



## Guelph Police Services Board

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### Open Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, February 16, 2023; 2:30 p.m.**

**Location: Electronic Meeting**

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**Closed Session: 1:00 p.m.**

**Open Session: 2:30 p.m.**

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| 1.0 | Welcome and Introductions   |             |
| 2.0 | Meeting Called to Order, Territorial Acknowledgment   |             |
| 3.0 | Declarations of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act   | Information |
| 4.0 | Closed Session Resolutions (if any)   | Decision    |
| 5.0 | Presentations/Delegations   |             |
|     | 5.1 Community Response Break Enter Auto Theft Team Update – Insp. Steve Gill  |             |
| 6.0 | Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting, January 19, 2023   | Decision    |
| 7.0 | Approval of Agenda  | Decision    |
|     | <b><u>PART 1 - CONSENT</u></b>  |             |
|     | <i>Items on the Consent Agenda can be approved in one motion. Prior to the motion being voted on, a member of the Board may request that an item be moved to the Discussion Agenda.</i> | Decision    |
| 7.1 | Board Correspondence Report   | Information |
| 7.2 | Canadian Association of Police Governance Membership Renewal for 2023   | Decision    |
| 7.3 | Towing and Storage Contract Award   | Information |
| 7.4 | Community Account Annual Report   | Information |

**PART 2 – DISCUSSION**

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| 7.5 | Chief’s Monthly Report (verbal)  | Information |
| 7.6 | Strategic Plan update  | Information |
| 7.7 | New Business   |             |
| 8.0 | Information Items  |             |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Open Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023, 2:30 p.m., via Teams meeting, Livestreamed on YouTube</li></ul> |             |
| 9.0 | Adjournment  | Decision    |



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### Open Meeting

### Minutes – January 19, 2023

An Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board was held by teleconference call on January 19, 2023, pursuant to sections 11.4 and 20.7 of Guelph Police Services Board By-Law 136 (2009), commencing at 2:30 p.m.

**Present:** P. McSherry, Vice-Chair  
J. Armstrong, Member  
C. Guthrie, Member  
P. Allt, Member  
L. LaCelle, Executive Assistant  
G. Cobey, Chief of Police  
D. Goetz, Deputy Chief of Police  
J. Sidlofsky Stoffman, Legal Counsel  
J. Allsop, Executive Assistant  
S. Purton, Financial Services Manager

#### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair McSherry asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in recognition of OPP Constable Greg Pierzchala who was killed in the line of duty on December 27, 2022, and also in recognition of former Guelph City Council member Bob Bell who passed away unexpectedly on January 17, 2023.

#### 2.0 Meeting Called to Order and Territorial Acknowledgment

Vice-Chair McSherry called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. by teleconference call between the attendees and gave Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 3.0 Declaration of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest – None

#### 4.0 Closed Session Resolutions – None

#### 5.0 Presentations/Delegations – None

#### 6.0 Approval of Agenda

**Moved by** P. Allt

**Seconded by** J. Armstrong

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Open Meeting agenda.

**- CARRIED -**

## **Part 1 – Consent Agenda**

**Moved by** J. Armstrong

**Seconded by** P. Allt

**THAT** the Consent Agenda items be approved.

**- CARRIED -**

### **6.1 Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting, December 15, 2022**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Open Meeting minutes of December 15, 2022.

**- CARRIED -**

### **6.2 Human Resources Report – Member Appointments**

**THAT** Joel Yip Chuck, Bernardus Ptok, Mackenzie Sissing, and Natasha Ward be appointed as full-time members of this Service effective December 21, 2022.

**FURTHER THAT** Andrew Gale be appointed as a temporary member of this Service effective January 11, 2023.

**FURTHER THAT** Danica Lines be appointed as a full-time member of this Service effective January 30, 2023.

**FURTHER THAT** Stephanie McIntyre be appointed as a temporary member of this Service effective February 6, 2023.

### **6.3 Budget Signing Authorities**

**THAT** the reported titled "Budget Signing Authority," and dated January 19, 2023, be received for information.

### **6.4 Acting Chief and Deputy Chief of Police appointment**

**THAT** the report titled "Appointment of Acting Chief and Acting Deputy Chief of Police," and dated January 19, 2023, be received for information.

### **6.5 Professional Standards Q4 Report (2022)**

**THAT** the report titled "Professional Standards Fourth Quarter Report 2022," and dated January 19, 2023, be received for information.

## **6.6 Board Correspondence Report**

**THAT** the report titled "Board Correspondence Report – Open Meeting," and dated January 19, 2023, be received for information.

## **6.7 Microsoft Office M365 Licensing Contract Award**

**THAT** the report titled "Microsoft Office M365 Licensing Contract Award," and dated January 19, 2023, be received for information.

## **6.8 Membership Renewals for 2023**

### **6.8.1 Zone 5 and Ontario Association of Police Services Boards**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board renew its 2023 membership in the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Zone 5 at a cost of \$250.00 to be paid from the tax supported budget.

**FURTHER THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board renew its 2023 membership in the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards at a cost of \$7,162.46 to be paid from the tax supported budget.

## **Part 2 – Discussion Agenda**

### **6.9 Appointment of Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023**

P. McSherry called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Guelph Police Services Board for 2023.

**Moved by** J. Armstrong

**Seconded by** P. Allt

**THAT** Peter McSherry be appointed to the position of Chair of the Guelph Police Services Board for 2023; and

**Moved by** C. Guthrie

**Seconded by** P. Allt

**THAT** Jane Armstrong be appointed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Guelph Police Services Board for 2023.

**- CARRIED -**

### **6.10 Chief's Monthly Report**

- Chief Cobey thanked the Board for the acknowledgement of OPP Constable Greg Pierzchala at the start of the meeting.

- Chief Cobey highlighted that Canada's Police leaders welcome and support the call by the Premiers for change to the bail system and legislation addressing firearms related offences. The common goal is to prevent violent repeat offenders from being released into the community if they have been accused of or previously charged with offences involving firearms. The public and officers have a right to be protected from criminal behaviours of violence and repeat offenders, particularly those charged with firearms related offences. The justice system involves various players – police, prosecutors, judges, and correctional services professionals – and we must all work together to achieve positive change.
- In the coming months, the Board and the community will receive several updates as the data from 2022 is analyzed. For the Board's awareness, in 2022, Members of the Service responded to 77,933 calls, just over 5,000 more calls than last year.
- The Chief highlighted for the Board that in addition to the work that Members do while in uniform, they support the community in countless ways. One of the many initiatives that Members of the Service are involved in is the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington's Adopt a Family program.
  - Since 2005, Members of the Service have raised over \$180,000.00 through various fundraisers.
  - In 2022, the annual Cops & Kids Campaign, a fundraiser for the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington's Adopt a Family program, was able to support 15 families, including 17 adults and 41 children, who were provided with items such as grocery gift cards, practical items, and toys.
  - In addition to thanking Members for their support of the program, the Chief also acknowledged Emma Rogers, CEO, and Joe Migliaccio, Chair of the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington for allowing the Service to be part of this important initiative which has supported so many people over the years.
- Councillor Allt asked Chief Cobey whether the Board will see the call statistics broken down further into various areas. The Chief indicated that this will be part of the annual reporting process.

#### **6.11 New Business – None**

## **7.0 Information Items**

- Next Open Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2023, 2:30 p.m., via Teams meeting, livestreamed on YouTube.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

**Moved by** C. Guthrie

**Seconded by** P. Allt

**THAT** the Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board rise and recess at 3:00 p.m.

**- CARRIED -**

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P. McSherry, Vice-Chair

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L. LaCelle, Executive Assistant



## **Guelph Police Services Board**

### **Open Meeting – February 16, 2023** **Board Correspondence Report**

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#### **Incoming Correspondence**

None to report.

#### **Outgoing Correspondence**

##### **January 25, 2023**

- Congratulatory letters to new hires J. Yip Chuck, B. Ptok, M. Sissing, N. Ward, A. Gale, D. Lines, and S. McIntyre.





## **GUELPH POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

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### **CHAIR'S OFFICE, GUELPH POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**TO:** Chair Peter McSherry and Members of the Guelph Police Services Board

**DATE:** February 16, 2023

**SUBJECT: CAPG Membership Renewal**

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**PREPARED BY:** Leslie LaCelle, Executive Assistant, Guelph Police Services Board

**APPROVED BY:** Peter McSherry, Chair

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board renew its membership for 2023 in the Canadian Association of Police Governance at a cost of \$2,080.00, to be paid from the tax supported budget.

#### **SUMMARY:**

For 2023, the fee for membership with the Canadian Association of Police Governance has increased from \$2,040.00.

**CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN:** n/a

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$2,080.00

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil.



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### **CHAIR'S OFFICE, GUELPH POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**TO:** Chair Peter McSherry and Members of the Guelph Police Services Board

**DATE:** Thursday, February 16, 2023

**SUBJECT: TOWING AND STORAGE CONTRACT AWARD**

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**PREPARED BY:** Sarah Purton, Manager of Financial Services

**APPROVED BY:** Daryl Goetz, Deputy Chief of Police

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

For information.

### **SUMMARY:**

In accordance with the requirements in the *Vehicle Towing and Release Policy* (LE-007), the towing and storage contract with the Guelph Police Services Board requires a vendor to supply towing and storage services to the Guelph Police Service, upon request, twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. Only the successful vendor chosen to contract with the Board (the "towing operator") will be called for seized vehicles by members of the Service.

Allowance is made for an owner/driver of a vehicle to request another towing company other than the towing operator for non-seizure incidents, provided such other towing company can be available in an appropriate amount of time.

The towing operator charges the owner/driver of the vehicle the rates as set out by the towing operator in the tendering process. An administrative fee for each vehicle towed to the towing operator's pound is collected by the towing operator and is thereafter remitted to the Guelph Police Service.

An owner's vehicle may be seized by the Guelph Police Service if it is abandoned or where the driver of the vehicle is unable to drive because of injury or intoxication or in any other circumstance where a Guelph Police Service officer deems the driving of such vehicle to be unsafe.

Furthermore, in accordance with the Guelph Police Services Board *Financial Policy* (BD-01-001), section 6.6 requires that when a competitive procurement process is initiated for a purchase of \$35,000 or greater, the Board is provided with an information report regarding that process.

The purpose of this report is to communicate that a purchasing contract was awarded to vendor Bob's Towing to procure towing and storage services for the Guelph Police Service and City Fleet and By-law departments.

**REPORT:**

A request for tender (RFT) for towing and storage services was issued and closed on January 9, 2023. Two submissions were received and upon review of the submissions the contract was awarded to the sole compliant bidder. This contract provides for the provision of towing and storage services and can be renewed for four additional 1-year terms.

The successful bidder is required to provide proof of appropriate insurance and police background check documentation.

**STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 - 2023:**

Priority 2: Organizational Health and Service Effectiveness - The need to review police resources and how they are deployed to better meet the needs of the community and members.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND/OR RISKS:**

The Guelph Police Service receives a \$35 administrative fee from Bob's Towing for each vehicle that is towed to Bob's Towing pound at the direction of a Guelph Police Service officer. This is included as revenue within the Service's operating budget. The cost of towing and storage services for Guelph Police Service's vehicles is contained within the GPS operating budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.



## GUELPH POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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### OFFICE OF THE GUELPH POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**TO:** Chair Peter McSherry and Members of the Guelph Police Services Board

**DATE:** Thursday, February 16, 2023

**SUBJECT: Community Account Annual Report 2023**

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**PREPARED BY:** Leslie LaCelle, Executive Assistant

**APPROVED BY:** Peter McSherry, Chair

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### RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

### REPORT:

During 2022, the following were community account transactions:

#### Receipts:

Interest	\$ 45.13
Police Auctions	\$ 4,544.10
Found Cash (from Property)	\$ 876.00
Matured GIC	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$ 15,465.23

#### Disbursements:

Community and/or police groups	\$ 10,600.00
Bank service charges	<u>\$ 15.25</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 10,615.25

\$ 15,465.23 was received into the Community Account from Police Auctions, Found Cash from Property, monthly interest accrued on deposited funds and matured GICs.

\$ 10,515.25 was disbursed from the Community Account as a result of financial requests approved by the Board, and bank service charges.

**YEAR END BANK BALANCE:**

As of December 31, 2022, the balance in the Community Account was \$ 59,714.69.

**CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

December 3, 2021 to January 2, 2022 Royal Bank Statement.



Royal Bank of Canada  
 P.O. Box 4047 Terminal A  
 Toronto ON M5W 1L5

# Your RBC personal savings account statement

From December 2, 2022 to January 3, 2023

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 GUELPH POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
 PO BOX 31038 RPO WILLOW W MALL  
 GUELPH ON N1H 8K1



## Summary of your account for this period

RBC Day to Day Savings™

Royal Bank of Canada  
 74 WYNDHAM ST N, GUELPH, ON N1H 4E6

Your opening balance on December 2, 2022	\$60,716.94
Total deposits into your account	+ 0.00
Total withdrawals from your account	- 1,002.25
<b>Your closing balance on January 3, 2023</b>	<b>= \$59,714.69</b>

## Details of your account activity

Date	Description	Withdrawals (\$)	Deposits (\$)	Balance (\$)
	Opening Balance			60,716.94
5 Dec	Cheque - # 110	1,000.00		59,716.94
3 Jan	Paper statement without images fee	2.25		59,714.69
	<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>\$59,714.69</b>

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### **OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**TO:** Chair Peter McSherry and Members of the Guelph Police Services Board

**DATE:** February 16, 2023

**SUBJECT: Strategic Plan Update Report**

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#### **Chief's Update to the Board**

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#### **SUMMARY:**

A summary of the past year's key activities conducted in support of the six (6) priorities identified in the Guelph Police Service's current **Strategic Plan** is provided for the Board's information.

#### **REPORT:**

##### **1. Community Policing**

In 2022, the Community Police Committee created its Mission Statement: "The Guelph Police Service aims to build and foster true collaborative partnerships through engagement that supports a strong relationship of trust between the Guelph Police Service and the community. This will be achieved through innovative, proactive, and responsive community policing for the purpose of having a safe and vibrant city."

2022 brought with it both challenges and opportunities for our service and our community. Our members continued their tireless work in support of our strategic objectives.

We have continued to prioritize our proactive engagements with our citizens. Very significant increases were seen in both our documented community contacts and our proactive patrols. We also introduced a new program to connect with, and learn from, our community. In 2022, our Citizen's Police Academy was launched and delivered to members of the Canadian Arab Women's Association and members of the Arab Women's Society of Guelph. This program consists of an 8-week session in

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which participants learn about our members and our service via presentations from different GPS units. This program has been very well received and has allowed our members to learn many important perspectives from our community members.

We are currently in the process of developing our 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. An important component of this plan will be the inclusion of a strategic plan which focuses specifically on the development of new Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion goals and initiatives. When completed, this plan will provide strategic direction and actionable items to support our work in this important area. Our members look forward to their continued engagement with our many community partners at the Community Planning Table as together we advance important initiatives including the evolution of our Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

In 2022, we engaged Ret. Chief Devon Clunis to support us in the areas of Leadership / Executive Development, Cultural Competency, and Strategic Planning. Mr. Clunis brings a wealth of experience to our service and our community as demonstrated by the following:

- i. Devon served for 29 years with the Winnipeg Police Service, rising to the rank of Chief in 2012, becoming Winnipeg's 17th Chief of Police and the first black Chief of Police in Canadian history. He led a transformative change in policing shifting from a reactive enforcement model to a proactive and holistic community health-centred one;
- ii. Devon's passion to help lead collaborative and transformative change in policing based on a clear understanding of the social and cultural dynamics at play led him to take on the role of Inspector General of Policing in Ontario, the first position of its kind in Canada;
- iii. From October 2020 to January 2022, Devon led the establishment of the Inspectorate of Policing in Ontario. Under his leadership, the Inspectorate developed an operating model that promotes excellence, equity, and public confidence in policing by instituting a comprehensive relational framework as a leading international model in policing oversight; and
- iv. Having established the Inspectorate of Policing, Devon retired again in January 2022 and returned to the international consulting world, working to help build an understanding of the purpose and practices of policing in Canada and the U.S.

In the Fall of 2022, Ret. Chief Clunis was included as a member of the interview panel for our senior officer promotion process.

2022 also saw the deployment of our Body-Worn Camera technology to our members. This was achieved after the completion of our Body-Worn Camera Pilot project in 2021, and serves to further demonstrate our commitment to community trust and the original goals of our body-worn camera program, including:

- i. To build and enhance the mutual trust between police officers and the public they serve; and



- ii. To record, retain and share best evidence with partner agencies (Prosecutors, Centre of Forensic Science, SIU, OIPRD, etc.)

Along with the deployment of body-worn camera technology for all operational members, a new Duty to Report Procedure was introduced to ensure our commitment to the most professional and transparent conduct is enshrined in our procedures and daily practices.

We have continued to deliver enhanced Post-OPC training for our new recruits. This includes training from Immigrant Services Guelph-Wellington, the African Canadian Initiative, and the Guelph Multicultural Festival Chair.

Another significant achievement was the completion of our transition to hybrid-technology for all marked front-line police vehicles. This initiative, which began in 2019, was completed as scheduled in 2022. This transition to hybrid technology demonstrates our commitment to the environment and is aligned with the City of Guelph's goal to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Working with our members and our citizens, our Community Policing Committee developed several new initiatives in 2022. We now have a newly created webpage dedicated to providing easily accessible and comprehensive information in relation to our many Community Policing initiatives. The page contains important information to support our community including:

- i. **Handbook for Strengthening Harmony Between Communities and the GPS** which was created to help Guelph's diverse communities understand the role of police and obtain information on police services; and
- ii. Personal and family safety tips for home and property safety; and
- iii. A request form for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments; and
- iv. A request form to request an officer's attendance at community events.

The Service's commitment to Community engagement was reflected in our organization, facilitation, or participation in numerous community events and proactive engagements with our citizens. This includes our Youth In Policing Initiative, Youth Engagement Program, and our School Safety Program. In addition, in 2022 we were happy to host 19 students from Conestoga College's Advanced Police Studies Program who participated in their practicum placement with our members.

## **2. Organizational Health and Service Effectiveness**

In 2022 we continued the expansion of the supports available to our members. This included work to document and support our members who are involved in critical incidents and work to enhance the GPS website to afford members' families more fulsome access to benefits, resources, and tools. Work on a new Health and Safety Incident Reporting Application was also introduced.

Our Wellness Coordinator was certified in Road to Mental Readiness Training and is now able to provide in-house member training. In addition, Before Operational Stress Training is now available to all members through the auspices of a grant. Third party webinars on wellness topics were organized for our members and a host of in-house member-focused wellness activities, including self-care bingo, photography contest, fitness challenge, and yoga sessions were made available to members throughout the calendar year.

Our Service's first full time Health and Safety Advisor was on boarded in July and immediately initiated a number of support sessions with members including injury prevention stretches and mini talks on health and safety topics. The support now being provided to our Joint Health and Safety Committee is proving invaluable.

Our Safeguarding program (regular psychological assessments for certain positions) was expanded in 2022 and this will continue into the coming calendar year. In addition, wellness orientation was implemented for all new recruits to provide a strong personal wellness foundation as new officers begin their careers.

In 2022, our Service introduced our first Internal Support Network (ISN). The Women's Internal Support Network is a voluntary, member-led self-support network designed to help members who identify as women share information and experiences while providing mentoring and guidance in an effort to ensure all members develop both personally and professionally. This ISN will serve as a resource for members and the GPS by fostering an inclusive workplace aligned with our organizational mission, vision, values, and strategic plan goals.

The alignment of our resources to support our rapidly growing community is essential. One of our key priorities for 2022 was to review our existing patrol zone boundaries to ensure optimal deployment of resources and responsiveness to community needs. Our previous patrol zone structure had not been evaluated in over 20 years and our community has changed a great deal during this period. This important initiative was completed in 2022. In addition to realigning our patrol zones, a new zone was created to better respond to both call volumes and community growth. In 2023, we will expand upon this work with a review of our call management strategy and an examination of new technologies and analytics, as we continue to modernize our service delivery and fully leverage service and community resources.

### **3. Community Wellness**

In keeping with the goal of developing accurate measures to capture the support being provided to those experiencing mental health/wellness related calls for service, the Mobile HealthIM Application was updated. This included increased case management information capabilities for documenting previous interactions with individuals to better support those in need and to assist medical professionals with follow up supports.

In 2022, we continued to develop our prevention and response measures for community wellness issues. This included our Downtown Liaison Officer's direct involvement with our various community partner agencies including: the Community Health Centre; the Poverty Task Force; Stepping Stone; Downtown BIA; Wyndham House; and individual downtown businesses.

Over the past year, we continued to advocate for 24/7 coverage for our Integrated Mobile Police and Crisis Team (IMPACT). Our present IMPACT team is comprised of 7.5 members working at both GPS HQ and CMHA Waterloo Wellington. This important partnership continues to deliver important crisis support services in our community.

### **4. Road Safety**

In May, the Service launched the COPLOGIC Online Reporting tool to receive traffic complaints from citizens including chronic traffic problems and school bus violations. By year's end, 137 reports had been received and processed via this platform.

Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Inspections were carried out with our Waterloo Regional Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Halton Police, and Ministry of Transportation partners on five occasions in 2022. The June inspection in Guelph saw the inspection of 11 trucks, 73% of which were found with defects that required immediate corrective actions. Our traffic Unit also hosted a CMV Information Night specifically for commercial motor vehicle owners and operators.

In 2022, Impaired Operation (alcohol) related arrests totalled 135 and Stunt Driving charges rose to 95.

### **5. Drugs and Property Crime**

#### Drugs

Harm reduction through direct involvement with community partners, including the Wellington Guelph Drug Strategy, continued to be a priority in 2022. The service worked to share vital overdose information with the Public Health Unit in order for Public Health to make informed decisions about community alerts for more potent strains of fentanyl that may be circulating in our community.

2022 saw a significant increase in drug seizures over the previous year. The total value of drugs seized in 2022 increased by over 50% to \$1,129,700.00 consisting of cocaine, methamphetamine and fentanyl with street values of \$721,933.00; \$228,236.00; and \$179,626.00 respectively. Canadian currency in the sum of \$269,857.75 was seized in conjunction with these drug seizures. A total of 329 CDSA charges and 17 *Cannabis Act Charges* were laid in 2022.

### Property Crime

After two years of pilot programs, our Break Enter and Auto Theft Team became a permanent unit within the service in January 2022. This team has had an extremely positive impact on our policing initiatives and has allowed members of the team to focus on the harmful impacts of property crimes in our City.

2022 saw several strings of overnight commercial break and enters. In July, five businesses in north Guelph were targeted by the same individual. In September and October, seven businesses in south Guelph were entered by one individual, and in December, another four businesses in south Guelph were broken into.

In all 16 instances the crimes were committed by individuals who were not from Guelph and had no previous involvement with this Service. However, the dedicated property crime team was able to devote the necessary time and resources to identifying those responsible and charging them accordingly.

Overall, in 2022, our Break Enter and Auto Theft team executed 28 search warrants; arrested and charged 90 individuals; laid 600 charges; and recovered over \$500,000.00 in stolen property.

## **6. Downtown**

2022 saw the continued focus on our Downtown and the refinement of our Downtown Resource Officer Unit. This pilot program was launched in 2020, and after achieving positive results, with the support of our community, this became a permanent unit in 2021 and continued to evolve in 2022. Our Downtown resource officers have worked with our community partners to support our residents, businesses, and visitors to our Downtown.

In 2022, we continued our close working relationship with the Welcoming Streets program and the Guelph Community Health Centre. Members of the Community Health Centre provided training to front line officers as part of our Critical Incident training sessions. Members of the Welcoming Streets Program presented to our front-line members to ensure they had a comprehensive understanding of the work Welcoming Streets does and the supports available to our downtown community members.

Working with community partners, bi-weekly meetings were established with the Welcoming Streets team, the Community Health Centre, our Downtown Resource Officer, and others to ensure we are working together to assist vulnerable persons in our downtown with a focus on connection to community resources and supports. 2022 also saw a very significant increase in the amount of time frontline Patrol and Tactical Unit officers were able to attend and conduct pro-active foot patrols to increase our visible presence in the downtown and thereby increase the feeling of safety for visitors, residents, and business owners in our downtown. We look forward to the continued growth and development of this program in 2023.

**CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN:** N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A