

Board Members Present:

Mayor George Peary, Chair
Jon Eaton
Debbie Lehmann
Mike McWhinney
Bruce Nicholson
Sukh Sidhu

Present:

CC Bob Rich
DCC Rick Lucy
Shelley Bursill, Manager Finance & Budget
Michelle Brown, Finance Analyst
Donna Clark, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Karen Matty

The meeting was called to order at 12:10pm.

ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved: B. Nicholson

Second: S. Sidhu

CARRIED

ITEM 2.A: ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes of the Open meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board held on October 18, 2011 be adopted.

Moved: J. Eaton

Second: D. Lehmann

CARRIED

ITEM 2.B: BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None raised.

ITEM 3: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None raised.

ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS

4.A. Presentation – Mental Health Intervention Unit

Cst. Buchanan briefed the Board on the activities of the Mental Health Intervention Unit which was established one year ago. She noted that the first few months of the newly formed MHIU were spent working on identifying community resources and key contacts. On January 31st of this year we signed an MOU with the Fraser Health Authority to work in partnership with them. Cst. Buchanan also identified the individuals in greatest need within the community that consume a high level of police and other agencies resources. The objectives of the MHIU were reviewed along with the proactive outreach model. Cst. Buchanan takes part in an Abbotsford Integrated Meeting (AIM) that occurs every other month with the various organizations and

representatives to discuss issues, develop action plans, learn of new referrals, etc. She reviewed the APD training for all front line patrol members in regard to the *Mental Health Act* and the enhanced crisis intervention training provided to six patrol members. She reviewed the Mental Health Occurrence Report that documents wait times at ARH as well as signs and symptoms an individual is displaying which provides a background for future interactions for police to respond appropriately and the tracking of call types. The successes were reviewed along with what has changed since the MHIU was established, noting that the average wait times at ARH had decreased from 2.5/3 hours to 1 hour and 26 minutes.

PBM McWhinney asked if there was an obvious deficiency in the system and Cst. Buchanan noted that there appears to be a deficiency in the area of detox facilities for substance abuse.

PBM Nicholson suggested that a cost breakdown be developed to illustrate savings (i.e. if wait times decrease how much is saved). Management agreed to look at developing a financial estimate.

PBM Lehmann noted that she went on an APD ride-along in the summer and was impressed with how officers respond to calls, especially of this nature.

A suggestion was made to have the Police Board meet with the Health Authority in the future to discuss issues related to mental health intervention.

Motion: THAT the Mental Health Intervention Unit presentation be received.

Moved: D. Lehmann **Second:** B. Nicholson **CARRIED**

4.B. Chief's Report

C/Cst. Rich reported on the Remembrance Day event, noting that approximately 40 APD members were in attendance.

C/Cst. Rich updated the Board on the November launch of the Abbotsford Police Marihuana Enforcement Project, a pilot case study through the Provincial Marihuana Grow Op initiative and a renewed effort by the department to combat grow ops in Abbotsford. He discussed the initiatives of the Provincial MGO working group, noting that he believes a more robust regulatory scheme is required to reduce grow ops in the province as police investigations are not enough to tip the balance and dramatically reduce grow ops. He reminded the Board that grow ops provide the easy money that has allowed gangs to flourish in BC.

D/C/Cst. Lucy commented on the recently signed MOU between the City of Windhoek Police and the APD and the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Windhoek and the City of Abbotsford.

Motion: THAT the Chief's Report be accepted.

Moved: S. Sidhu **Second:** M. McWhinney **CARRIED**

4.C. Statistical Data – Period 11

D/C/Cst. Lucy reviewed the CompStat report for Period 11. Some of the successes for the period were:

- 6% YTD reduction in Criminal Code Offences
- 11% YTD reduction in Crimes against persons
- 6% YTD reduction in total Crimes Against Property
- It was a good period on the traffic side with increased enforcement and no fatalities.

Some of the challenges for the period were:

- 4% YTD increase in violent crimes
- Although Robberies over the last two periods are at a high level, YTD is down 7%; the robbery situation is being actively worked on with some successes in place. A robbery prevention & education seminar was recently held with small business with approximately 40 people in attendance.
- Residential B&E is up over period 10
- Theft of and from Motor Vehicle is up over period 10. D/C/Cst. Lucy commented that the APD is rolling out license plate recognition software which should help to combat theft of motor vehicles.

Motion: THAT the CompStat Report for Period 11 be received.

Moved: D. Lehmann **Second:** B. Nicholson **CARRIED**

4.D. Financial Report – October 2011 Statements

The October 2011 Financial Statements were reviewed, a copy of which is filed with the records for this meeting.

Motion: THAT the October 2011 Financial Statements be approved.

Moved: J. Eaton **Second:** M. McWhinney **CARRIED**

4.E. Abbotsford Police Board

i) Update on Abbotsford Police Board Strategic Plan

PBM McWhinney reviewed the minor changes to the Strategic Plan document that were made at the November 9th informal meeting of the Board. Following discussion, some minor edits were made and it was agreed that the new version is approved and will now be placed on the APD website, replacing the current version.

Motion: THAT the revised Abbotsford Police Board Strategic Plan: 2012-2016 be approved.

Moved: M. McWhinney **Seconded:** S. Sidhu **CARRIED**

ii) *Updated Sub-Committee structure & membership*

Motion: THAT the review of the Sub-Committee structure & membership be deferred to the January 17, 2012 meeting.

Moved: B. Nicholson **Seconded:** S. Sidhu **CARRIED**

iii) *December Board meeting* – There is no meeting required at this time.

iv) *Upcoming events* – The list of upcoming events was reviewed.

4.F. BC Association of Police Board

PBM Eaton reported that there were no matters to review and the next meeting of the BCAPB Executive is December 9th.

4.G. Correspondence

i) New Executive Director of Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce.

Motion: THAT item i) be received as information.

Moved: S. Sidhu **Second:** M. McWhinney **CARRIED**

Questions/Comments from the Public

Tony DeWaal expressed his appreciation to Mayor Peary and thanked him for his significant contributions to Abbotsford.

Chief Rich thanked Mayor Peary for his contribution and support to the APD and the Abbotsford Community.

Jon Eaton commented on many efforts that the Police Board participated in and thanked Mayor Peary for his contributions and leadership.

An unnamed citizens commented on the work being done in regard to Mental Health and questioned what she can do as a citizen to help in the area of health care services. Mayor Peary suggested that she continue to be advocate for positive change in this area and that she contact Mayor-elect in the New Year to discuss this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the Regular meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board be adjourned.

Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board
Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 12:00 pm
City Hall, Room 530 Boardroom, 32315 South Fraser Way

Moved: D. Lehmann

Second: J. Eaton

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned: 1:21pm

Certified Correct:

"Original Signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Clark