

Present: Chair O'Connor
Chief Zettel
Inspector Mighton
Tracey Guy, Secretary

Vice Chair Huber
Member Thede
Member Woodley

Regrets: Member Divinski

Members of the Public: Nancy Wyonch

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1630 hours with a Land Acknowledgement and welcomed everyone.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion 1 – Diane Huber/John Woodley

That the Agenda for the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board dated June 14th, 2023, 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. **Closed to Public**

Motion 2 – Greg Thede/John Woodley

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board meet in Closed to Public session to discuss matters in accordance with By-law 1-2011, and the Municipal Act regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) and Collective Agreement negotiations.

Disposition – Carried

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 1729 hours

5. **Delegations**

None.

6. **Adoption of Minutes**

Motion 3 – John Woodley/Greg Thede

That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board #05-2023 dated May 17th, 2023, be approved.

Disposition – Carried

7. **Communications**

None.

8. Reports

Chief's Report

The Chief presented his July Report as follows:

Personnel

1) Officer Spotlight – Constable Kaitlyn Schenck
As highlighted in the Saugeen Shores Police Service 2023-2025 Strategic Plan, Inspector Mighton gave highlights on Constable Kaitlyn Schenck.

2) Cadet Recruitment
As per the approved Police Budget, SSPS will be hiring a new recruit for the fall session at the Ontario Police College. The Chief has reviewed the applications, and invited 6 candidates to attend for preliminary testing and a local focus interview. These interviews are scheduled for June 20th – 22nd 2023.

Personnel Training

1) Law Enforcement Bicycle Association (LEBA)
Members Ian Clark, John Martin, Stefanie Archambault, and Kaley Tienhaara attended the LEBA course hosted by the Owen Sound Police Service from Monday May 29th to Thursday June 1st 2023. Qualified members will now be deployed to bicycle patrol duties when staffing and weather conditions permit. They anticipate providing training for additional members in the fall of 2023. This training provides at least 1 qualified member per platoon.

2) Criminal Investigative Training (CIT) – Constable Travis Wagner
Constable Travis Wagner has completed the Criminal Investigative Training through the Ontario Police College May 29th 2023 through June 9th 2023. The course was hosted by the Sarnia Police Service. The costs of this course will be covered through the Community Safety and Policing Grant – Provincial Funding Stream.

3) Courtroom Testimony Training
The Saugeen Shores Police Service hosted courtroom testimony training that was offered virtually to our members, and members of the surrounding police services. This valuable training was beneficial to all who attended.

4) Hate Crime Investigations – Sergeant Ken Cook
Sergeant Ken Cook attended a Hate Crime Investigations course offered by the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario (CISO) in London from May 29th 2023 to June 2nd 2023. The cost of the course is covered by CISO. Lodging, wages, transportation and meals will be covered by our training budget.

Ministry Reports

1) OPP Interoperability MOU – signed – May 25th 2023

The Chief has reviewed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a protocol governing the establishment and use of a common communication link between police services in an operational situation while considering officer and public safety. The signed MOU has been returned to the OPP and will be communicated with Owen Sound Police dispatch.

Police Service Reports

1) Reports Submitted to the Police Services Board:

- May 2023 Stats Analysis (Hexagon)
- May 2023 CI statistics
- 2022 Annual Report – Draft for Approval

2) Problem Oriented Policing (POP) – Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement
On Tuesday May 9th 2023, members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service, in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and OPP, conducted a Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement in Saugeen Shores. This was a successful event and a great learning opportunity for our members.

3) DEMS – Digital Evidence Management System

Staff continue to work closely with Colleen Gray-McNamee (SOLGEN) and Tanner Desilets (AXON) to procure and enroll in the Digital Evidence Management System for our police service. Plans are prepared to have DEMS implemented by the end of June 2023. This cost was included in the 2023 Operating Budget.

4) Shared Services Memorandum of Understanding with Town of Saugeen Shores

The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the Shared Services between Saugeen Shores Police Board and the Town of Saugeen Shores, was presented in draft form to the Police Services Board (May 17th 2023) and to Council (May 23rd 2023), and a final MOU has been prepared. The Saugeen Shores Police Service (SSPS) uses several Town resources ranging from Human Resources and Information Technology, to building maintenance and snow removal. There has never been an outline of the resources used by the SSPS that documents with clarity the scope of the Town resources being utilized. The MOU is making this arrangement visible, transparent and clear to all involved. In addition to the use of Town resources, the MOU also outlines the process for additional resources to be added to the SSPS and highlights that the Town will be moving to create a Facilities Allocation, Fleet Allocation and Administration Allocation in future budgets to clearly identify the use of Town resources in supporting the SSPS.

Motion 4 – Diane Huber/Greg Thede

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board adopt the proposed Memorandum of Understanding and Implementing procedure, and report back to the Town of Saugeen Shores' CAO with the finalized Agreement. Disposition – Carried

5) 2022 Saugeen Shores Police Service Annual Report

The Chief has prepared the 2022 Saugeen Shores Police Service Annual Report in draft format. He is waiting on a few reports which will be added when received. I have attached the draft report for review and suggestions. When the report is finalized, it will be brought to a future meeting for approval. Upon approval it will be reported to Council and uploaded to our SSPS website.

Events / Committees

1) Thank you - Police Week – SSPS Thursday May 18th 2023 3pm-6pm

The Chief gave a big thank you to everyone who helped plan, attended, and participated in our Police Week event held on May 18th 2023. This year's Provincial theme was "*Building Bridges: Celebrating Police-Community Partnerships*". Police Week provided us with the opportunity to welcome our community partners to our station to promote and educate the public on the great work being done in our community. The event emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration between our police service and community partners, highlighted and celebrated the important role our members play in community safety, and the vital relationships we have with our community members. Cash donations collected by the Rotary Club will benefit our local Special Olympics, and the food donations will benefit our local food banks.

2) Thank you – Southampton Rotary / Martin's Bicycle Shop

The Chief gave a big thank you to the Southampton Rotary Club and Martin's Bicycle Shop for the donation of two Norco e-Bikes. This donation will allow our officers the opportunity to patrol and interact in areas of Saugeen Shores that were not easily accessed in the past. The bicycle patrols began on June 2nd 2023.

3) Grey Bruce Public Health / SSPS – Sharps Partnership

Members of the Grey Bruce Public Health and the Saugeen Shores Police Service have partnered to visit the downtown businesses to educate and provide them with sharps disposal kits and naloxone kits, that can be provided to the public if in need.

4) Cycling Safety Podcast – Cst. Stacey Gordon

Constable Stacey Gordon was invited by the Town Staff to do a podcast about cycling safety. The podcast took place on May 24th 2023 and was used to promote bicycle safety in Saugeen Shores and discuss our new e-bike program.

5) Walk-a-Mile in her Shoes Event

Thank you to Constable John Martin and Aux. Constable Matt Drost who participated in the annual Walk-a-Mile in her shoes event hosted by Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey to raise funds in support of services provided to victims of gender-based and domestic violence.

6) Special Olympics Torch Run

The Special Olympics Torch Run took place on June 14th 2023. Thank you to Cst. John Martin for his help in organizing this event. Members from West Grey Police, Hanover Police, and Owen Sound Police participated in the event to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. The run started in Saugeen Shores – travelled to Hanover, then West Grey, and then finished in Owen Sound with a BBQ Lunch.

Other

1) Station Video System

The tender for the station video system has been awarded to the Owen Sound Police Service. The funding for this project will be coming from the Police Building Reserve fund. If additional funds are required (in excess of the funds in the Police Building Reserve), it will be expensed to 2024 future capital. Work is currently underway to have the video system replaced.

9. **Accounts/Statistics**

Inspector Mighton presented the statistics as follows:

Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Incidents YTD

- There are 159 POP related incidents year to date.
- Bike Patrol officers completed their training and they have now started Patrolling.
- These 159 incidents include all POP Initiatives (Traffic, RIDE, Offender Management, Bike Patrol, Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Community Oriented Response & Engagement, and Beach By-law Enforcement).

By-law Officer Incidents & Municipal By-Law Incidents YTD

- 66 Municipal By-Law Incidents YTD (all investigated by SSPS officers).
- 144 Bylaw Officer Incidents (majority are investigated by Town By-Law staff // All are handled administratively by SSPS staff).
- 14 other incidents had a By-law enforcement component investigated by SSPS officers but were linked under other NICHE incident types (ie. Animal complaint, traffic complaint, Trespass complaints, etc.).

POP7 Beach By-law Enforcement - 01MAY23 – 31MAY23

- Saugeen Shores Police officers patrolled areas of the Beach 43 times

- 6 of these incidents resulted in warnings being given for various offences
- the remainder of the incidents did not report any by-law issues

OPIOID Overdose Update

- Non-Fatal Overdose alert was posted 05JUN23 with 3 non-fatal overdoses being reported within a 48hr time frame
- On 06JUN23, a non-fatal overdose was reported by Saugeen Shores Police
- Saugeen Shores Police provided information to the GB Health Unit to assist them
- An individual was charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Fentanyl) on Saturday, June 3, 2023 – it is not clear if this is related to the overdoses.

10. Unfinished Business

None.

11. Next Meeting

July 26, 2023 at 16:30

12. Adjournment

Motion 5 – Greg Thede/John Woodley

That this meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Service Board do now adjourn at 1831 hours.

Disposition – Carried

Original Signed
Chair

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Secretary