

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

City Hall, Room 530 Boardroom 32315 South Fraser Way

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Aman Gill
Yvon Dandurand
Barb Schimnowsky
Mike Welte
Chris Dominato

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

A/C/Chief Constable Mike Serr – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Paulette Freill – Administration
Wayne Plamondon – Director of Support Services
Pavan Hans – A/Director of Finance
Sgt. Judy Bird (Public Media Officer)

REGRETS:

Mark Warkentin

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 1200hrs by Aman Gill, Acting Chair.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

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

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

2. Welcome of New Police Board member Christopher Dominato

Mr. Dominato was welcomed to the Board and introductions were made.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - February 27, 2018
- b. Financial Statements - February 2018
- c. Operational Crime Overview
- d. Upcoming Events

At this time, Mayor Braun joined and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION: *That the Consent Agenda be approved.*

Moved: Y. Dandurand | **Seconded:** A. Gill | **CARRIED**

Any feedback on the new Operational Crime Overview report format should be sent to Deputy Serr.

4. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

5. Chief's Report

A/C/Cst. Serr reported on Project Abby Sweep, targeting prolific property offenders, noting that over the four week duration of the project 59 arrests were made, 39 new charges, and three stolen vehicles recovered. Meetings have occurred with Crown Counsel to identify ways to tighten the bail and release conditions and keep prolific offenders in custody.

D/C/Cst. Freill reported on recruiting initiatives noting that the 2018 goal is for 25 new hires and that by the end of May there should be 14 in place. The aggressive recruiting is largely due to being behind with succession planning due to retirements. Other initiatives to assist in recruiting are:

- information session on APD recruiting taking place at the MCA
- recruiting postcards are being handed out strategically
- two sessions in July and August are scheduled for interested applicants to meet the APD Recruiters
- previously deferred applicants are being revisited
- advertising with the military

A/C/Cst. Serr noted that the Traffic unit will be fully staffed at five and one and the Gang unit to three and one.

A/C/Cst. Serr noted that there are two bike members working on homelessness issues.

A/C/Cst. Serr provided an update on the West Abbotsford Youth Action Group (WAYAG). By the end of March it is anticipated that there will be 17 mentors identified for pairing with prescreened candidates. There is a registered clinical counselor who will teach skill building for families and youths being mentored. A summer program is being worked on that will include sports, music, and arts. There is also a Parent forum being organized.

A/C/Cst. Serr reported on the 2nd Coffee with Cop that took place March 9th. The events have been successful amongst the community, with 100 plus citizens attending the last session. At this event youth and school teachers from five middle schools delivered 300 cupcakes as a symbol of thanks to the APD. There is another event schedule for West Abbotsford and there are plans to host Chai with Cop.

MOTION: *That Chief's Report be received.*

Moved: M. Welte | **Seconded:** A. Gill | **CARRIED**

6. Update on National Summit on Gun and Gang Violence

Yvon Dandurand attended the National Summit on Gun and Gang Violence in early March which was attended by government, law enforcement, academia, community organizations, and Mayors in an effort to learn about and tackle gun and gang

violence. Best practices were shared at the Summit along with the challenges that law enforcement is faced with in dealing with this growing problem. Funding, to best tackle these issues, is one of the most significant challenges. The need for strong cooperation amongst law enforcement agencies was a topic of discussion at the summit. It was noted that the standard gang disruptive techniques/activities has proven to cause more violence and displacement is not a sustainable solution to this problem.

An announcement regarding funding is expecting in the coming weeks.

The proceedings of the summit will be made available and will be circulated to the Board.

MOTION: *That update from Yvon Dandurand be received.*

Moved: A. Gill | **Seconded:** B. Schimnowsky | **CARRIED**

7. BCAPB

Aman Gill reported that the next meeting is in April at the conference.

The co-hosting, between Abbotsford and Port Moody, of the 2019 BCAPB Conference and AGM in Harrison was discussed. It was noted that the roles and responsibilities between the two agencies would need to be clearly organized and established early on. A/C/Cst. Serr noted that Port Moody Police Department/Board is committed to co-host.

MOTION: *That the recommendation for the Abbotsford Police Board to co-host, with the Port Moody Police Board, the 2019 BCAPB Conference and AGM in Harrison be approved.*

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

8. CAPG

a. There was no recommendation to attend the 2018 conference and AGM.

A/C/Cst. Serr will check if police board members are welcome to attend the CACP annual conference being held in Halifax in August.

b. There were no resolutions recommended.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

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

None raised.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Moved: Mike Welte | **Seconded:** Yvon Dandurand | **CARRIED**

Meeting Adjourned: 1240hrs

"Original signed"

Chair – Henry Braun

Certified Correct:

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey