

March 22, 2016

City Hall, Room 530 Boardroom 32315 South Fraser Way

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Mike McWhinney
Yvon Dandurand
Barb Schimnowsky
Sukh Sidhu

MANAGEMENT PRESENT

Chief Constable Bob Rich
Deputy Chief Constable Dave Schmirler – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Mike Serr – Administration
Sgt. Judy Dizey (Public Media Officer)
Cst. Angela Scott (Mental Health Officer)
Sgt. Kelly Joiner
Cst. Rob Joiner

REGRETS:

Karen Matty
Aman Gill

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 1204pm.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

MOTION: *That the Agenda for the Open Meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board be approved.*

Moved: Sukh Sidhu | **Seconded:** Yvon Dandurand | **CARRIED**

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of previous meeting – February 23, 2016
- b. Financial Statement – January 2016
- c. Financial Statements – February 2016
- d. Operational Crime Overview – Period 2
- e. Policy Amendment
 - II.A.020 Barricaded Persons (To be repealed)
 - II.A.030 Hostages (Amended)
- f. Policy Amendment
 - I.C.010 Commendations (Amended)
- g. Policy Amendment
 - I.F.045 Information Security (New)
 - I.F.066 Computer, Internet and Email Usage (Amended)
 - I.F.066 Computer Access (To be repealed)
- h. Upcoming Events
- i. BCAPB Conference Sponsorship
- j. Abbotsford Police Board Bursary Award for 2016

MOTION: *That the Consent Agenda be approved.*

Moved: Mike McWhinney | **Seconded:** Yvon Dandurand | **CARRIED**

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3. Paul N. Tinsley Scholarship for 2015

Chief Rich reviewed the Paul N Tinsley Scholarship which serves as a legacy to former Deputy Chief Constable Paul Tinsley, and is awarded annually to recognize an outstanding member or member(s) of the Abbotsford Police Department pursuing a post-secondary education while serving the Department with distinction. Paul Tinsley was a former officer and Deputy Chief with the Abbotsford Police Department who died of cancer in 2005. After his retirement from policing in 2004, he became a full-time faculty member in the department of criminology and criminal justice at University of the Fraser Valley.

Sergeant Kelly Joiner and Constable Kevin Murray are the 2015 scholarship recipients. Cst. Murray's was not able to join today's meeting to receive his award. His background was reviewed.

Chief Rich reviewed the background of Sgt. Joiner and her policing career. Sgt. Joiner began her Masters studies in Leadership at Royal Roads University in 2015 and she is excited to bring her newfound knowledge and apply it within APD for the benefit of the organization, employees and community.

4. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

5. Presentation – Assertive Community Treatment

Cst. Angela Scott presented on the Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACT) that was established May 2015. ACT is guided by the BC Ministry of Health Act and is based on a client-centered, recovery-oriented service delivery model. ACT is for clients who are the most seriously addicted and mentally ill who have not benefited from traditional outpatient programs. The ACT fundamentals are designed to accommodate a caseload of 80 -100 clients and provide multi-disciplinary mental health treatment team with a 'housing first' approach. The goals of ACT are to reduce client hospitalizations, client contacts with police and the criminal justice system, increase housing stability, engage patients in treatment, and improve social living skills.

6. Chief's Report

Chief reported on the ongoing East Fraser Valley property crime initiative with Abbotsford, Mission, and Abbotsford. A meeting held with Crown, Corrections and the three departments to review the joint efforts that will start April 1st by the three policing agencies to address prolific property offenders.

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Deputy Mike Serr reported on the Special Olympics BC ("SOBC") Polar Plunge that he, Chief Rich, and HR Director Patricia Coldrey-Lo participated in on Saturday, March 5th at Kitsilano Beach. The APD raised \$1800 for SOBC.

Chief Rich reported on the APD's involvement in the PTSD Walk/Run in Abbotsford on Sunday, March 6. The event was to help raise awareness for PTSD.

7. BCAPB

At the last BCAPB meeting there was discussion that the JIBC is reviewing the Police Academy recruitment fees for municipal police recruits and that there is discussion about the Assessment Centre.

A memo regarding the IIO will be circulated.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Yvon Dandurand asked a question about the measures that are in place to ensure that all officers understand new or amended policies. Deputy Schmirler reported that all approved policies are posted to the Department's intranet site and available through a search function. The policies are also distributed by email to all staff and the NCO is asked to review it with their work groups. The more impactful policies are distributed through our SharePoint system and a mandatory "read/review" task is attached. It is trackable right down to the individual member. We don't send out all policies as the system can easily overwhelm staff. It has been recently requested that a portion of our mandatory training day(s) be set aside for policy updates.

Yvon Dandurand asked a question about the current resources for hostage negotiations available within the APD and whether these resources are sufficient. Deputy Schmirler reported that the Department's in house hostage negotiator program is more commonly referred to as the Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT) and it has five current members with the addition of two newly trained members. This is probably below spec to have dependable coverage 24/7. Major incidents require four CNT members and at a minimum low level events require two. Our CNT leader is looking at other options. The positive part is that CNT members are all trained to the same standards and we have good relationships with both the RCMP and VPD so that they can supplement our needs as required.

Barb Schimnowsky discussed the Strategic Plan process noting that she is in discussion with two consultants and hopes to have a proposal shortly.

9. Questions from the public relating to today's Agenda

None

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That the Open meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board be adjourned.*

Moved: A. Gill | **Seconded:** M. McWhinney | **CARRIED**

Meeting Adjourned: 1315

“Original signed”

Chair – Henry Braun

Certified Correct:

“Original signed”

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey