

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*
Sgt. Judy Bird – Public Media Officer*
Insp. Jason Burrows – Patrol Branch*
Elaine Klassen – Director, Support Services*
Gord Boyes – Manager, Information Technology*

REGRETS:

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RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

Guests:

Aird Flavelle*

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

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**, [with the removal of item X for discussion]. The motion was **adopted**.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - April 28, 2020
- b. Financial Statements - April 2020
- c. Operational Crime Overview - April 2020
- d. Policy – II.B.120 Missing Persons - REVISED
- e. Correspondence - Letter from Policing and Security Branch RE Police Recruit training during COVID19

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None.

4. Presentations

Information Technology: Gord Boyes provided an overview of the IT section, explaining the responsibilities within a police department. He reviewed the larger projects that IT recently undertook: Windows 10 upgrade, domain migration, Office 365, Exchange Online, Sharepoint Online, Teams, OneDrive, etc. Gord noted that the department was well equipped to continue to working seamlessly throughout the pandemic as a result of the upgrades made, specifically the use of Teams to allow meetings to continue in a socially distanced format. The challenges that IT has were reviewed, specifically security issues. Gord noted that IT's objective is to never end up in the media headlines as a

result of a security breach and reviewed what measures are in place to test and maintain security.

Police Information Checks: Elaine Klassen reported on new process for Police Information Checks (“PIC”). AbbyPD has partnered with Forrest Green Solutions (“Forrest Green”) to provide 24/7 online police information checks. This was prompted by the temporary closure of the public service counter as a result of the COVID19 situation. Forrest Green was responsive and had the new portal running within 2.5 weeks of contact and agreement. There was no charge for set up and no ongoing support fees. Applicants pay a processing fee for all online applications and Forrest Green’s financial support is based on fees paid by the consumer. AbbyPD has signed a 24-month commitment. Since launching the new online PIC option on April 22nd there were 124 applications. Based on that number, it is estimated that 30% of foot traffic to the public service counter for in-person PICs will be eliminated.

Online Crime Reporting: Elaine Klassen reviewed the updated Online Crime Reporting and the campaign to launch the new tool. The objective of the new online tool was to make it easy and convenient for citizens and businesses to find and use to report low level, non-emergent crimes. With the new online reporting in place, from May 1 – 24, there were 66 online reports made vs 49 reports over the previous 4 months. To educate the public on the new tool, it has been marketed through social media, City of Abbotsford utility mailer, local newspaper advertisements, updated AbbyPD phone recording, and working with E-Comm to introduce an online referral tool.

5. Chief’s Report

Chief Serr reported on the following:

- Project Outreach – soft launch on May 25th of this initiative followed by a soft launch a few weeks later of Project Agent. *Project Outreach* engages outreach workers from Salvation Army who pick up individuals from AbbyPD cells in the morning who are not slated for morning court. The outreach worker ensures that people are provided quick access to services in the hopes that there will be reduction in recidivism in the area which caused them to be arrested in the first place. The jail NCO makes the connection to the outreach workers to identify appropriate candidates.
- The purpose of the *Project Agent* is to provide a lasting tool for commercial properties that enable police officers ongoing authority to remove persons from their property after business hours.

At this time, Deputy Crosby Jones joined the meeting.

- COVID
 - To date, staff that have been tested have been negative.
 - Units that were supporting patrol such as youth, traffic, and training have returned to their assigned section and duties.
 - Abbotsford Police Union have been great to work with throughout the pandemic, professional and accommodating.
 - Looking for different ways to engage with the community given the limitations on gatherings. Story times, virtual classrooms to connect with youth.
 - City has been very responsive to our PPE needs.

- Assault on police officers – watching closely; trend that other departments are starting also experiencing. Incidents are being tracked closely with a view to provide information for training purposes.

At this time, Barb Schimnowsky joined the meeting.

6. ARJAA - Yvon Dandurand

Yvon Dandurand is the Abbotsford Police Board's new representative on the ARJAA board. The Board meets every 3rd Thursday of the month and are preparing for their AGM. ARJAAs service has been affected by the COVID19 situation. He noted that they are looking to hire a community practice coordinator.

7. BCAPB

Mike Welte reported that his first meeting as the representative will be on Friday, May 29th and he will circulate any information following the meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

“Original signed”

Chair – Henry Braun

“Original signed”

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey