

**POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ross Siemens, Chair  
Chris Dominato  
Mandy Padda  
Paula Olmstead  
Amrik Narang

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM & STAFF PRESENT:**

Chief Constable Mike Serr  
Deputy Chief Constable Dan Culbertson – Operations  
Deputy Chief Constable Jason Burrows – Administration  
Director Bea Nicolato – Finance & Budget  
Inspector Kevin Murray – Patrol Branch  
Constable Scott McClure  
Inspector Monty McInnes – Strategic Services Branch\*

**REGRETS:**

Gordon Holloway

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Donna Macey

**GUEST(S) FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Aird Flavelle\*

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm

**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 26, 2023
- b. Financial Statements - April 2023
- c. Crime Overview - April 2023 – REMOVED from Consent Agenda for discussion
- d. Media Report - April 20 to May 19 2023
- e. POLICIES
  - i. I.D.150 Schedule of Fees - Revised
  - ii. II.D.140 Identification Lineup – Revised – REMOVED from Consent Agenda for discussion
  - iii. II.M.050 Reserve Constable - Revised
  - iv. Repeal Package "C" - to be repealed

**c. Crime Overview – April 2023** – Deputy Culbertson reviewed the violent crime statistics, highlighting that as of April YTD there is a 25% increase, with the most significant drivers associated with street disorder, mental health, and survival crimes related to drug addiction. A slight increase in robberies connected to survival crimes for those with drug addiction is also occurring, which has been limited to street entrenched individuals between one another vs commercial robberies. Violent home invasions has been a concern, but it has been specific to marihuana production locations and in some circumstances over-production locations. One additional area of concern in violent crime is intimate partner violence, however an increase in reporting is also considered positive so assistance can be provided to victims. There has also been an increase in inmate assaults at the federal institution and those are recorded in the statistics. The solutions with targeted enforcement were reviewed, along with the plans to address prolific offenders.

Deputy Culbertson reviewed property crime stats noting that there has been slight improvements, however, that ground was recently lost due to increase in residential BnEs and related outbuildings. The strategies to address the increase were reviewed, including a social a

media campaign in the hotspots. Catalytic converter thefts is also driving the increase and work with the Province, ICBC, and municipal bylaws is underway to identify ways to address this issue.

It was moved and seconded that receiving 2c – Crime Overview for April 2023 be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

**2.e.ii. Policy – II.D.140 Identification Lineup** – the policy was reviewed, and it was agreed to remove it from the Consent Agenda for additional review by staff and defer it to the next Board meeting.

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

None

### **4. Presentation – DREs and Impaired Driving**

Scott McClure presented on Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving, noting that the leading criminal cause of death in Canada is impaired driving, often resulting in loss of life in a tragic way. The Criminal Code Charges for Impaired Driving – Drugs and Alcohol were reviewed, highlighting the various thresholds based on level of impaired and related consequences. The certification to become a drug recognition expert (DRE) was reviewed, noting that there are only 50 DREs in the province, with multiple members trained in Abbotsford, however recertification is an issue to keeping members classified as DREs. The impaired driving statistics for Canada and BC from 2010 to 2019 were reviewed. In Canada in 2019 there was an average of 10 federal charges and provincial/territorial short-term license suspensions every hour related to impaired driving, which represents 86,964 in a year. The impaired statistics for Abbotsford YTD were reviewed, noting that summer and winter are the busiest for impaired driving and are expected to rise in every category. The youth community engagement initiatives were highlighted, specifically the mock collisions at Mouat Secondary and Rick Hansen Secondary, and the proactive and reactive enforcement initiatives.

### **5. Chief's Report**

The Chief and Deputies reported on the following:

**Character Abbotsford Award** – AbbyPD's Harpreet Jhinjar, who runs the Pathways Program, was recognized with an award from Character Abbotsford for his efforts and contributions toward youth intervention for those at risk of entering the gang lifestyle.

**Abbotsford Restorative Justice** – AbbyPD's Cst. John Wilcox was recognized by ARJAA for his efforts in making referrals to the program.

**AbbyPD Awards Ceremony** – taking place May 31<sup>st</sup> to recognize AbbyPD sworn members, civilian professional staff, and citizens have gone over and above to make a difference in the community and/or workplace.

**Volunteer Appreciation Night** – held May 16<sup>th</sup> to recognize the 100+ volunteers, some who have service in excess of 25 and 30 years.

**Operational Support Officers (OSOs)** – eight (8) OSOs sworn in on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PADS Service Dog** – AbbyPD has been in the process for approximately three (3) years, financially supported mostly by the AbbyPF, along with a vehicle from civil forfeiture. The financial cost is minimal, with significant benefits for victims of crime and employees in need of assistance following a challenging call or experiencing other emotional hardships.

**AbbyPD Satellite Office at HighStreet Mall** – the office is officially open; it provides AbbyPD exposure to connect with the community in the westside of Abbotsford, allowing for community pop-up events and increased engagement with citizens and business.

**BC Highway Patrol** – reduction in services in September 2023. Working with the province and RCMP to rectify this decision.

## **6. BCAPB**

Report on the conference tabled to the next meeting.

## **7. CAPG**

- a. Conference – St. John's Newfoundland, Aug 15-18, 2023  
Police board members attending: Gord Holloway, Mandy Padda, Paula Olmstead, tentative, and Amrik Narang, tentative.
- b. Conference Request for Support/Sponsorship – not approved.
- c. AGM – July 19, 2023 – no members attending
- d. Call for Strategic Priorities – currently, there are no strategic priorities to advance to the CAPG on behalf of the police board.
- e. Call for Nominations – No nominations.

## **8. Abbotsford Community Foundation – presentation of Police Board Bursary**

- Gord Holloway volunteered in advance of the meeting to present June 27<sup>th</sup> for Yale Secondary.
- Mandy Padda volunteered to presented June 27<sup>th</sup> for Abbotsford Traditional Secondary.

## **9. Standing Board Committee Reports**

- a. **Finance Committee** – No matters to report.
- b. **Governance & Policy Committee** – No matters to report.
- c. **Human Resources Committee** – Chief Constable Search is well underway.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

"Original signed"

Chair – Ross Siemens

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey