

March 28, 2017

City Hall, Room 530 Boardroom 32315 South Fraser Way

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Sukh Sidhu
Yvon Dandurand
Barb Schimnowsky
Mark Warkentin
Mike Welte

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Chief Constable Bob Rich
Deputy Chief Constable Dave Schmirler – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Mike Serr – Administration
Cst. Ian MacDonald (Public Media Officer)
Cst. Allison Bourne
Randy Millard – Director of Finance
Insp. Colin Thomson – Patrol Branch

REGRETS:

Aman Gill

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

MOTION: *That the Agenda for the Open Meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board be approved.*

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

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - February 21, 2017
- b. Financial Statements - February 2017
- c. Operational Crime Overview - Period 2 & 3
- d. Policy - Mine Investigations - NEW
- e. Upcoming Events
- f. Correspondence - Grant Funding for Opioid Overdose Response Costs

MOTION: *That the Consent Agenda be approved.*

Moved: M. Warkentin | **Seconded:** B. Schimnowsky | **CARRIED**

3. Paul N Tinsley Scholarship Award

Chief Rich reviewed the Paul N Tinsley Scholarship which serves as a legacy to former Deputy Chief Constable Paul Tinsley, and is awarded annually to recognize an outstanding member or member(s) of the Abbotsford Police Department pursuing a post-secondary education while serving the Department with distinction. Paul Tinsley was a former officer and Deputy Chief with the Abbotsford Police Department who died of cancer in 2005. After his retirement from policing in 2004, he became a full-time faculty member in the department of criminology and criminal justice at University of the Fraser Valley.

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Sergeant Kelly Joiner and Constable Allison Bourne are the 2016 scholarship recipients. Sgt. Joiner was not able to join the meeting. Sgt. Joiner's background was reviewed and it was noted that she was one of two successful recipients for the 2015 scholarship.

Chief Rich reviewed the background of Cst. Allison Bourne and her policing career. Cst. Bourne has spent eight of her 18 years in policing in the Forensic Identification Section. Cst Bourne is working towards a Masters of Science degree in Forensic Science and Criminal Justice at the University of Leicester. She plans on using her knowledge of the forensic field to help educate fellow police officers, to serve the citizens of Abbotsford and to help solve crime.

4. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

5. ERT Changes & Challenges

S/Sgt. Crosby-Jones reviewed the Team Composition, describing each of the following positions within ERT:

- Tactical Team
- Crisis Negotiators
- Critical Incident Commanders
- Scribes

The tasks involved in each of the positions were reviewed. The value added services that ERT provides to other members was reviewed:

- In service patrol training
- Incident debrief
- Supervisor training
- Patrol Tactics Response Course
- Support training branch (use of force, firearms, development training)
- Medical training for APD

The various training initiatives put on by the APD Tactical Medical Officers were described:

- Naloxone training program
- OFA 3 bi-yearly training days
- Tourniquet training

The work being done alongside Dr. VU of VHG was described. Dr. Vu assists in training our members, debriefs after a serious call that we conduct, and reviews our training.

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The notable files where APD ERT medics were able to provide exceptional life-saving quality of care were reviewed.

The ERT challenges are the number of hours to maintain annual training requirements, recruiting of new members, and the impact of having collateral duty members. It was noted that recruiting has improved over previous years as members see the benefits associated with becoming an ERT member.

6. Effective Resourcing Principles/Policy

Deputy Serr discussed the topic of civilianization that arose from the Neilson report, in particular whether a policy or guiding principles should be in place. A discussion about governance and policies took place in an effort to determine whether this is an operational matter or the jurisdiction of the Board. It was agreed that civilianization would be a component in the broader Strategic Plan and that the Governance & Policy Committee would research how other departments address matters of policy and guiding principles. Once what other departments do has been reviewed and considered, a decision can be made.

MOTION: That the Governance Committee researches the process with regard to Board policy with other departments.

Moved: Y. Dandurand | **Seconded:** M. Welte | **CARRIED**

7. Chief's Report

Chief Rich reported that he is presenting at three events in April that are focused on member wellness and keeping members fit for duty.

- o CACP – Police Leadership Conference
- o Justice Institute of BC – Resiliency Symposium
- o West Vancouver Police Department – All Staff Meeting

Deputy Schmirler reported on a homicide that occurred Friday, March 24th and the ongoing lower mainland gang conflict. A gang forum is being planned for end of April or early May to provide the public with an update on the conflict and identify ways to assist families in dealing with gang issues in their homes.

Deputy Serr reported on the recent news regarding the proposed legislation expected to be announced April 10th in regards to the legalization of marihuana. The challenges that are still in place such as detection devices for impaired driving were discussed, along with messaging and educational campaigns against drug-impaired driving.

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8. BCAPB

The resolution submitted by the Victoria Esquimalt Police Board in regard to Management of Email Records related to Police Board business was discussed.

MOTION: That support for the resolution submitted to the BCAPB by the Victoria Esquimalt Police Board regarding Management of Email Records Related to Police Board business be approved.

Moved: M. Welte | **Seconded:** B. Schimnowsky | **CARRIED**

Action: APD Staff to research email options for the police board.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

MOTION: *That the meeting be closed.*

Moved: Mike Welte | **Seconded:** B. Schimnowsky | **CARRIED**

Meeting closed: 1331

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Chair – Henry Braun

Certified Correct:

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey

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ACTIONS FROM THIS MEETING or BRING FORWARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

1. Research the process with regard to Board policy with other departments.
(Governance Committee/Deputy Serr/Karen Wilcox)
2. Email options for police board. (Deputy Serr/Wayne Plamondon)