

**Wednesday, November 22, 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

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM & STAFF PRESENT:**

Chief Constable Colin Watson  
Deputy Chief Constable Jason Burrows – Administration  
Deputy Chief Constable Dan Culbertson – Operations  
Director Bea Nicolato – Finance & Budget Branch  
A/Sgt. Angela Scott  
Cst. Deanna Dixon, Youth Squad  
Cst. Marcus Dyck, Youth Squad  
Leeanne Pengelly, Executive Assistant

**REGRETS:**

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**GUEST(S):**

Aird Flavelle\*

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm.

**1. Adoption of the 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 25, 2023
- b. Financial Statements - October 2023
- c. Crime Overview - October 2023
- d. Media Reports - October 17, 2023 to November 13, 2023
- e. POLICIES
  - i. I.D.090 Business Expenses - Revised
  - ii. II.G.020 Communicable Disease - Revised
  - iii. II.B.020 Assault Domestic Disputes - Repeal
  - iv. I.C.160 Overt Use of Social Media - Revised

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

None.

**4. Presentation – Youth Squad**

Cst. Marcus Dyck and Cst. Deanna Dixon presented on the Youth Squad, composed of five Constables and one Sergeant who are responsible for 45 schools and 20,000 students, including the independent schools in Abbotsford. An overview of the team was provided, highlighted unique connections that the officers makes with students. The various school events and engagements that the youth squad attends were described, showcasing how positive relationships are fostered. The AbbyPD initiatives, such as Junior Police Academy, Mock Crash scenarios were highlighted, along with the many AbbyPD-led campaigns, such as Project Yellow Bus, an enforcement campaign for drivers who violate the rules

around School Buses, Anti-Bullying, Social Media Awareness for Parents and Kids, and the It's a No Campaign, two successful programs to assist youth through their peer development years.

## 5. Chief's Report

Chief Watson, Deputy Burrows, and Deputy Culbertson reported on the following topics:

- **Privacy Breach** – the recent breach per the November media release is being taken seriously and is under an active investigation, including prevention and mitigation strategies for future. The Board will continue to be kept apprised of material developments as they related to the AbbyPD, if any.
- **Remembrance Day** – solid turnout from the AbbyPD staff, police officers and civilian professional staff.
- **Reserve Grad** – November 29<sup>th</sup> – an opportunity to build an organic pool of potential officer candidates. There will be ten (10) reserves sworn in.
- **Mentoring class** – There is a class of 16 currently who are being mentored as potential officers for the future.
- **Wellness Initiative** – this year AbbyPD is conducted body composition testing through a Kinesiologist. It is targeted at sworn members, property civilian staff who do a lot of heavy lifting and movement throughout the day, and will be made available to other staff, pending availability.
- **Car 87 Update** – the recently announced Mental Health Car, is showing that in a two-week period there have been 194 mental health calls, or 13 per day, illustrating the crisis in the community that requires significant and various resources. A full report on Car 87 will be provided as a presentation at the February 2024 Board meeting. It is a multi-year government funded program in several jurisdictions.
- **Test Pilot – BOLA Wrap** – AbbyPD is testing a new intermediate less lethal force device that shoots out a wrap type restraint toward a subject. AbbyPD is qualifying 20 police officers, with approximately five per Patrol shift. It falls under the policy and procedure for intermediate weapons.
- **Property and Violent Crime**
  - Violent crime – current data shows 18.2%, with Abbotsford as the 2<sup>nd</sup> safest in our neighboring jurisdictions; week over week Abbotsford is seeing slight decreases and slowly heading in the right direction. The drivers are attributed to the street entrenched and unhoused individuals.
  - Project Spotlight (Repeat Violent Offender initiative that the province is providing funding) – 111 files generated to date with 56 individuals arrested. Working with businesses and their loss prevention officers. Seizure of multiple types of weapons.
- **2024 Budget Presentation to Council** – presentation completed November 9, awaiting a decision.

## 6. BCAPB Executive Meeting

Mandy Padda provided an update on recent initiatives led by the executive, noting the following subjects that are being discussed and addressed:

- **BCAPB**
  - Annual Membership cost is being assessed.
  - 2024 Strategic Goals, with a survey to be provided to seek feedback from each Board.
  - 2024 Conference in Vancouver

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- JIBC Funding
- E-Comm 911
  - looking for clarification on handling non-emergency calls by E-Comm and the differing agreements
  - Accountability of the organization

**7. 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.

**8. Other Business**

None raised.

**9. Questions/Comments from the public relating to today's Agenda**

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

"Original signed"

Chair – Ross Siemens

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey\*

*\* Please be advised that Donna Macey is no longer with the Abbotsford Police Department, or the recording secretary for the Abbotsford Police Board. We were unable to secure her signature for these minutes.*