



Guelph Police Services Board

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OPEN MEETING

MINUTES – OCTOBER 21, 2021

An Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board was held by teleconference call on October 21, 2021, pursuant to sections 11.4 and 20.7 of Guelph Police Services Board By-Law 136 (2009), on October 21, 2021 commencing at 2:30 p.m.

Present: R. Carter, Chair
R. Curran, Member
P. McSherry, Member
C. Guthrie, Member
C. Billings, Member
C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant
L. LaCelle, Executive Assistant
G. Cobey, Chief of Police
D. Goetz, Deputy Chief of Police
J. Sidlofsky Stoffman, Legal Services
L. Pelton, Finance Manager
J. Robinson, Financial Analyst

Guests: Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor, Ministry of the Solicitor General, Insp. Scott Grover, Insp. Andrew Goody, Insp. David Doxey, S/Sgt. Ben Bair, Sgt. Trevor Byard

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Meeting Called to Order and Territorial Acknowledgment

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. by teleconference call between the attendees and gave Territorial Acknowledgement.

3.0 Declaration of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

4.0 Closed Session Resolutions

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board support St. John Ambulance in the amount of \$500.00 with funds to be paid from the Community Account.

- Carried -

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board support the Cops for Kids Christmas Campaign in the amount of \$1000.00 with funds to be paid from the Community Account.

- Carried -

5.0 Presentations/Delegations

5.1 Guelph Police Service Promotions

The report, Guelph Police Service Promotions, was provided to the Board for information. All promotions were effective September 5, 2021.

- 1) To the rank of Inspector:
 - a. Andrew Goody
 - b. David Doxey

- 2) To the rank of Staff Sergeant:
 - a. Philip Perrins
 - b. Melanie Clark
 - c. Ben Bair

- 3) To the rank of Sergeant:
 - a. Ralph Neumann
 - b. Shawn Dunsmoor
 - c. James Graham
 - d. David Collie
 - e. Scott Charlton
 - f. Ian Smith
 - g. Brandon MacKenzie
 - h. Earl Layne
 - i. Trevor Byard

It is a pleasure for the Chief and the Deputy as well as the Board to recognize those involved in leadership roles and thank them for their service.

Deputy Goetz thanked the new promotees and recognized the long promotional process due to COVID-19 and the hard work and personal sacrifice involved.

The Board congratulated the promotees and wished them all the best in their new positions.

5.2 Homecoming Presentation – Insp. Scott Grover

Insp. Grover provided an update on Homecoming 2021. Insp. Grover and Insp. Doxey oversaw the day.

Planning for Homecoming began in the midst of pandemic in May. It was anticipated that there would be some type of traditional style Homecoming event in Guelph. Staff participated in Town and Gown Committee meetings to develop a Mission and an Operational Plan.

A progressive and measured response to festivities was anticipated.

The Operational Plan was very resources heavy with over 30 additional resources deployed. Some additional operational resources had to be assigned some with managing Chancellors Way.

Insp. Grover shared a timeline of Chancellors Way – approx. 2500 people were on Chancellors Way by 6:32pm. The crowd remained until just after 3:30am.

Nearly 50 charges were laid.

There were 310 calls for service between 10am and 3am (a 50% increase in calls to service from a typical Saturday).

Seven people were transported to hospital for various injuries.

A non University of Guelph student was arrested for shooting fireworks into the crowd.

A civilian vehicle damaged. Unfortunately, it was not possible to identify the perpetrator.

A post analysis has begun to assess best practices and strategies for next year and liaison with other communities with respect to best practices will continue.

Insp. Grover highlighted the outstanding working relationship with Campus Safety and the excellent support that the Guelph Police Service and the University of Guelph give each other during this busy time of year.

The Board extended its appreciation to Guelph Police Service members involved for their hard work and dedication during a difficult time

The Mayor brought forth the following motion for approval:

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board request full reimbursement of the total invoice of policing expenses (estimated to be \$65000) for impacts both on and off campus to ensure the safety of students and citizens during Project Safe Semester and Homecoming and other unsanctioned gatherings connected to the University of Guelph.

AND THAT a funding arrangement be made between the Guelph Police Service and the University of Guelph.

AND THAT a funding arrangement be brought back to the Board before September 2022.

- Carried -

6.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Open Meeting agenda as presented.

- Carried -

The Mayor requested to extract the Community Account report from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda.

Moved by C Guthrie

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board adopt **Part 1 – Consent Agenda**, as amended and identified below.

- Carried -

Part 1 – Consent Agenda

6.1 Approval of Minutes

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Minutes of the Open Meeting held Thursday, September 16, 2021 be approved as presented.

- Carried -

6.2 Headquarters Renovation and Expansion Report

That the Report titled “Police Headquarters Renovation and Expansion Project” and dated Tuesday, October 5, 2021, be received for information.

6.4 Professional Standards Quarterly Report

That the Report titled “Professional Standards Third Quarter Report 2021” and dated Thursday, October 21, 2021, be received for information.

6.5 Use of Force Quarterly Report

That the report titled “Quarterly Use of Force Report – Third Quarter” and dated October 21, 2021 be received for information.

6.6 Board Correspondence Report

That the report titled “Open Meeting – October 21, 2021 Board Correspondence Report” and dated October 21, 2021 be received for information.

Part 2 – Discussion Agenda

The Community Account Quarterly Report was extracted from the Consent Agenda.

6.3 Community Account Quarterly Report

Mayor Guthrie introduced a request to again provide funding to the Guelph Welcoming Streets Initiative for 2022.

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board contribute \$15,000 from the Community Account to support the 2022 Welcoming Streets program and that these funds only be contributed if this initiative continues.

- Carried -

That the Report titled “Community Account Quarterly Report (July 1 – September 30, 2021)” and dated Thursday, October 21, 2021, be received for information.

Moved by **C. Billings**

Seconded by **C. Guthrie**

- Carried -

6.7 2022 – 2025 Operating Budget and Forecast Approval

The 2022-2023 Operating Budget and 2024-2025 Operating Forecast were provided in detail to the Board at the September meeting for consideration. L. Pelton reported that the numbers originally recommended have been reduced by \$405,000. This was achieved through working with City of Guelph staff on opportunities for cost-sharing as well as decreasing the amounts of certain items. This reduction reflects a .79% decrease in the original budget presented.

Chief Cobey noted the importance of striking balance between the safety of the community and being reasonable in asking for community resources.

Moved by R. Curran

Seconded by P. McSherry

WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board is committed to the priorities from the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan and to its responsibility for the provision of adequate and effective policing for the City of Guelph; and

WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board has reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 Operating Budget and 2024-2025 Operating Forecast in consideration of the City of Guelph’s 2022-2025 budget process guideline; and

WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board presented its operating budget to the public on September 16, 2021 and provided an opportunity for feedback; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Guelph Police Services Board approves the Guelph Police Service 2022 and 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$54,249,566 in

2022 and \$57,269,170 in 2023; and
THAT the Guelph Police Services Board receives the Guelph Police Service 2024-2025 Operating Forecast in the amount of \$60,466,536 in 2024 and \$63,322,407 in 2025 for information and planning purposes; and
THAT the Board forwards this information to the City of Guelph Council.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY -

The Board also passed the following motion for the City of Guelph's consideration:

WHEREAS the City of Guelph has implemented multi-year budgeting; and
WHEREAS long-standing provincial grant revenue has been relied upon to ensure the provision of adequate and effective policing services by the Guelph Police Service; and
WHEREAS there is ongoing uncertainty as to whether these provincial grant revenues will continue; and
WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board requires an increase to the Police Operating Contingency reserve to mitigate fluctuations in provincial grant revenues,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Guelph Police Services Board requests that the City of Guelph increase the Police Operating Contingency reserve from 1% to 5% immediately, commencing with the 2021 Budget and any potential surplus; and
That the Board communicate this request to Guelph City Council.

Moved by C. Billings
Seconded by R. Curran
- Carried -

6.8 Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Coby provided an update on the initiatives and activities that Guelph Police Service members were involved in with respect to this year's Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30.

The Guelph Police Service is working on improving training, policies and procedures with respect to Indigenous awareness and equity diversity.

Members of the Board thanked the Chief for the update and recognized that it is excellent that the public now knows how the Guelph Police Service is responding to issues important to the community from a policing point of view.

Chair Carter requested on behalf of the Board that Chief Cobey offer the Board's thanks and congratulations and continuing success on these initiatives.

6.9 New Business – There was no new business reported.

7.0 Information Items

- Next Open Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2:30 p.m., via Teams meeting, Livestreamed on YouTube
- Canadian Institute 12th Annual Law of Policing Conference – November 8-9, 2021.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by C. Billings

Seconded by C. Guthrie

THAT the Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board adjourn as at 4:37 p.m.

- Carried -

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 18th day of November, 2021.

“Robert Carter”

R. Carter, Chair

“Leslie LaCelle”

L. LaCelle, Executive Assistant