

March 31, 2021

Video Conference* and City Hall, Room 530, 32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Yvon Dandurand*
Mike Welte*
Mark Warkentin*
Amanda MacPherson*

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Chief Constable Mike Serr
Deputy Chief Constable Brett Crosby-Jones – Operations
Randy Millard – Director of Finance*
Insp. Jason Burrows – Operations Support Branch*
Sgt. Desi Sansalone

REGRETS:

Chris Dominato

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

GUESTS

Aird Flavelle*

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

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 - February 24, 2021
- b. Financial Statements - February 2021
- c. Operational Crime Overview - to February 28, 2021
- d. Correspondence: from Policing and Security Branch RE Wellness Checks
- e. Correspondence: from Policing and Security Branch RE BC Provincial Policing Standards - Recruit and Advanced Training
- f. POLICIES
 - i. I.B.080 Educational Reimbursement
 - ii. I.C.060 Employee Identification
 - iii. II.B.250 Assistance to Shelter Act

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

4. Presentation – Traffic

Sgt. Sansalone provided a report on the Traffic section. The mandate of the unit in summary is to be a focused and sustainable enforcement-led unit that utilizes innovative techniques to primarily target high risk driving behavior and high-risk crash locations to increase road safety. The enforcement conducted in high risk areas were reviewed, noting that in the Sumas Prairie area in 2018/19 there were 3 fatal MVIs although there is not high-volume traffic. In 2020, 23 days dedicated to enforcement resulting in no fatalities. The composition of the traffic team is one Supervisor, six

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Constables with two shifts of three officers providing coverage seven days a week, and one traffic administrative clerk. Partnerships with external agencies such as ICBC, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE), Fraser Valley Traffic Services (FVTS) were reviewed. Traffic also communicates with citizens who wish to report traffic issues and a with City staff to ensure that engineering components to road safety are targeted. The high-risk driving behaviors include impaired and distracted driving and excessive speed. Sgt. Sansalone noted that one traffic member alone made 60 excessive speeding charges in 2020. AbbyPD's Traffic Unit is a partner with Team Alexa which purpose is to target and remove impaired drivers from the roadways. To make the team, officers must process a minimum of 12 immediate roadside prohibitions (IRP) which takes a driver off the road for 90 days and to make the All-Star team officers must make 25 IRPs. In 2020, four of the six TEU members made the team and one officer made All-Star status. When on shift, TEU is responsible for collision investigations as primary responders. Sgt. Sansalone reviewed the 2021 goals as follows:

- Four (4) Targeted Prohibited Driver projects – two (2) already achieved with charges forwarded to Crown
- Four (4) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Projects – one (1) already completed with 55% failure rate. There are now eight (8) projects planned for 2021 which exceeds the original plan of four, through partnering with CVSE and other agencies.
- Four (4) Joint projects with Youth Squad and Patrol to address excessively loud vehicles
- Eight (8) Patrol lead enforcement projects in targeted hotspot areas
- Four (4) social media campaigns targeting road safety and education
- Increase impaired driving investigation training for patrol members

Sgt. Sansalone reported that a commercial vehicle inspection course is scheduled for May which all TEU members will participate to enhance road safety.

Special events and emergency planning are coordinated under this unit.

Sgt. Sansalone responded to Board member Amanda MacPherson's question about what causes most commercial vehicle failures, stating that it is mostly related to brakes and tires, and to remove a vehicle from the roadway it must be quite an egregious safety matter that could cause a serious accident.

Sgt. Sansalone responded to Board member Yvon Dandurand's question about whether speeding was an issue with commercial vehicles, confirming that this is an issue especially in rural areas where commercial vehicles are trying to cut through the city to avoid congested traffic. Trucking issues are communicated directly to CVSE who own this responsibility.

Sgt. Sansalone responded to Board member Mike Welte's question about IRSU stats, noting that we do not have their stats. It was noted that IRSU targets high volume areas and is in the area a minimum of two times per month.

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It was moved and seconded that receiving the Traffic presentation be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

5. Chief's Report

Chief Serr and Deputy Crosby-Jones reported on the following:

- **COVID**
 - Working with province to get members vaccinated as soon as possible, as well have asked for all staff be vaccinated due to proximity of working together
 - Small number of cases to date in the department, which we have been
 - OK Alone App launched for staff working from home to check in with Supervisors
 - Training – have implemented higher level of face mask so we can continue with training needs
- **Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE)**
 - Received \$140K in funding from provincial government for budget year ending 2022, with \$100K going toward a software system called Cellebrite which allows investigators to access to android phones which is essential to collecting evidence in any criminal file. Previous we would need to send a phone away which would take anywhere from four to six weeks at a cost of \$2500 per phone. This will be a recurring cost every year, which we will look to cost share with other partner agencies in future. The additional funding will go toward extra equipment for categorization of images and training.
- **ERT**
 - AbbyPD moves to the LMD Integrated Emergency Response Team as of April 1, 2021, noting the main reason for the change is a sustainability issue. Six ERT members selected for the transition training, with four commencing their duties as of May and the remaining two as additional positions possibly in Fall or early 2022. This LMD IERT is a highly skilled and trained team.

6. ARJAA Update

Yvon Dandurand reported the following:

- Appointment of a replacement for Yvon at the upcoming ARJAA AGM – add to next meeting
- Case referral – seeking additional referrals

Yvon Dandurand asked a question about whether policy exists about diverting cases to restorative justice or other services. Insp. Burrows reported that there is a policy which could be reviewed to consider wither parameters need to be expanded.

7. BCAPB Update

Mark Warkentin reported that the 2022 conference is in Nelson. At the recent AGM the following resolutions were put forward:

- Change to *Motor Vehicle Act* to prohibit aftermarket exhaust systems
- Increased funding for JIBC
- Increasing penalties for failure to stop for police
- Categorization of catalytic converters on vehicles to be regulated items affecting the *Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act*
- Prohibiting imitation firearms in public places

Mark Warkentin also noted:

- he will be a member of the BCAPB's sub-committee on Diversity in Policing
- discussion taking place about *Police Act* reform

8. E-Comm Update

Mike Welte reported on the March 4th board meeting. He noted that there is a special session April 1st for the Board on governance matters to be discussed in advance of the AGM with regard to potential changes to the Member's Agreement.

9. CAPG – Call for Resolutions

Chair Braun reported on the call for resolutions, noting the due date of June 30, 2021, along with the date of the virtual Conference and AGM, which is yet to be determined.

10. Standing Board Committee Reports

- a. **Finance Committee** – no update for this meeting
- b. **Governance & Policy Committee**
 - i. Update on board member appointments – Mark Warkentin noted that interviews have begun for the vacant position and that the BRDO is aware of the upcoming vacancy as a result of Yvon Dandurand's term coming to an end.
 - ii. Policy & Procedure Manual – added to the work plan to update areas that need to be completed.
- c. **Human Resources Committee** – no update for this meeting

11. Other Business

There was no other business raised.

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

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

"Original signed"

Chair – Henry Braun

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey