

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sukh Sidhu, Acting Chair
Aman Gill
Yvon Dandurand
Barb Schimnowsky
Mark Warkentin
Mike Welte

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Chief Constable Bob Rich
Deputy Chief Constable Dave Schmirler – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Mike Serr – Administration
Sgt. Judy Bird (Acting Public Media Officer)
Sgt. Vic Gamboa
Randy Millard, Director of Finance
Graham Howard

REGRETS:

Mayor Henry Braun

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 1203pm.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

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

Moved: Y. Dandurand | **Seconded:** M. Welte | **CARRIED**

2. Delegation – Traffic Enforcement

Mr. Graham Howard made a presentation regarding his concerns related to traffic and traffic enforcement on Downes Road. Mr. Howard posed the following four questions and requested a response within 30 days:

1. What is the APD's traffic reduction plan?
2. What is the APD's plan to get impaired drivers off the road?
3. What is the APD's plan to make road safer for traveling public?
4. What is the APD doing to return the appropriate number of traffic officers back to traffic section?

The Board requested Management to prepare a response for consideration.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - March 28, 2017
- b. Financial Statements - March 2017
- c. Operational Crime Overview - Period 4
- d. Policy - I.G.060 Department Vehicles - AMENDMENT
- e. Upcoming Events

MOTION: *That the Consent Agenda be approved.*

Moved: Y. Dandurand | **Seconded:** A. Gill | **CARRIED**

4. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

5. Presentation – Uniform Gang Initiative

Sgt. Vic Gamboa presented a brief history of current gang conflict. He reviewed the background of the two opposing groups in the conflict and the timeline of events. The lower mainland gang conflict associates residing in Abbotsford were shown using a map of the city along with where the incidents have occurred from 2015 - 2017. The various suppression initiatives were reviewed:

- Street checks
- Curfew checks
- Bar / Restaurant checks – Bar Watch
- Gym checks
- Home visits
- Youth gang intervention
- Target area patrols
- Arrests
- Intelligence Covert Asset management

The results for the period February 8 to April 18, 2017 were reviewed.

6. Correspondence – E-Comm Board of Directors Designate – 2017-2018 Term

MOTION: That the Abbotsford Police Board (APB) nominate Jack McGee, subject to his agreement, to represent the APB on the E-Comm Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 term, such Board to be appointed by E-Comm shareholders at the June 22, 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: B. Schimnowsky | **Seconded:** M. Welte | **CARRIED**

7. Chief's Report

Deputy Serr reported on the Abbotsford Parent's Fentanyl Forum from April 19th. The Forum was designed as an informational session for parents and youth to assist in prevention and awareness.

Action: Meet with Fraser Health Board Chair to discuss response to Fentanyl crisis. (Chief)

Deputy Serr spoke about the overdose stats, noting that there were 332 in 2013, 366 in 2014, increasing to 931 in 2016 and YTD 2017 347. In Abbotsford YTD there have been 14 overdoses, ranking 5th by all cities in BC.

Deputy Schmirler reported on the Alexa Team Awards. The focus of the Alexa Team is to keep communities safe by removing drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs from the roads. To be on the team, an officer must issue 12 IRPS per year. The APD has eight officers on the team and two were recognized at the Awards as all-stars for issuing more than 25 IRPs.

Chief Rich noted that the month of May is Wellness month at the Department with various initiatives in place that focus on mental and physical health.

Chief Rich reported on the Mental Health presentation he made at the recent Police Leadership Conference in Vancouver which had approximately 700 plus police personnel in attendance.

8. BCAPB

- a. Verbal Report – Aman Gill presented on the recent BCAPB Conference and AGM, noting topics of discussion mental health in policing, mental resiliency, additions to opioids and the fentanyl crisis, homelessness and related challenges. The BC Civil Forfeiture program was also discussed and management noted that it is actively used by the department to seek funding and recovery of items seized under the program.
- b. Hosting 2018 BCAPB Conference – The possibility of hosting the 2018 Conference and AGM jointly with the PMPB is being considered.

Action: Determine if PMPB is interested to host the Conference and AGM jointly. Discuss potential themes/topics for conference at next BCAPB Executive meeting. (Aman Gill)

9. CAPG

- a. Preliminary Conference Program – The CAPG Conference program was noted.
- b. Call for Nominations – There were no nominations put forward for the CAPG Board of Directors.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

MOTION: *That the Regular meeting be concluded.*

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

Meeting Adjourned: 1323

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Acting Chair – Sukh Sidhu

Certified Correct:

“Original signed”

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey

ACTIONS FROM THIS MEETING or BRING FORWARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

1. Prepare draft reply to Mr. Howard RE traffic and traffic enforcement concerns on Downes Road. (Chief Rich/Deputy Schmirler)
2. Meet with Fraser Health Board Chair to discuss response to Fentanyl crisis. (Chief)
3. Determine if PMPB is interested to host the Conference and AGM jointly. Discuss potential themes/topics for conference at next BCAPB Executive meeting. (Aman Gill)