede
Member O'Connor
G. Elliott, Secretary
Member Matheson

Via Zoom Constables Fletcher and Cuillerier and Solicitor General representative Duane Sprague

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 1 – Pat O'Connor/John Woodley

That the agenda for the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board dated February 17, 2021, 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/John Woodley

That the minutes of the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board #01-2021, dated January 27, 2021, be approved.

Disposition - Carried

6. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil

7. REPORTS

Chief's Report – February 2021

1) Thank you – COVID response

The Chief advised a thank you letter was received from a resident of Saugeen Shores expressing appreciation for the respectful service SSPS provides. The resident referenced a recent COVID-19 article in the Shoreline Beacon that detailed the Services response during the stay at home order and how Officers will take the 4 E's approach, treating enforcement as a last resort. The resident was happy to see a progressive approach to policing and the values it instills.

2) Thank you to Cst. Fletcher

Constable Fletcher received a thank you letter from a resident for his commitment to our community. Constable Fletcher was performing traffic

observations when he was approached by the resident reporting a theft. Constable Fletcher took the report of the theft and quickly located and returned the stolen property.

3) **Thank you – snowmobile enforcement**

The Chief advised that the Services received a thank you for the enforcement actions regarding complaints of snow mobiles on unauthorized area of the rail trail. The Chief noted that Officers have stepped up patrol and enforcement in the area after receiving complaints.

4) **Constable Shaidle**

The Chief advised that an e-mail was received from a resident to a Town staff praising and thanking Constable Shaidle for the way he handled a motor vehicle collision. The resident expressed her gratitude as to how Constable Shaidle helped the driver in a bad situation.

5) **Constable Michael Cuillerier - Training**

The Chief advised that Constable Cuillerier attended the Ontario Police College from February 1st to 12th for Criminal Investigations Training. This training is a pre-requisite for most senior courses offered at the Police College.

6) **Detective Constable Laurel Hopkins – Training**

The Chief advised that Detective Constable Laurel Hopkins is currently on course at the Ontario Police College for Investigation Offences Against Children. The course is funded in part by the Human trafficking grant shared among services.

7) **Constable Stacey Gordon – Training**

The Chief advised that Constable Stacey Gordon will be attending training at the Ontario Police College for Human Trafficking Investigations. The course is funded in part by the Human Trafficking grant shared among services.

8) **Retirement – Constable Rose Witteveen**

The Chief advised that Constable Rose Witteveen has officially announced her retirement from the Services effective March 28, 2021.

9) **Support Service 3 (Casual) Contract Position**

The Chief advised that Tracey Shantz has been hired on a 1 year contract (renewable) for the Support Services 3 (casual) Contract position. The Chief advised that Tracey has been employed as a jail guard since December 2018.

Motion 3 – John Woodley/Pat O'Connor

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board grants permission to the Chief to hire Tracey Shantz as part time Support Services 3 contract member.

Disposition – Carried.

10) **Support Services 3 – Contract position**

The Chief advised that Rose Witteveen has accepted a full time 1 year contract position (renewable) as a Support Service 3 member effective March 29, 2021.

Motion 4 – Don Matheson/Pat O'Connor

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board grants permission to the Chief to hire Rose Witteveen as full time Support Services 3 contract member.

This contract will commence on March 29, 2021.

Disposition – Carried.

11) **Experienced Constable position**

The Chief advised he has received 6 applications for the position and is in the process of arranging for interviews. He noted members Don Matheson and John Woodley have offered to assist with the interviews.

12) **Jail Guards contract**

The Chief advised that the jail guards contract has been renewed for 2021.

13) **Car Cleaning**

The Chief advised that he needs to increase car cleaning due to the pandemic and health and safety issues.

He advised the current cleaner has offered to clean vehicles for \$40. per vehicle. The payment will be made through contract services and will alleviate the costs in the car wash wages.

Motion 5 – Greg Thede/Don Matheson

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board grants permission to the Chief to contact Yvonne Campbell to clean each of the uniformed cruisers (5 vehicles) 1 time every 2 months on a rotating schedule at a cost of \$40.00 per vehicle. This will amount to a total cost of \$1,200.00 per year and will be paid from Contract Services Account 01-6220-5900.

Disposition – Carried.

MINISTRY REPORTS

The Chief advised that the following reports have been prepared and submitted:

1) Section 25 Reporting C24- Lawful Justification.

2) Missing Persons Act 2018

The Chief requested the Board to accept the report and direct him to post on the Saugeen Shores Website and submit to the Ministry as required.

Motion 6 – Moved by Pat O'Connor/Don Matheson
That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board accepts the 2020 Missing Persons report and grants permission to Chief Zettel to post the report on the Saugeen Shores Police Services website and forward a copy to the Solicitor General.
Disposition – Carried.

POLICE SERVICE REORTS to the Board

- 1) LE-006 SP-001 ViCLAS/MCM – Annual Report
- 2) January Criminal Investigations./ Drug Unit activity (for next month)

Bank Account

Motion 7 – Greg Thede/Don Matheson
That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board authorizes the dual signatory account of the Saugeen Shores Police Association – Property Funds to be opened at the TD Bank in Port Elgin and directs the Chair and Vice-Chair to sign on behalf of the Board; And further that this motion and attached agreement be forwarded to Mayor, Clerk and Financial Services.
Disposition – Carried.

EVENTS

The Chief advised that Constable Stacey Gordon is initiating a fundraiser for the Canine Unit by selling plush German Shepard police dogs.

Georgian College Partnership

The Chief advised that Instructor MacLauchlan – Lead Faculty of the Police Foundation Program at Georgia College in Owen Sound has reached out to the area police services for support in mentoring students in their final semester of the program. He advised that he put out a request to the Officers and have had Officers offer to participate in this worthwhile program – Sergeant Evans, Sergeant Briggs, Detective Constable Sachs, Detective Constable Hopkins, Constable Witteveen and Constable Schenck.

He advised that these Officers will dedicate 6 – 10 hours over a 5 week period to convene and partake in the membership program.

8. ACCOUNTS/STATISTICS

- 1) **Police Services Board Statistics – January 2021**
Foot Patrols 122
Traffic Enforcement – HTA – 124
Mental Health Act – 57 Threat of suicide – 4
Charge/Occurrence Statistics – 911 occurrences
Charges - 321

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - Nil

10. **NEW BUSINESS** - Nil

1) **COVID restrictions**

The Chief advised that COVID-19 restrictions will be carried out as per the color zone we are in.

The Chief advised that G. W. Signs have offered to make signs for the police vehicles so when someone approaches a vehicle they know they have to wear a mask in order to get close enough to speak to the Officer in the vehicle.

2) **Closed road policy**

The Chair advised he had been contacted by a resident expressing concern on how road closures are handled and people not knowing roads are closed.

The Chair advised him that MTO with jurisdiction over C/L roads are advised by the OPP when they should be closed and then MTO makes the call to have the signs erected re road closure.

Concern was expressed over the various speed limits between Port Elgin and Southampton.

11. **NEXT MEETING** – March 17, 2021, 4:00 pm.

Duane Sprague, Solicitor General office, joined our meeting via zoom.

Duane forwarded this information to me and asked that I include this in my minutes as his presentation to the Board.

1. Compliance and Enforcement

COVID Safety and Enforcement Campaigns -

--- As you are likely aware, multi-ministry enforcement teams led by the Ministry of Labour. Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) are being deployed to businesses to ensure that patrons, employees and employers comply with public health restrictions including proper masking and social distancing requirements.

--- As information on upcoming COVID safety and enforcement campaigns becomes available the Ministry will advise the local Police Services for their awareness.

1-800 COVID-19 Enforcement Support Line

--- As a reminder, the 1-800 COVID-19 Enforcement Support Line (1-866-389-7638) and the Ministry's dedicated email account.

(EssentialWorkplaceSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca) continues to be available to provide guidance to law enforcement personnel in relation to the enforcement of emergency orders under the EMCPA and provincial orders under the ROA.

--- Assistance is available Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am. - 5:30 pm. EST.

2. Use of Force Reports

--- The Solicitor General is exercising her authority through subsection 14.5 (4) of R.R.O. 1990, Reg.926 – Equipment and Use of Force, made under the Police Services Act to require the submission of information from all 2020 use of force reports to the Ministry by February 16, 2021. Please ensure all reports relating to force incidents occurring in 2020 are submitted to the Ministry before this date.

--- These measures are necessary to ensure data integrity and to allow the Ministry to accurately report publicly on use of force information for 2020 and 2021 respectively.

--- For further information please refer to the **All Chiefs Memo 20-0178** sent December 30, 2020.

3. Community Safety and Well-Being Plans

--- As a reminder, the Province has now prescribed a deadline for municipalities to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan, which is now July 1, 2021.

4. Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program

--- You may recall that the Ministry hired Goss Gilroy Inc. to assess and identify improvements to the court security and inmate transportation process and the design of the CSPT Transfer Payment Program.

--- The Ministry is expecting a report from the consultant, along with recommendations by the end of February.

THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING ACT, 2019 (CSPA)

The Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) received Royal Assent on March 26, 2019 as part of the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act 2019, however its recommendation date has not been determined yet. The Ministry is currently working towards an in-force time frame of 2022.

When the CSPA comes into force it will replace the current Police Services Act (1990). Until then, the Police Services Act remains in force.

There are approximately 50-70 matters for regulation that need to be developed in order to bring the CSPA into force. The Ministry hosts regular engagement tables with policing communities and First Nation partners to develop regulations to bring the CSPA into force.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, engagement was temporarily put on hold, but resumed in October 2020. To date, several virtual meetings have been held.

The engagement tables include representation from;

The policing sector that represents front line officers, Chiefs of Police, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Police Service Boards, municipalities and Indigenous policing partners;

The community and social services that represent Indigenous, addictions and mental health, municipalities, legal clinics, civil liberties and anti-racism partners;

and

First Nation Police Services and Police Service Boards. The Ministry also continues with First Nations communities to discuss gaps/challenges and the choices for policing models under the CSPA.

In addition to the regular engagement tables, the Ministry convenes technical tables of regulation-specific issues on an as needed basis to seek technical input into the regulation development from subject matter experts.

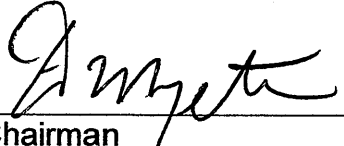
The Ministry also engages the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Table, as appropriate, to provide updates on key regulatory matters. Updates are also provided to Toronto-Ontario Cooperation and Consultation Agreement (TOCCA) on key regulatory matters, where appropriate.

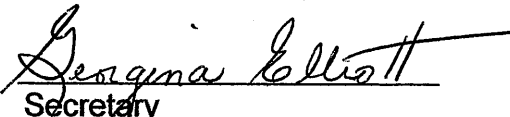
12. CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Motion 9 –Greg Thede/Don Matheson

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board move into 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) labor relations or employee negotiations.

Disposition – Carried.


Chairman


Secretary