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Guelph Police Services Board

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Open Meeting

Minutes – May 18, 2023

An Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board was held by teleconference call on May 18, 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, Chair
C. Guthrie, Member
P. Allt, Member
L. LaCelle, Executive Assistant
G. Cobey, Chief of Police
D. Goetz, Deputy Chief of Police
S. Gill, Deputy Chief of Police
J. Sidlofsky Stoffman, Legal Counsel
L. Pelton, Finance Manager
J. Allsop, Executive Assistant

Regrets: J. Armstrong, Vice-Chair

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Chair McSherry welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that a moment of silence be observed in recognition of OPP Sgt. Eric Mueller, who lost his life in the line of duty when responding to a disturbance call on May 11, 2023.

2.0 Meeting Called to Order and Territorial Acknowledgment

Chair McSherry called the meeting to order at 2:33 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

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by P. Allt

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board support the Michael House 2023 Golf Tournament in the amount of \$500.00, with funds to be paid from the Community Account.

- CARRIED -

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by P. Allt

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board support the Special Olympics 2023 Torch Run in the amount of \$1,000.00, with funds to be paid from the Community Account.

- CARRIED -

5.0 Presentations/Delegations – None

6.0 Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting, April 20, 2023

Moved by P. Allt

Seconded by C. Guthrie

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Open Meeting minutes of April 20, 2023.

- CARRIED -

7.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by P. Allt

Seconded by C. Guthrie

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

- CARRIED -

Part 1 – Consent Agenda

Moved by P. Allt

Seconded by C. Guthrie

THAT the Consent Agenda items be approved.

- CARRIED -

7.1 Human Resources Report – Member Appointments

THAT Andrew Cooper be appointed as a full-time member of this Service effective May 1, 2023.

7.2 Property and Surplus Goods (Auction) Annual Report

THAT the report titled "Property and Surplus Goods Auction Report," and dated May 18, 2023, be received for information.

7.3 Board Correspondence Report

THAT the report titled "Open Meeting – May 18, 2023 Board Correspondence Report," and dated May 18, be received for information.

7.4 Budget Signing Authority

THAT the report titled "Budget Signing Authority," and dated May 18, 2023, be received for information.

7.5 Budget Calendar Report

THAT the report titled "2024 Budget Calendar" and dated May 18, 2023, be received for information.

Part 2 – Discussion Agenda

7.6 Operating and Capital Budget Q1 Quarterly Variance Report

Chief Cobey indicated that all measurement areas in the report have a green status as of March 2023, which means that all measures are within budget or a surplus is expected.

7.7 Chief's Monthly Report

- On May 7, 2023, members of the Service attended the Ontario Police Memorial Foundation Ceremony of Remembrance at Queen's Park. Members' presence at this important event is a demonstration of commitment to remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and supporting their families. The Chief expressed sincere thanks to Chair McSherry and Vice-Chair Armstrong for attending this event along with members.
- Again, we find ourselves today morning the loss of another dedicated police officer. Today, members of the Service and officers from across Ontario and Canada attended the funeral service for Sgt. Eric Mueller, a 21 year member of the OPP. He was shot and killed while responding to a shots fired call on May 11, 2023.
- Sgt. Mueller is one of 10 police officers who in recent months have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. It is important to honour and remember these dedicated members of our policing family and honour the service and sacrifice that they and their families have made.
- In addition to Sgt. Mueller, Chief Cobey recognized the following officers who have recently lost their lives:
 - Cst. Harvinder Singh Dhami, RCMP
 - Sgt. Maureen Breau, Quebec Provincial Police
 - Cst. Travis Jordan, Edmonton Police Service

- Cst. Brett Ryan, Edmonton Police Service
 - Cst. Greg Pierzchala, OPP
 - Cst. Shaelyn Yann, RCMP
 - Cst. Devon Northrup, South Simcoe Police Service
 - Cst. Morgan Russell, South Simcoe Police Service
 - Cst. Andrew Hong, Toronto Police Service
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- Chair McSherry thanked Chief Cobey for his comments and for humanizing the individuals who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.
 - On Saturday, May 13, 2023, the Guelph Police Service Open House was hosted as part of Police Week. This event was an excellent opportunity to meet and chat with the citizens of Guelph.
 - The Chief provided an update on the Supplemental Staffing Initiative to Support the Downtown which has been in place since April. The Chief provided the following statistics on the initiative:
 - In April this year alone, there were 130 proactive dedicated patrols in the downtown, an 88% increase over the same period last year.
 - In the first two weeks of May this year, there were 85 documented proactive patrols, a 254% increase from the same two week period last year.
 - In the last three weeks, there has only been one day where the Downtown Resource Officer or supplemental officers weren't in the downtown.
 - The Chief reported that in addition to the metrics, in the last several weeks, there have been many kind calls, emails, and observations on how much people appreciate the presence in the downtown.
 - This initiative has been very well received.
 - A survey is being developed and will be launched for citizens in the downtown as well as businesses in order to obtain metrics as far as how the community is feeling in relation to the initiative.
 - There are many days now where two to four people are dedicated just in the downtown.

- C. Guthrie commented that in his role as Mayor, he has received many comments from people and businesses in the downtown who are thrilled to see the proactive response of officers.
- Chief Cobey updated the Board regarding the KPMB Staffing and Service delivery review which was discussed at the April, 2023 Board meeting. Strategies and initiatives are being developed based on the results of that review, and staff will begin bringing those to the Board at the June, 2023 meeting.

7.8 New Business – None

8.0 Information Items

- Next Open Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2023, 2:30 p.m., via Teams meeting, livestreamed on YouTube.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by P. Allt

THAT the Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board rise and recess at 2:50 p.m.

- CARRIED -

"Peter McSherry"

P. McSherry, Vice-Chair

"Leslie LaCelle"

L. LaCelle, Executive Assistant