

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

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

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MANAGEMENT & STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Constable Mike Serr
Acting Deputy Chief Constable Tom Chesley – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Paulette Freill – Administration
Director Randy Millard – Finance*
Insp. Dan Culbertson – Strategic Services Branch
Leeanne Pengelly – Executive Assistant*

REGRETS:

Amanda MacPherson

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

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 items c. Audited 2020 Financial Statements and d. Operational Crime Overview to May 31, 2021 for discussion. The motion was **adopted**.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - May 26, 2021
- b. Financial Statements - May 2021
- c. Audited 2020 Financial Statements – removed for discussion
- d. Operational Crime Overview - to May 31, 2021 – removed for discussion
- e. POLICIES
 - i. II.B.125 AMBER Alert
 - ii. II.G.015 Use of Electronic Device While Driving
 - iii. I.C.100 Public Trust Complaints Ordered Investigations and Internal Discipline Investigations

c. Audited 2020 Financial Statement – Chair Braun asked for an explanation of the “negative expenses.” Director Millard explained that the negative expenses are related to the release of the liability for IHIT and noted that it will not occur year-to-year.

d. Operational Crime Overview – to May 31, 2021 – Chair Braun asked if it would be possible to include some additional past years for the Calls for Service so that trends could be understood. **Action:** Management will add some additional years to the future reports.

It was moved and seconded that items c. Audited 2020 Financial Statements and d. Operational Crime Overview to May 31, 2021 be **received**. The motion was **adopted**.

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

4. Chief's Report

Chief Serr and Deputy Freill reported on the following matters:

- **Insp. Dan Culbertson** – newly promoted Inspector was introduced along with highlights of his career and educational background. Insp. Culbertson oversees the new Strategic Services Branch.
- **Peace and Reconciliation (PARC)** – online session this evening titled *Islamophobia* put on by UFV, sponsored by the AbbyPD, The Abbotsford News, and the South Asian Studies Institute. The purpose of the event is to reflect on the impacts of Islamophobia and examine systemic structures of racism in society with a view to seek solutions for hate. Insp. Culbertson will be attending and participating on the panel.
- **Sumas First Nations** – July 12th canoe journey to connect with the youth ages 10-12 years old.
- **Assault PC** – briefing of June 19th break n'enter incident which members responded to, resulting in the suspect ramming a police vehicle to escape. Police deployed a spike belt which the suspect ran over and when officers tried to initiate an arrest the suspect, for a second time, rammed a police vehicle, injuring an officer who was caught between the door frame of the vehicle. Chief Serr described additional incidents and highlighted the concerning increase in assaults against police officers. Chris Dominato asked a question about the possible reasons and Chief Serr discussed issues related to mental health and the justice system.

5. ARJAA Update

Mark Warkentin reported on the AGM and regular Board meeting of May 26th, explaining the annual budget breakdown. There are nine people on staff, combined in FT and PT, running four lines of business: restorative justice, restorative mentoring, restorative action (schools), and restorative community practice.

Mark noted that the AbbyPD is working on updating its policy that governs how work is referred to ARJAA with a view to increase referrals.

6. BCAPB Update

Mark Warkentin reported on the May 28th meeting as follows:

- 2022 Conference and AGM is tentatively planned for Nelson, BC and a decision on whether the conference will take place has been deferred to September.
- The BCAPB, in conjunction with individual police departments, is making submission to the special committee on reforming the *Police Act*.

- BCAPB has met with David Pilling with respect to Police Board appointments
- Next meeting: September 17.

7. E-Comm Update

Mike Welte report that the Board meeting and Special AGM takes place June 24th and he will provide a full update at the September Board meeting.

8. Standing Board Committee reports

- a. **Finance Committee** – no update for this meeting
- b. **Governance & Policy Committee** – no update for this meeting
- c. **Human Resources Committee** – no update for this meeting

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm.

“Original signed”

Chair – Henry Braun

“Original signed”

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey