



Police Services Board Meeting

Constable Colin McGregor Building

February 24, 2021

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

D. Reith	Chair
S. Birkby	Vice Chair
D. Warden	Member
J. Herbert	Member
J. Preston	Member

OFFICIALS:

C. Herridge	Chief of Police
M. Roskamp	Deputy Chief
T. Terpstra	Executive Administrator

GUESTS:

H. Zehr	Inspector	S. Barnes	Inspector
M. Buttinger	Sergeant	J. Palliser	Sergeant
M. Lobsinger	Constable	C. Howey	Constable
B. Shaw	Constable		
T. Calvert	Corporate Communications Coordinator		
Joe Couto	OACP		
Glenn DeCaire	OACP		

MEDIA:

None.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Chair Reith recognized 2020 Board Chair D. Warden and Board Vice Chair J. Herbert for their dedication to the St. Thomas Police Service.

CHIEF COMMENDATIONS – 2020

Chief Herridge presented Sergeant M. Buttinger, Constable M. Lobsinger, Constable B. Shaw and Constable C. Howey with a Chief Commendation for their role and involvement in an incident that occurred in 2020.

Constable J. Giesbrecht was recognized for his involvement in this incident. Constable Giesbrecht will be recognized at the March 2021 Police Services Board meeting.

Congratulations!

EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDALS

Constable C. Arnott was recognized for his 30 Year Exemplary Service Medal and will be presented his medal at a later time. Congratulations Constable Arnott!

OACP/OMROM Catherine Martin Award of Excellence in Media Relations

G. DeCaire and J. Couto from OACP joined the Board meeting via Zoom to present Tanya Calvert, Corporate Communications Coordinator with the OACP/OMROM Catherine Martin Award of Excellence in Media Relations. Congratulations Tanya!

NEW HIRES

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: Nicolas Armstrong is hired as a Cadet effective February 16, 2021.

Carried.

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: Lizzie Bell is hired as a Special Constable Supervisor effective March 8, 2021.

Carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The Police Services Board approve the re-appointment of Special Constable Maggie Mott and approve that the Board Chair sign of the Special Constable Approval Form provided by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Carried.

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The Police Services Board approve the Special Constable Appointment of Lizzie Bell and approve that the Board Chair sign of the Special Constable Approval Form provided by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Carried.

MINUTES

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held January 27, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

REPORTS

Revenues & Expenditures

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The printout of revenues and expenditures ending December 31, 2020 be accepted.

Carried.

2020 COVID EXPENSES

Moved By: Scott Birkby

Seconded By: David Warden

THAT: The 2020 COVID Expense Report be accepted.

Carried.

St. Thomas Police Services Board – By-Law 1-2021

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The Police Services Board approve the St. Thomas Police Services Board By-Law 1-2021 as presented.

Carried.

Body Worn Camera & Digital Evidence – Pilot Report

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The Body Worn Camera and Digital Evidence Pilot Project report be received.

Carried.

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Jim Herbert

THAT: The Police Services Board approve entering into a 10 year contract with Axon to purchase Body Worn Cameras, Digital Evidence Management and Tasers pending an agreed cost agreement with Axon and that the payment plan be discussed with City Treasury.

Carried.

The Board thanked Inspector Zehr and Inspector Barnes for their excellent work on the Body Worn Cameras and Digital Evidence Management pilot and report. This initiative highlights the progressive nature of the St. Thomas Police Service.

Chief Herridge provided an update on the Body Worn Camera / Digital Evidence Management and Taser initiative.

The Board suggested creating a tracking mechanism to highlight the benefits of the Body Worn Camera's moving forward and all benefits are realized.

Chief will coordinate a media update to the public.

Annual Report – Form 7 – Missing Persons

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The Annual Report – Form 7 Missing Person's be received.

Carried.

Protective Services Report – February 2021

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The Protective Services Report for February 2021 be received.

Carried.

2020 Annual Stats

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: The 2020 Annual Stats report be received.

Carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Moved By: Joe Preston

Seconded By: Jim Herbert

THAT: The Police Services Board receive and file the following communication items:

- Ministry Organizational Changes

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2021 United Way – Sleepless in Our City

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: The Police Services Board donate \$300.00 to the 2021 United Way – Sleepless in Our City event (St. Thomas, Ontario).

Carried.

2021 Polar Plunge

Moved By: David Warden

Seconded By: Jim Herbert

THAT: The Police Services Board donate \$500.00 to the 2021 Polar Bear Plunge.

Carried.

MOVE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By: Jim Herbert

Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: We move to the Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By: Joe Preston

Seconded By: Jim Herbert

THAT: We adopt the actions of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

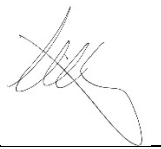
ADJOURNMENT

Moved By:

Seconded By:

THAT: We do now adjourn 10:02 a.m.

Carried.



Dan Reith
Police Services Board Chair