

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Video conference* and AbbyPD HQ – 2838 Justice Way, Abbotsford, BC

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Yvon Dandurand*
Barb Schimnowsky*
Mike Welte*
Mark Warkentin*
Chris Dominato*

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Chief Constable Mike Serr
Deputy Chief Constable Brett Crosby-Jones – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Paulette Freill – Administration
Randy Millard* – Director of Finance
Gord Boyes* – Manager of Information Technology

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 12:02PM.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

2. Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the consent agenda be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - March 31, 2020
- b. Financial Statements - March 2020
- c. Operational Crime Overview - March 2020
- d. Policies
 - i. II.M.050 Reserve Constable Program - Revisions
 - ii. I.D.090 Business Expenses - Revisions

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

4. Presentation: S.O.R.T. (Street Outreach Response Team)

Sgt. Kevin Murray presented on the new 2020 program which consists of Homelessness Outreach Support, Mental Health Outreach Support, and Community Programming & Initiative Development. The objectives of the program are:

- Create “bright line” rules for at-risk populations regarding where they can camp
- Advance criminal investigations that would traditionally be stymied by a lack of cooperation with police due to a lack of trust
- Provide educational awareness to Patrol Division of resources available to assist at-risk population groups
- Develop and nurture lasting & trusting relationships with other outreach agencies and at-risk citizens

- Work collaboratively with businesses to find cost-effective solutions to loitering and mischief issues

The guiding principles of the S.O.R.T. program are:

- **Education** – ensure target populations are provided sufficient educational awareness on the law and on accessible resources
- **Empowerment** – provide a helping hand to ensure individuals access the services they need
- **Enforcement** – utilized only when education and empowerment fail

The following S.O.R.T. initiatives were each described:

- Project Panhandle
- Project AGENT
- Project Angel
- Project Outreach

5. Chief's Report

Chief Serr provided a briefing on the following topics:

- **COVID19**
 - the province has established an Integrated Quarantine Act Response and Support (IQARAS) Team that investigate quarantine related activity and breaches. We have one member seconded to IQARAS. Members seconded received enhanced personal protection equipment (PPE).
 - Beginning to phase units back to their home, gangs returned last week, ERT as of May 1, Traffic mid-May
 - To continue to train members, the plan is to leverage technology. For example, the TEAMS platform can deliver inhouse training via video conference call for matters such as legal updates, domestic violence updates, the new S.O.R.T. program.
- Online criminal record check – have partnered this service with a 3rd party Forest Greene Solutions to conduct our record checks. There is no cost to the AbbyPD.
- New Online Reporting – presentation next meeting
- Gang Prevention Coordinator – background has been passed; onboarding process delayed due to COVID but anticipate the person will be in place in the next month.
- Posted for public safety positions – 4 positions funded by the provincial government
- Residential BnE are down down, commercial BnEs are up slightly, BnEs to out buildings and garages down significantly. In violent crime, there has been a spike in both robbers and domestic violence.

6. BCAPB Report

Mike Welte reported that the next meeting of the BCAPB executive is May 29th. There is new committee being formed regarding collective bargaining and Mike will be a member of it.

7. Other business

None

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

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.

“Original signed”

Chair – Henry Braun

“Original signed”

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey