

April 27, 2022

City Hall, Room 530 Boardroom 32315 South Fraser Way

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Warkentin, Acting Chair
Mike Welte
Chris Dominato
Mandy Padda
Paula Olmstead
Colette Squires

REGRETS:

Mayor Henry Braun

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Chief Constable Mike Serr
Deputy Chief Constable Brett Crosby-Jones – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Paulette Freill – Administration
Director Randy Millard – Finance & Budget
Inspector Jason Burrows, Operations Support Branch
Inspector Tom Chesley, Investigative Support Branch
(until Agenda Item 4)
Sgt. Mike Willford, Investigative Support Branch
(until Agenda Item 4)
Director Elaine Klassen, Support Services Branch
Inspector Dan Culbertson, Strategic Services Branch
Director Patricia La Framboise Lo, Human Resources
(joined @ Agenda 5 during E-Comm update)
S/Sgt. Kevin Murray – Professional Standards Section
(until Agenda 5, E-Comm)

The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm.

Chief Serr highlighted the career of Deputy Chief Constable Paulette Freill as she retires from policing April 31, 2022. Chief Serr thanked Deputy Freill for the positive difference she made at the AbbyPD. Chair Warkentin thanked Deputy Freill for her service and congratulated her on retirement and a successful policing career.

Chief Serr introduced newly promoted Inspector Kevin Murray, with the Board congratulating Insp. Murray on his promotion.

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 – March 30, 2022
- b. Financial Statements – March 2022
- c. Crime Overview – to March 31 2022
- d. Media Report
- e. Policy – II.K.040 Special Events

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None.

4. Gang Crime Unit

Sgt. Willford reviewed the mandate of the Gang Crime Unit which is an operational investigative unit whose primary function is to suppress gang and associated organized crime in the community. How the unit was staffed was reviewed, along with the operational priorities which are:

- Disrupt gang and organized crime activity through targeted, intelligence led enforcement.
- Handling and development of Confidential Informants.
- Assist and support families and at-risk youth and those already involved in gang activity seeking to make positive life choices and reject a criminal lifestyle.
- Coordination of, and recruitment for, the Bar Watch Program.
- Support the Gang Intervention Team

The daily operations of the unit are, in summary:

- Intelligence Led Proactive Enforcement
- Curfew and Bail condition enforcement
- Licensed Premise Checks
- Partnership with APD Drug Enforcement Unit
- Support of Patrol Branch, when needed

The Law Enforcement Partners were reviewed, noting that the unit works with CFSEU which consists of Uniform Gang Enforcement Team (UGET), Covert Asset Support Team (CAST), and the Illegal Firearms Team. In addition, work is done in cooperation with local RCMP detachments and police departments, CBSA, and Corrections Service of Canada and Provincial Corrections. Other partners consists of BC Civil Forfeiture Office and Community Agencies that support Gang Intervention such as Archway Community Services – SACRO.

Sgt. Willford reviewed Project Persequor which is an ongoing project that connect to the strategic plan objective to suppress gang violence and improve traffic safety. This projects is aimed at improving traffic safety by targeting gang members who are prohibited driver, unlicensed drivers, or new/learner drivers. So far in 2022 GCU has recommended 4 prohibited driving charges, executed 2 arrest warrants for prohibited driving, served 2 prohibition notices and written 22 traffic tickets. This is an ongoing, part time project that will continue until the end of 2022.

The efforts to educate parents and teachers on identifying signs with at-risk youth and how to intervene was discussed, noting the role that the Pathways programs plays in these efforts to spot anomalies with the children.

5. Chief's Report

Chief Serr reported on the following:

- Shelley Mickens matter – sentencing expected to occur in summer.
- E-Comm – number of dropped calls occurring, especially for non-emergency calls where callers hang-up after waiting too long. The public sees this as an AbbyPD issue and not as an E-Comm problem.
 - Director Klassen reviewed the statistics, noting a 45% abandonment rate with dropped calls. Efforts to improve with E-Comm continue along with efforts to improve overall reporting for emergency and non-emergency. The crime types for online reporting was reviewed, noting that not everyone wants to report online. Online reporting is up 10% in 2022 with media initiatives to educate and promote online reporting, such as:
 - Automated announcement on AbbyPD non-emergency line
 - Regular bi-weekly social medial posts
 - City of Abbotsford Water Bill mailer in March 2022
 - Recognizing not all demographics in Abby will submit online efforts continue to explore options to move more people to AbbyPD.ca and online reporting options.

6. ARJAA Update

Mandy Padda reported that recruiting for an Executive Director continues. AGM is scheduled for May 25, 2022.

7. BCAPB Update

Mark Warkentin reported on the upcoming Conference and AGM at the end of May. The authorized representative and alternate representative will be Colette Squires and Mandy Padda, respectively.

8. E-Comm Update

Mike Welte reported that work is underway to achieve a transparent multi-year funding requirement to prevent E-Comm customers from receiving an unexpected news about cost pressures and to ensure customers know what services they will receive. This will be the new target operating model which standardizes procedures amongst agencies and moves away from the a la carte model per agency. The model aims to create efficiencies, streamline 9-1-1 services, and add efforts to improve non-emergency.

The financial audit was clean, with \$2.7M in deficit of which \$2.3M was from the previous year. This is funded through Municipal Finance Authority of BC (MFA).

The E-Comm 911 Board of Directors Designate for the 2022-2023 Term was reviewed. The proposal for an alphabetical rotation was discussed.

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It was moved and seconded THAT the Abbotsford Police Board approves the use of the alphabetical rotation of the Class A syndicate as suggested by the New Westminster Police Board to designate a member for approval by the Class A syndicate to serve on the E-Comm Board of Directors on behalf of the syndicate and that within such rotation each respective Police Board be responsible for recommending a designate for two consecutive years. The motion was **adopted**.

In response to the April 26, 2022 correspondence received from the Metro Vancouver Transit Police Board, and in following the proposed alphabetical rotation nomination model, the Abbotsford Police Department discussed the recommendation of Mr. George Madden of the Metro Vancouver Transit Police Board.

THAT the Abbotsford Police Department recommends Mr. George Madden, Metro Vancouver Transit Police Board member, as the designate for approval by the syndicate to serve on the E-COMM Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 term. The motion was **adopted**.

9. Standing Committee Board Reports

- a. Finance – next meeting of Finance Committee is Monday, May 16, 2022.
 - o Mandy Padda to be added to the Finance Committee.
- b. Governance & Policy – The Board calendar will be added to the Policy & Procedure Manual for the next meeting.
- c. Human Resources – no update for this meeting

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm.

“Original signed”

Acting Chair – Mark Warkentin

“Original signed”

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey