

Saugeen Shores Police Services Board
May 19, 2021, Via ZOOM

Present: Chairman Myette
Chief Zettel
Member Woodley
Inspector Mighton

Public – Nancy Wyonch and Andy Crawford

#07-2021
Public Meeting, Pg. 1
Member Thede
Member O'Connor
G. Elliott, Secretary
Member Matheson

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 May 19, 2021, be approved as amended.

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 - Greg Thede/Pat O'Connor

That the minutes of the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board #06-2021, dated April 21, 2021, be approved.

Disposition - Carried

6. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil

7. REPORTS

Chief's Report – May 2021

Personnel

1) Cst. Greg Fletcher – Administrative Constable Position

The Chief advised that Constable Greg Fletcher was the successful candidate for the Support Services Constable position and he will begin this role mid August.

2) 2020 Officer Evaluations

The Chief advised that the 2020 Officer Evaluations have been completed by Supervisors. He advised that the evaluations identify training needs and ensure that the Service can assist members in reaching their career goals and objectives.

Thank you

The Chief advised that a member of the public brought pizza for platoon members on Saturday May 8th to express her gratitude and to acknowledge that police are appreciated.

Jailer – John Genereaus

The Chief advised that jail guard John Genereaus has resigned from the Saugeen Shores Police Service effective May 11th.

The Chief advised that at present there are 5 guards and he will go with that number and monitor and see if he needs to bring the number back to 6.

Medical distress

The Chief advised that on Sunday a person was in distress discovered by a member of the community out for a walk and at the same time an off duty Police officer came along and EMS arrived as well as Police officers on duty. The Police administered naloxone and the patient has recovered.

Personnel Training

1) **Use of Force / bi-annual training**

The chief advised that members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service participated in the bi-annual Use of Force training in partnership with West Grey Police Service.

2) **Senior Officer Training – Ontario Police College**

The Chief advised that all training at the Ontario Police College has been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and courses will be re-scheduled when it can be done safely.

3) **Recruit Training**

The Chief advised that Cadet Cassandra Hahn has successfully completed her basic training at the Police College and began her field training on May 13th as a 4th Class Constable. He noted that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the march past graduation ceremony was canceled.

Ministry Reports

1) **Statistic Canada – Administration Survey**

The Chief advised he has completed the 2020 Administration Survey and submitted it to Statistics Canada as required.

2) **Statistics Canada – Homicide Survey Data**

The Chief advised he has completed the 2020 Statistics Canada Homicide Data Survey and submitted it to Statistics Canada as required.

3) **Provincial Institution – Court Transportation Reconciliation**

The Chief updated the Board advising that under the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program the Ministry allocates funding to municipalities to offset costs associated with both court security and prisoner transportation services to and from courts. The Ministry began this program in 2012.

He advised that until now Saugeen Shores submitted for mileage for prisoner transportation, however since the COVID-19 pandemic, courts in Walkerton have been primarily closed for in person bail hearings and Saugeen Shores have facilitated court through an electronic ZOOM or audio process from the station. This service requires to maintain the prisoner in our custody for prolonged periods of time, costing the Services guard hours, officer time and meals. He noted that this is taxing on resources and budget.

He is asking the Board to pass a resolution requesting him to look into transportation funds.

He advised he has spoken with the Solicitor General office and was informed that they were under the impression that the OPP was completing this service.

The funding application for 2021 has closed however he would like to start getting information ready to make an application for 2022.

The Board congratulated the Chief on his excellent work and discovering this overlooked area of funding and the following motion was passed.

Motion 3 – John Woodley/Pat O'Connor

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board directs the Chief to pursue funding opportunities as they relate to additional costs being incurred by the Police Service for matters relating to Court Security, Prisoner Transport and Prisoner guarding along with additional mileage. Such funding may come from the Solicitor General's Office or other sources of COVID-19 related funding sources.

Disposition – Carried.

Police Service Reports

1) **Annual Reports submitted to the Police Services Board**

- April 2021 – Criminal Investigations/ Drug Unit statistics
- LE—005/LE-016/LE033

2) **2020 Budget/Surplus/Reserves**

The Chair updated the Board on what transpired over the past couple of years re Reserve funding and motions that had been passed.

He advised he has spoken with Treasury and was advised that the Reserve funding and wording is being reviewed for all departments this year.

3) **Rotary Club of Southampton – Benevolence Fund**

The Chief advised he has been working with the Southampton Rotary Club to set up funds for those in need and the following have been established – Benevolence Fund, Backpacks and IPAD/coloring books.

The Benevolence Fund would provide funds for someone in immediate need of food, shelter or basic needs.

Backpacks – to be given to those in need of clothing and hygiene items.

IPAD/colouring books to be given to kids that have to be at the station.

4) **Civil Remedies Grant Program**

The Chief advised that the Civil Remedies grant submission submitted by the Saugeen Shores Police Service (Project Lifesaver Project Cellebrite) were not approved for funding. He advised he has reached out to the Civil Remedies Grant Program coordinators to receive information on the application process to assist him to prepare for future applications.

5) **Policy/Procedure Review**

The Chief advised that the Policy and Procedure review with Dave Preston is almost complete. He advised that Dave is completing the formatting process and the Chief hopes to implement the new procedures by the end of June 2021.

The Chief also advised that Dave is completing a Canine Manual as part of the required support procedure and will be reviewed by Constable Luscombe when completed.

6) **Officer Wellness Inquiry**

The Chief advised he had a meeting with Association President Cuillerier and Vice-President Sachs and they were asking about further support for mental health and counseling sessions if a member spends their full allotment of these services but needs further counseling or support.

The Chief advised he has talked to the Town HR to seek additional supports and has been provided with a network of resources for our members. The HR has advised that the benefit package includes a dollar value for psychiatric/psychologist services which were negotiated as part of the overall package and when this dollar value has been reached the remainder of the costs will be the responsibility of the individual member. She also encouraged members to lobby the government to have continued care covered through OHIP.

The Chief advised that EAP is always available to the members and is accessible 24/7 and he will be providing the Association with a list of additional Mental Health Resources that has been provided by the Town. He noted he will be exploring additional mental health supports in the 2022 budget and will have more information in the upcoming months.

EVENTS

1) **Community Watch**

The Chief advised that a ZOOM with Community Watch was held and participants were pleased to learn more about the program and the Chief noted that he took the opportunity to clear up any misunderstanding surrounding record checks and the participants are excited to get the program running again.

He noted that the program will hopefully be moving forward after the stay at home

order is rescinded under the direction of Constable Stacey Gordon and team leader Joe Sholtes.

2) **Auxiliary Program**

the Chief advised that Sergeant Briggs and Constable Gordon, Inspector Mighton and he will be arranging for interviews on June 8th.

The Chief asked if any member would like to attend. Member Woodley said he would be available and the Chair advised he would check his schedule.

3) **COVID-19 update**

The Chief noted that the Provincial Government implemented a Stay At Home order along with the Provincial Shutdown effective to April 8 and has been extended to June 2.

The Chief advised he has purchased protective goggles with funding through the COVID-19 Town fund.

He advised that police personnel will be eligible to receive their second dose of the vaccine.

The Chief advised that there will be an increased coverage by-law enforcement and Police presence on the beach during the lock down. The funding for these extra hours will be covered by the Town as it was requested by the Town.

8. **ACCOUNTS/STATISTICS**

Police Services Board Statistics – April 2021

Foot Patrols 177

Traffic Enforcement – HTA – 163

Mental Health Act /Threat of suicide – 19

Charge/Occurrence Statistics to April 30 – 3,669 occurrences

Charges – 267

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Nil**

10. **NEW BUSINESS –**

1) **Contract Signing**

The Chair advised the contracts are ready to be signed.

2) **Extended Mental health provisions**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

3) **Prison Transportation**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Chair noted he has been advised that under the Police Services Act that a Board must hold 4 meetings a year.

He advised the new members that last year no meetings were held in July or August and was looking at the same for this year and asked if they would in agreement and the members agreed. The Chair advised that if there was something that needed to be discussed then a meeting would be called.

11. NEXT MEETING – June 16, 2021, 4:00 pm

12. CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Motion 4– Don Matheson/Greg Thede

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.

Motion 5 – John Woodley/Don Matheson

That this meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board reconvene in open session.

Disposition – Carried.

Motion 6 – Pat O'Connor/Greg Thede


That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board make a \$250.00 donation to the Heroes in Life Fund in the name of Constable Kaitlyn Schenck which resolves the call out grievance pertaining to this matter. This will be expensed to the Police Services Board Reserve Fund #01-3023-1000.

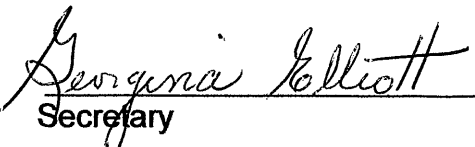
Disposition - Carried

The area talked about was the Town Pond, however before this is done there, the Director of Community Services should be consulted.

Motion 7 – John Woodley/Don Matheson

That this meeting do now adjourn at 5:40 pm


Chairman


Secretary