

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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
Cst. Art Steele, Media Relations Officer

REGRETS:

Michelle Sagert

GUEST(S):

Aird Flavelle*

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Shyanne Bergen

The meeting was called to order at 8:44 AM.

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 – November 22, 2023
- b. BCAPB Annual Membership Fee for 2024
- c. Media Reports
 - I. November 14 to December 31, 2023
 - II. January 1 to February 12, 2024
- d. POLICIES
 - I. II.B.200 Mental Health – To be repealed
 - II. II.D.130 Young Persons and Children – To be repealed
 - III. II.I.030 Jail Care and Control of Prisoners – Revised
 - IV. II.I.060 Jail Operations – To be repealed
 - V. I.D.110 Jail Expenses – To be repealed
- e. Operation Crime Overview Report
 - I. November 2023
 - II. December 2023
 - III. January 2024
- f. Financial Statements – November & December 2023

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes - None

4. Board Correspondence – BCAPB Conference / AGM (April 11 & 12, 2024 in Vancouver)

Attendance

Discussions were had that more people from Senior Leadership should attend for better representation and to encourage more participation. Last year's conference was valuable and

informative to keep up to date and understanding. It was also voiced that Shyanne Bergen and maybe Leeanne Pengelly could also attend as administration topics were also brought up at last year's conference.

Action: If a board member is interested in attending this conference, contact Shyanne Bergen, so she can make the appropriate arrangements.

Sponsorship

Discussion of past sponsorships/contributions and the lack of recognition for sponsorships.

5. Board correspondence: CACOLE – Conference (May 27 – 29, 2024 in Calgary, AB)

Chief Watson reported on the history of CACOLE and highlighted their focus on civilian oversight and governance. It was discussed that the BCAPB Conference was a higher priority than the CACOLE conference.

Action: If a board member is interested in attending this conference, contact Shyanne Bergen, so she can make the appropriate arrangements.

6. Board correspondence: OPCC – Transition of Police Complaint Commissioner

A new Police Complaints Commissioner has now been identified.

7. Year in Review – 2023 Strategic Goals Outcome

DCC Culbertson reported on the Operational Crime Overview reports in conjunction with the Strategic Goals Outcome document. He also clarified that the "Identify the root cause of property offender's behaviour and connect with community resources" which is listed as "NOT ACHIEVED" had just been achieved.

Project Spotlight

DCC Culbertson went over Project Spotlight including receiving additional funding while emphasizing the focus on restorative justice, and crime prevention. Mr. Dominato requested to see rolling 12-month comparisons for crime and performance statistics. Chief Watson discussed the positives of displaying longer period comparisons in helping to identify strategic trends.

Action: Chief Watson and DCC Culbertson to discuss the best method of displaying information.

Mental Health Car

Inspector Kevin Murray will do a presentation at next meeting. Lots of positive feedback has been received and the program is doing very well. DCC Culbertson pointed out that other agencies have a similar project, but that their model has the mental health car following up after initial contact, rather than the APD model being the mental health car being the first point of contact. Between November 2023 and January 2024, the mental health car received just over 1,200 calls, averaging 14 calls per day. Currently, APD is looking at modifying the hours from 7 to 7 rather than 10 to 10. The eventual hope is to have the car 24/7. Current problems were identified as members bringing

individuals to emergency rooms and ARH not being able to accommodate individuals in a timely manner.

A question was posed regarding the potential to expand the program and to have a doctor being on shift in addition to the nurses. This would avoid the officer bringing them to the hospital, and the person would be able to receive medical attention right away. The Chair advised there is a shortage of doctors as well as ongoing funding issues.

Action: Chair Siemens to discuss with Dr. Lee

A question was asked if there are stats that show how many times the car deals with the same individual. DCC Culbertson confirmed that data does exist, and that when the car is assisting the same person multiple times, they are referred to ACT (Assertive Community Treatment).

DCC Culbertson also discussed the implementation of HealthIM allowing officers to have an app on their phone which will provide background information on individuals on hand and allow officers and medical professionals to update profiles.

8. Chief's report

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

- The new HR director, Adrienne Alford recently started at the APD and discussed her experience.
 - **Action:** Shyanne to send bio of Adrienne Alford to the Board
- Success with 2019 Homicide files in Abbotsford - Tyrell Nguyen was recently convicted of 1st-degree murder.
- Press release on Friday, February 23, related to recent arrests associated with the BC Gang Conflict.
- Working with the City Manager for a joint SLT meeting of the city and the APD.
- DCC Burrows reported on the postings for contract patrol constables. The intent is to hire retired municipal members to assist in filling staffing gaps for short periods.
- DCC Burrows reported that five recruits are graduating from the JIBC on March 8, and the ceremony will be held in Stanley Park in Vancouver. He encouraged board member attendance.
- DCC Burrows reported that the APD will be having a Commendations Ceremony on May 29, and encouraged board member attendance.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 AM.

"Digitally Signed"

Chair – Ross Siemens

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Recording Secretary – Shyanne Bergen