

Present: Chair Charbonneau
Member Buckland
Chief Bellai
Member Wyonch

Member Myette
Member Freiburger
G. Elliott, Secretary
Inspector McCulloch

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 1 – Douglas Freiburger/Deanna Buckland

That the agenda for the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board dated March 19, 2018 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 – Deanna Buckland/Doug Freiburger

That the minutes of the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board #02-2018, dated February 21, 2018, be approved.

Disposition – Carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil

7. REPORTS

Chief's Report - March 19, 2018

1) Special Report - Staffing

The Chief advised he prepared this report to support the hiring of a 4th Class Officer instead of hiring part time Officers. He noted that the Service haven't had Part time Officers for approximately 6 months. He advised that he put out an ad for part time Officers however none met the requirements he was looking for. He noted that this will bring the sworn compliment to 22 Officers. Hiring an additional Officer will help with increased population as outlined in the Corporate Strategic Plan as approved by Council.

Motion 3 – Doug Freiburger/Deanna Buckland

That the Saugeen Shore Police Services Board authorizes the Chief to hire a 4th Class Constable to attend the Ontario Police College in October 2018.

Disposition – Carried.

2) **Police Facility update**

The Chief advised that the Building team continues to meet bi-weekly and is progressing well within the time lines and costing. The Costing Consultant has reviewed the Architect's floor plan and assisted in working with the SMT to stay on track with the cost allowances.

The Chief presented the new preliminary floor plan with the proposed changes incorporated for a better working layout.

3) **Auxiliary Police Report**

This report was prepared by Constable Michael Cuillerier.

In the Report Constable Cuillerier advises that they have two new members bringing the total to 8 members.

He advised that many community events were assisted with the Auxiliary officers – Shop with a Cop, Pumpkinfest, the River Run, Remembrance Day, Cops for Cancer, Stuff a Cruiser, Bike auctions and various parades and long weekend celebrations and also assisted Officer's with holiday R.I.D.E. Programs.

The Auxiliary program contributed a total of 1,316 hours.

4) **OPP's Provincial Liaison Team (PLT)**

The Chief advised he met with representatives of the PLT and will be meeting with Saugeen First Nations and the PLT in the future.

5) **Mental Health Protocol**

The Chief advised he will be meeting next week with OPP from Bruce and Grey counties and Hospital management to discuss a mental health protocol that encompasses both counties.

6) **Drug and Alcohol Strategy**

The Chief advised he attended the Leadership Table meeting on March 2nd. Discussions centered around cannabis education sessions for parents and youth. An update on the integration of local mental health and addiction services was presented.

The Chief advised he will have a seat at the Opioid strategy leadership table and continue with his seat at Cannabis strategy working group table.

7) **Violence Prevention Grey Bruce**

The Chief advised he met with the Co-ordinator to discuss education and awareness relating to Human trafficking strategies.

8) **Police Canine Unit**

The Chief prepared a detailed proposal for a Canine Unit outlining the advantages of implementing this service. He included information from other Services and what they have accomplished using a canine unit.

The Chief presented information on what the costs would be for the first year to implement this service. He suggested these costs could be covered in the Police operating budget or by seeking community donations.

He advised having a canine unit would assist in tracking suspects in thefts from vehicles, robberies and break and enters as well as locating missing persons and in the future utilized for drug and firearms occurrences.

Questions from the Board inquired if this could be covered under the Civil Remedies Grant. The Chief advised no as this grant has been used for a cruiser.

It was noted that the OPP do not charge when we call for their canine unit. The Chief advised timing is the problem as with the last request for assistance it took 2 hours to get the unit here.

The Chair spoke on the reasons for not implementing this service at this time and the Board members agreed with his comments.

- there is a lot of need this year and focus should be on these– new building, new officer and negotiation of contract;
- if assistance is required call OPP for help;
- not best to depend on donations;
- no evidence approving clearance rates.

The Chief was commended and thanked by the Board for his outstanding detailed report and it was suggested that this could be brought back in a future year.

Reporting Requirements

1) **Monthly Statistics – February 2018**

Information e-mailed by Inspector McCulloch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

10. **NEW BUSINESS** - Nil

Member Wyonch advised she attended the Zone meeting with the Chief and was very impressed with the presentation on Human trafficking and the Secretary for the Zone will be forwarding these slides.

11. **NEXT MEETING** – April 23, 4:00 pm, 2018

12. **CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

Motion 4 – Deanna Buckland/Doug Freiburger

That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board meet in Closed to Public session to discuss personnel matters 4:50 pm.

Disposition – Carried.

Chairman

Secretary
Georgina Elliott