

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Aman Gill
Karen Matty
Mike McWhinney
Sukh Sidhu

MANAGEMENT PRESENT

Chief Constable Bob Rich
Deputy Chief Constable Dave Schmirler – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Mike Serr – Administration
Cst. Paul Walker (Public Media Officer)

REGRETS:

Yvon Dandurand
Barb Schimnowsky

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 1207hrs.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

MOTION: *That the Agenda for the Open Meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board with the addition of Traffic Section as Agenda Item 4a be approved.*

Moved: A. Gill | **Seconded:** S. Sidhu | **CARRIED**

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of previous meetings - January 19, 2016
- b. Financial Statement - December 2015
- c. Operational Crime Overview - Period 1
- d. Policy Amendments & Approvals
 - i. II.D.230 Third Party Reporting - Sexual Assault (New)
 - ii. I.F.190 Mail and Deliveries (Amended)
- e. Upcoming Events

MOTION: *That the Consent Agenda, , be approved.*

Moved: M. McWhinney | **Seconded:** S. Sidhu | **CARRIED**

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

The business arising out of previous minutes is covered under Agenda item 6, BCAPB AGM Resolutions.

4. Presentation – 2016 Operational Plan

Chief Rich reviewed the 2016 Operational Plan. The strategic issues of 2015 were summarized along with how they impacted the development of the 2016 goals, specifically the ongoing problem with property crime. Abbotsford is lowest in property crime amongst neighbouring jurisdictions but, property crime has grown faster in Abbotsford than the surrounding jurisdictions. By April, Mission, Chilliwack, and Abbotsford will have a cross-jurisdiction task force in place to focus on the property crime issue.

Suppressing gang violence was discussed in relation to the Townline Hill gang conflict, including the homicide of an innocent bystander in 2015.

Fostering employee wellness is also a priority in 2016. There is an employee mental health seminar planned for April that will have the psychologist, Randy Mackoff, presenting. A presentation will be made in the coming months to the Board as an update on what is being done at the department to help employees when they need.

To increase organizational efficiencies, adjustments have already been implemented to the call response system for calls to be handled more efficiently and streamline workload.

Action: Provide an update of the Call Response System.

4a. Traffic Section (addition to Agenda)

Deputy Schmirler reviewed how traffic enforcement is allocated and conducted. He reviewed the process for risk assessment and how resources are allocated to the areas determined to be of highest risk. Overall, traffic enforcement has dropped due to a combination of other priorities. Patrol has been asked to take on traffic enforcement when time permits.

5. Chief's Report

Chief Rich reported on the relationship violence video, which was presented at the January Police Board meeting. It was recently presented at the BC Chiefs meetings and was well received. The video has been developed in an APD branded version and a non-branded version for use by any agency. He noted that a follow up video on domestic violence with the target audience being adults is in development.

Deputy Schmirler discussed the matters related to homeless camps and the changes to the City Bylaw regarding camping in City Parks, specifically the Homeless Camp on Gladys Avenue. The City Bylaw allows for campers to erect a temporary shelter in a city

park between the hours of 1900hrs and 0900hrs. Each temporary shelter erected must be taken down and removed from the land by 0900 hrs the following day.

As of February 18th, there was no one left in Gladys Camp. Many of the homeless have moved into BC housing or temporary shelter.

Deputy Schmirler reported on the positive work being done by the ACT team. He noted that currently there are two positions vacant so it is not running at 100% capacity. There has been a large increase in mental health cases in the APD's call load. A significant challenge to police resources is when an apprehension takes place because two officers are required to remain at the hospital with the individual until the person is seen by a doctor who decides if they will be held. This can be significantly demanding of police resources on a day when there are multiple apprehensions.

6. BCAPB

Sukh reported that the next meeting of the BCAPB is in March so he will have an update at the next Police Board meeting.

Any Resolution topics for the AGM should be submitted to Donna by email.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

8. Questions from the public relating to today's Agenda

Mr. Howard requested clarification on traffic fine revenue-sharing agreement with Government and Municipality. It was confirmed that funds received from traffic fines is based on population, not the quantity of tickets written in a community

ADJOURNMENT

***MOTION:** That the Open meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board be adjourned.*

Moved: K. Matty | **Seconded:** M. McWhinney | **CARRIED**

Meeting Adjourned: 1315hrs

"Original signed"

Chair – Henry Braun

Certified Correct:

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey

ACTIONS REQUIRED FROM THIS MEETING:

1. BCAPB Resolution topics – email to Donna (Board members)

BRING FORWARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

1. Provide an update of the Call Response System (Chief, Deputies)