

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Aman Gill
Yvon Dandurand
Barb Schimnowsky
Mike Welte

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Chief Constable Bob Rich
Deputy Chief Constable Mike Serr – Administration
Randy Millard – Finance Director
Cst. Ian MacDonald (Public Media Officer)

REGRETS:

Mark Warkentin

GUESTS:

Sandy Blue, Abbotsford Police Foundation
Kelly Railton, Abbotsford Police Foundation

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 12:00PM.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

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

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

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - June 27, 2017
- b. Financial Statements - June 2017
- c. Financial Statements - July 2017
- d. Financial Statements - August 2017
- e. Operational Crime Overview
- f. Policy
 - i. II.P.010 24 Hour Justice Centre - AMENDED
 - ii. II.M.050 Reserve Police - AMENDED
 - iii. I.B.200 Employee Records - AMENDED
 - iv. II.A.110 StarChase GPS - REPEAL
- g. Upcoming Events

MOTION: That the Consent Agenda be approved.

Moved: Y. Dandurand | **Seconded:** B. Schimnowsky | **CARRIED**

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None.

4. Presentation – Abbotsford Police Foundation

Sandy Blue, Vice President of the Abbotsford Police Foundation, provided an overview of the Foundation, the Board of Directors, the UFV Practicum student, and volunteers. The purpose of the Foundation is to help the APD achieve their goals of making

Abbotsford the safest city in BC. That is done by building positive relationships with the community and raising funds for special projects or equipment. The various programs and initiatives that the Foundation is involved in were reviewed.

Police Board member Mike Welte noted that the APF branding is well done.

Chief Rich noted that Sandy Blue has been instrumental in raising the awareness of the Foundation.

Police Board member Aman Gill asked a question about what the Foundation would be raising funds for at the Crime is Toast event taking place October 25, 2017. Sandy noted that the fundraising would be for a drone for the department and a youth day for students between the ages of 11 through 14 to talk about drugs, gangs, and exploitation. The youth day would be in partnership with the John Volken Academy.

MOTION: That the presentation by the Abbotsford Police Foundation be received.

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

5. Marijuana Legalization Update

Deputy Serr reported that as Chair of the CACP Drug Advisory Committee, he presented to the Standing Committee on Health in Ottawa on September 12th in relation to Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts. Deputy Serr's presentation focused on the following main concerns/challenges: Training and the Impact on Police Resources, Personal Cultivation and Possession, Organized Crime, Medical Marijuana, Packaging and Labelling, Return of Property, and Youth and Public Education. He noted that the Committee requested an extension of time before the federal government legalizes marihuana. However, it seems unlikely that the federal government will extend its timeline.

Deputy Serr noted that there are provincial and municipal issues that need to be addressed as this legislation becomes law, and the province has yet to make any announcements on how this federal legislation will be addressed.

Police Board member Dandurand noted that Ontario has already announced their regulatory scheme.

Action: Circulate the paper of the CACP and Deputy Serr.

6. Chief's Report

Chief Rich reported that at 0815 hours today, E-comm began answering 911 and dispatching police officers for Abbotsford.

Chief Rich reported that on September 7 Nicholson plead guilty to one count with three crimes. Media to be considered at time of sentencing.

Chief Rich reported on the Homelessness issue, noting that theft from auto, business BNEs, and property crime has gone up significantly. He noted that there has been an increase in business complaints. There are many initiatives in place to address the increase but more needs to be done and that will require additional resources.

Chief Rich reported on the public notification done on sex offender, Donald Snow. He noted that with his release, under the *Criminal Code of Canada*, he cannot attend a public park, swimming area, daycare centre or community centre attended by children under 16, amongst other conditions.

7. BCAPB Report

Aman Gill reported that the new Director of the IIO, Ron McDonald, spoke to the executive at the last meeting. The new ICD certification presented by Police Services Divisions will take place December 1 – 3, 2017 in New Westminster, BC and January 27-28, 2018 in Victoria.

The next BCAPB meeting is November 24, 2017.

8. CAPG Report

Aman Gill and Mike Welte reported on their attendance of the CAPG AGM and conference. The top three issues discussed at the conference were:

- #1. Budget – Labour negotiations
- #2. Mental wellness of our people – resiliency training, etc.
- #3. Role of policing – sustainability – what types of things should police officers be doing.

Action: circulate notes from conference attendance.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Police Board member Dandurand asked a question about performance metrics and evaluation of the Chief. To be discussed at future meeting.

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

None raised.

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

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

Meeting terminated: 1315

"Original signed"

Chair – Henry Braun

Certified Correct:

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey