

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ross Siemens, Chair
Chris Dominato
Mandy Padda
Paula Olmstead
Amrik Narang
Gordon Holloway
Michelle Sagert

REGRETS:

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM & STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Constable Mike Serr
Deputy Chief Constable Jason Burrows – Administration
Deputy Chief Constable Dan Culbertson – Operations
Director Bea Nicolato – Finance & Budget Branch

GUEST(S):

Colin Watson
Aird Flavelle
C/Supt. Bruce Singer, RCMP I-Teams (present for Agenda 1-4)
Sean Edwards, RCMP I-Teams (present for Agenda 1-4)

The meeting was called to order at 12:40pm.

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 – October 3, 2023
- b. Financial Statements – September 2023
- c. Crime Overview – September 2023
- d. Media Reports – September 23 to October 16, 2023
- e. Police Board Bursary Awards for 2023-2024 School Year
- f. POLICY - II.K.100 Riot Troop

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

4. Presentation – Integrated Teams

C/Supt. Singer and Mr. Sean Edwards presented an overview of the integrated teams, specifically the following:

- ICARS = Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Services
- IERT = Integrated Emergency Response Team
- IFIS = Integrated Forensic Identification Services
- IHIT = Integrated Homicide Investigation Team
- IPDS = Integrated Police Dog Service

There are five (5) jurisdictions that are accountable to a police board that participate in one or more of the I-Teams, namely: Abbotsford, Delta, New Westminster, Port Moody, and West Vancouver police services. Abbotsford is part of each I-Teams unit, except for IFIS. Being a part of the I-Teams allows the department to further the work it does in these areas, with the use of a mass of knowledge, people, and capital assets, with specific focus on the priorities of the community. There are approximately 350 to 360 members in I-Teams, providing communities with access to specialized policing, equipment, and services, while at the same time mitigate the cost to smaller agencies. I-Teams is governed by the Integrated Teams Advisory Council (ITAC) and the Province of BC, where strategic decisions are made to move forward to the CIOs and Mayor Forum meetings. The principles of integration were reviewed, noting the following:

- **Standardized level of service** with unfettered access to specialized police service 24/7,
- **Cost equity** through major cost share, at 75 percent, is determined by the criminal code offences of municipalities,
- **Cost stability** using a five-year rolling average in formula to smooth out expenditures, and
- **Cost effectiveness** through shared capital and operation costs.

Mr. Edwards reviewed the calls for service from 2022 to 2018 for each of the integrated teams. The key investigations for the Abbotsford partnership were reviewed in terms of service delivery from I-Teams.

Mr. Holloway asked a question about IHIT prioritization, and C/Supt Singer noted that there are seven different teams within the unit to ensure deployment of resources is available which would attend to work with the Abbotsford team.

5. Notice of BC Human Rights Commissioner's (BCHRC) inquiry into disproportionate impacts of police use of force

Chief Serr reported on the October 16, 2023 notice received by the BCHRC. AbbyPD maintains independent data on all instances of use of force which is provided annually through a reporting requirement by the province to Police Services who will share that data for this inquiry. It was noted that AbbyPD also tracks use of force in marginalized and racialized communities. **Action:** add use of force to risk management for Board awareness.

6. Chief's Report

Chief Serr, Deputy Burrows, and Deputy Culbertson reviewed the following:

- **Violent Crime** – Deputy Culbertson reported that although the board report indicates a 21.9% increase in violent crime, it has decreased slightly to 18.9% since the timing of the report. The drivers of the decrease are believed to be a reduction in violent offences, along with proactive work initiated by community policing and front-line officers, the improved work to connect marginalized individuals with appropriate resources, and work with partners such as Archway and other non-profits. The implementation of the mental health car, although early days, likely has a nexus to the decrease in violent crime. Project Spotlight which targets repeat violent offender initiative is also aiding in deterring violent crime. The

project has been running since August 17th with 57 files generated from repeat violent offenders.

- **Mental Health Car 87** – went live October 17th, running from 10:00am to 10:00pm. More information to come on how the program is going after it has been in place for some time.
Action: Future reporting of stats related to mental health related calls for service will show the pre-Car 87 vs with Car 87 as the program is assessed.
- **Geo-Political impacts of Israel/Palestine Conflict** – we are proactively monitoring and working to ensure there are no hate-based crimes occurring as a result of this conflict. No intelligence at this time to suggest any active threats against members of either community within Abbotsford.
- **Public Order** – recent protests in connection with Anti-SOGI are being monitored along with costs associated.

7. 2024 Police Board Meeting Dates/Times

It was moved and seconded that the 2024 Police Board Meeting Dates & Times be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

8. **BCAPB Executive Update** – No update; report deferred to next meeting.

9. Standing Board Committee Reports

- a. **Finance Committee** – The Chair of the Committee, Gord Holloway, noted there was no report.
- b. **Governance & Policy Committee** – The Chair of the Committee, Amrik Narang, noted there was no report.
- c. **Human Resources Committee** – The Chair of the Committee, Chris Dominato, noted there was no report.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None raised.

11. **Questions from the public relating to today's Agenda** – None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm.

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Chair – Ross Siemens

“Original signed” _____

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey