

**POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair  
Yvon Dandurand\*  
Barb Schimnowsky  
Mike Welte\*  
Mark Warkentin  
Chris Dominato  
Amanda Macpherson

**MANAGEMENT PRESENT:**

Chief Constable Mike Serr  
Deputy Chief Constable Brett Crosby-Jones – Operations  
Deputy Chief Constable Paulette Freill – Administration  
Randy Millard – Director of Finance  
Sgt. Baker (up to Agenda 4)  
Sgt. Jointer (up to Agenda 5)  
H. Jhinjar (up to Agenda 5)

**REGRETS:**

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Donna Macey

**GUESTS**

None

The meeting was called to order at 1206PM.

**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, with the removal of item 2dii for discussion, be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - June 23, 2020
- b. Financial Statements - August 2020
- c. Operational Crime Overview - to August 31, 2020
- d. Policies
  - i. I.B.040 Appointment to Office - REPEAL
  - ii. I.C.040 Conflict of Interest – removed for discussion
- e. Correspondence from Minister of Public Safety re Policing Priorities, Goals, Objectives

2d.ii. Conflict of Interest – The total value per year from the same person or corporation was discussed and it was agreed that the language in this policy would be clarified further to help ensure that no conflict of interest issues arise.

**3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes**

None

**4. Presentation – Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)**

Sgt. Baker who provided an overview on the Crime Reduction unit, reviewing the methods used within the unit and highlighting the intelligence provided to the officers from the crime analysts to assist in uncovering criminal activity and identify suspect(s).

Sgt. Baker used the Bridgeview Street case from 2019 as an example of how the suspect was caught in a series of BNEs.

It was noted that residential and commercial BNEs are down approximately 25% and 24% YTD, respectively, largely in parts to the robust and proactive efforts of CRU.

## **5. Presentation – Gang Prevention Overview**

Harpreet Jhinjar and Sgt. Joiner presented on the new Gang Intervention program titled AbbyPD *Pathways*. The program is intended to create positive pathways for at-risk youth in collaboration with families, communities, and stakeholders, with the aim to create a long-term, integrated response. Pathways aligns with the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) principles. The guiding principles of Pathways were reviewed: 1. Mitigate risk factors & enhance protective factors, 2. Practice cultural responsiveness and ensure that gang prevention initiatives are responsive and inclusive, and 3. Build & strengthen collaborative partnerships at all levels to support cross-cutting prevention efforts. The 3-pronged approach of 1. Community Engagement, 2. Prevention, and 3. Intervention were reviewed noting that each approach is equally recognized in terms of importance, with each collectively supported by the others. At the centre of the *Pathways* strategy is prevention and this approach is three-fold: Engage, Educate, and Empower, with all three playing a key role to develop and implement grassroots efforts that are culturally competent, build sustainable collaborations with stakeholders and establish linkages with diverse communities.

## **6. Chief's Report**

Chief Serr reported on the following topics:

**COVID19** - Fraser Health region, especially Abbotsford, has been significantly affected. Wearing of masks inside AbbyPD buildings becomes mandatory October 1, 2020.

**Ecomm Update** – Deputy Freill reported that the BC Chiefs have met with the E-Comm CEO. E-Comm is no longer requesting funding currently as they look to identify efficiencies and work with the subject matter experts to help improve operations through initiatives such as implementing standardized SOPs between agencies.

Mike Welte reported that he is now the official Board of Directors designate for the group of companies (Abbotsford, Port Moody, West Vancouver, New Westminster, and Transit Police) to the E-Comm Board. He noted that he has met the Board Chair and CEO and the main issues that are being addressed are dispatch operations and improving service standards. The Ecomm Board is made up of 22 members. The Board is meeting in a month to discuss the strategic planning process. Mike noted his plan to reach out to the other constituents in the group of companies and to provide an update on a quarterly basis.

**Online reporting** – Deputy Freill reported that since the improvements to online reporting, call volume has dropped. Online reporting is averaging 120 to 130 reports

per month, mainly related to damaged property, fraud, and traffic complaints which have been the highest reporting.

**Abbotsford Police Foundation's Crime is Toast** – virtual & complimentary event this year taking place Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. It is planned to be approximately one-hour in duration to connect with the community.

**Canucks celebration** – there were a few evenings with large crowds; no major problems but did incur extra costs for call outs.

## **7. ARJAA Update**

Yvon Dandurand reported that since the last meeting he has attended two board meetings:

- Approved a provisional budget for 2020 and the association is in good standing and no concern for its funding in the coming year.
- New community restorative justice practice program working with community groups to address latent or emerging conflict is getting organized. The new person hired for this position is actively consulting other stakeholders.
- The Restorative Action Program, which is ARJAA's school-based program, is still not running due to COVID. Discussions are taking place to determine how this will reinstated, perhaps in a different format. The school board and district remain interested in continuing the program.
- Current activities – COVID has not stopped activity. 10 files in the last 6 weeks, all of which were referred by the AbbyPD, dealing with matters such as theft under \$5K, assault, mischief, sexual assault/unwanted touching, and assault of a police officer.
- Most significant development is that ARJAA has been working with Crown Counsel to receive files directly, which is done in other jurisdictions but not yet done in Abbotsford. A formal proposal has been submitted to Crown for consideration.

Mr. Dandurand added that as part of provinces recovery plan in the area of public safety and justice, two things are being emphasized: mediation and alternatives when it comes to family law cases, excluding cases with domestic violence. There is a plan, not yet in place, to increase the use of restorative justice in adult criminal cases as a counter measure to the mounting backlog of case involving family court and criminal court at the provincial level.

## **8. BCAPB Update**

Chris Dominato reported the following from the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting that he attended as the alternate representative:

- Surrey Police transition - Surrey has attended the BCAPB with their EA currently attending the meetings.
- Discussed having the BCAPB being the voice representing the Boards and that was decided against.

- 2021 conference – to be determined whether a virtual conference or only an AGM will take place; 2022 in Nelson; wait until CAPG
- Looking at ways to raise awareness of police boards
- Raising profile of our police board to garner more interest, leading drive for diversity but not at the expense of qualifications.
- Looking at more police board training
- Justice Institute – the 20 recommendations have been addressed and are with the Chiefs; update on this at the November meeting
  - Looking to add the Fair and Impartial training to the JIBC

Mr. Welte advised that he is part of a committee that will be looking at collective bargaining for police and fire agencies.

### **9. E-Comm Update**

Update provided under agenda item 6.

### **10. Other Business**

None.

### **11. Questions from the public relating to today's Agenda**

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 1323PM.

"Original signed"

Chair – Henry Braun

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey