

**May 26, 2021**

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

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**POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair  
Mike Welte\*  
Mark Warkentin\*  
Chris Dominato\*  
Amanda MacPherson\*

**MANAGEMENT PRESENT:**

Chief Constable Mike Serr  
Deputy Chief Constable Brett Crosby-Jones – Operations  
Deputy Chief Constable Paulette Freill – Administration  
Director Randy Millard – Finance\*  
Insp. Jason Burrows – Operations Support Branch\*  
Director Elaine Klassen – Support Services\*

**REGRETS:**

None

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Donna Macey

**GUESTS**

Leeanne Pengelly, Executive Assistant

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**. The motion was **adopted**.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting – April 28, 2021
- b. Financial Statements – April 2021
- c. Operational Crime Overview – to April 30, 2021
- d. POLICIES
  - i. I.D.090 Business Expenses – Revised
  - ii. II.D.150 ViCLAS – Revised

**3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes**

None

**4. POLICY – I.F. 230 PRIME Private and Invisible Files - REVISED**

It was moved and seconded that the revised policy I.F.230 PRIME Private and Invisible Files be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

**5. Chief's Report**

Chief Serr and Deputies Crosby-Jones and Freill reported on the following matters:

• **GANG CONFLICT**

Chief Serr reported on recent gang activity in the lower mainland and acknowledged the hard work of the AbbyPD to maintain public safety considering the escalated violence over the past few months. The BC Chiefs met to discuss a

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coordinated approach to address gang violence and the Chiefs have also met with Minister Farnworth to discuss the matter. A command structure has been established which is being led Insp. Chesley to address the gang violence with two projects underway. The first is Project Enhance which is patrol based to conduct enhanced checks of the mid to high level gang members in the community. This project also checks those who are subject to conditions to ensure they are being followed. The other is Project Spectrum which all agencies are working together with CFSEU to ensure a coordinated effort to address the gang violence.

To help with the coordinated efforts between all agencies, there is a new E-Comm notification system to alert all agencies to the information at the time of an incident. Previously there was a gap with multiple systems being used. RTIC (Real Time Information Centre) will also assist with getting information out to all agencies in a timely manner through the computer system to all the police cars immediately after an incident.

Chief Serr reported that the gang intelligence position was recently filled which will aid in keeping up to date on new and evolving intelligence. He also reported on the successes of the Pathways program using the three-pronged approach of community engagement, prevention, and intervention. He noted that the current gang situation has AbbyPD heavily involved with the intervention approach, but the other two approaches are equally important to keeping Abbotsford safe through long term impacts.

- **CIVIL FORFEITURE**

Applied for civil forfeiture grants and were successful in receiving funding for two applications in the amount of approximately \$27K. One grant is for an Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) and some funding for training related gear.

- **RECRUITING**

- Hired one (1) exempt last week
- Two (2) more exempt and three (3) new recruits
- Three (3) more exempts in background
- Three (3) more recruits lined up to go to JIBC in September class
- Recruiting is busy so another Constable was added to the branch on a temporary basis to assist
- Steady stream of applications coming in from exempt officers

## **6. ARJAA Update**

Mark reported that the ARJAA AGM is in the evening and he will report on that at the next meeting. ARJAA enjoys the relationship with the AbbyPD and are eager to have more files referred. AbbyPD is working on a revision to its restorative justice policy with a view to an increase in the use of diversionary programs.

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**7. BCAPB**

Mark Warkentin reported the next meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup> and he will update the Board at the next meeting.

**8. E-Comm**

Mike Welte reported on the upcoming Special General Meeting taking place June 24<sup>th</sup>. The three main topics that will be discussed and voted on at the special meeting are:

- a. A board seat for the Vancouver Island partners
- b. Housekeeping amendments to the Members Agreement
- c. Change to voting rules – change to 2/3 votes cast vs. 3/4 majority of shared issued. To make this change the special meeting requires 3/4 votes participate in this amendment.

**9. Standing Board Committee Report**

- a) **Finance Committee** – no update for this meeting
- b) **Governance & Policy Committee** – Mark Warkentin reported that interviews have been conducted per last update and continue to wait for Ministry to make appointment(s).
- c) **Human Resources Committee** – no update for this meeting

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm.

“Original signed”

Chair – Henry Braun

“Original signed”

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey