

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Aman Gill
Barb Schimnowsky
Mike Welte
Mark Warkentin
Chris Dominato

REGRETS:

Yvon Dandurand

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Jackie Mooney

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Chief Constable Mike Serr
A/Deputy Chief Constable Tom Chesley – Operations
Deputy Chief Constable Paulette Freill – Administration
Pavan Hans – Acting Director of Finance
Sgt. Judy Bird (Public Media Officer)

The meeting was called to order at 1200hrs.

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**, with the removal of the "b. Financial Statements – February 2019" for a question. The motion was **adopted**.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting – February 19, 2019
- b. Financial Statements – February 2019 – *removed for discussion*
- c. Operational Crime Overview
- d. Upcoming Events
- e. Policy Amendments

There was a question about the Training/Conferences/Membership expenses which was 17.7% unfavourable. Pavan Hans explained that this amount is year-to-date over budget because conferences and associated accommodation costs have been incurred for bookings in advance. This over budget amount is temporary and will be offset next month.

It was moved and seconded that receiving the Financial Statements – February 2019 be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

4. Presentation: Criminal Investigations Branch

Insp. Tom Chesley presented on the Criminal Investigations Branch:

- 43 Police Officers
- 2 Special Constables
- 1 Investigation Assistant
- 1 Crime Analyst

Units in the Criminal Investigation Branch:

- Major Crime Unit
- Internet Child Exploitation Unit
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Digital Forensic Lab
- Drug Enforcement Unit
- Crime Reduction Unit

A question was asked regarding members having to handle emotionally stressful files. Insp. Chesley explained that the police officers will stay in the CIB units for a pre-determined period. Members have wellness checks with an APD provided psychologist on an annual basis to ensure the maintenance of the members' well-being.

The Digital Forensic Lab is staffed by two special constables.

Seconded Units:

- Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT)
- Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU)
- Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET)
- Unsolved Homicide Unit

Insp. Chesley is striving to increase the number of Investigative Assistants within the Criminal Investigation Branch, who assist with the disclosure packages that are required by Crown. Since the Jordan Supreme Court decision the assembly of the disclosure packages has become more time sensitive.

Members seconded to integrated units are fully funded by the integrated units. The benefit to APD is the valuable training the members receive while on secondment.

5. Chief's Report

Chief Serr reported on the following:

- **Federal Funding for Gangs and Guns**

British Columbia will receive \$5.3 million of federal funding to help reduce gun and gang violence in the province.

- **Provincial Funding for School Districts' Gang Prevention Programs**
Abbotsford will be 1 of 12 communities to receive \$1.2 million of provincial funding for support of mentorship programs.
- **Body Worn Camera**
Body Worn Camera (BWC) provincial policing standards come into effect July 1, 2019. The standards outline the rules, but are not mandated. Most police agencies have not implemented the technology due to initial costs and costs of storage.
- **Project Angel**
Project Angel received renewed funding in amount of \$100,000 for 2020. There are currently seven Angels and one Coordinator. The project has received over 120 referrals. Currently there is a shortage of beds, a need for faster access to doctors, and the need for a detox facility. Investments are needed to control the demand for the drugs, for example clean drugs being distributed under a doctor's care, enabling effective weaning of persons misusing illicit drugs and transitioning away from the drugs.

6. BCAPB

- **CACP Annual Conference**
Aman Gill confirmed that the hosting fee is not a funding fee, and the funds will not be required until 2020. Positions will be filled from across the country. More participants for police board training are encouraged. Bring Forward to next meeting

7. Other Business

None raised.

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

Mr. Aird Flavelle asked a question regarding which policing agency provides security for politicians. Insp. Chesley explained that security for politicians would fall to INSET or APD. For example threats made against the Prime Minister would be handled by INSET. APD would assist with surveillance on individuals, if requested by INSET.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1238PM.

"Original signed"
Chair – Mayor Braun

Certified Correct:

"Original signed"
Recording Secretary – Jackie Mooney

