

STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 19th day of June, 2019 at 4:30 pm, Council Chamber, City Hall.

PRESENT: Dan Mathieson (Chair), Graham Bunting, Tim Doherty, Peter Hyde, Rosemary Tanner, Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Inspector Jason Clarke, Inspector Mark Taylor, Constable Rob McMillan, Pat Shantz – Executive Assistant.

MINUTES

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Peter Hyde declared a pecuniary interest in the May 2019 accounts for the rental of 154 Downie Street as his spouse owns the building.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15th, 2019

MOTION by Peter Hyde | Graham Bunting

That the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15th, 2019, be adopted as presented. Carried.

4. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations

There were no hearings of deputations or presentations scheduled.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1 Collision Reporting Centre (ASSI)

The Chief provided an update and advised that ASSI is having difficulty in providing staff as their candidates have not been able to pass the Service's background check. There was discussion with the Service's members and it was decided that a full collision centre may not be needed in Stratford. However, ASSI may be able to provide another program model from a statistical or analytical perspective that may help officers to respond to accident. Discussions are still taking place.

5.2 Court Security

The Chief provided an update regarding Court security and advised that discussions have taken place with the Court staff, and due to grant cut backs, they are trying to work within the funding that's available while servicing everyone's needs. The Police Services Act states that Court security is the responsibility of the Police Service as directed by the Board, and the Board will sign off on any plan for Court security. Discussion followed and the Chief will provide the Board with proposals, including financial information, for their consideration.

6. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – May 2019

Inspector Taylor reviewed the individual Statistical Reports for May 2019 with the Board and answered questions.

6.1 Stratford

There were 1830 calls for service, 217 e-tickets were issued and 163 warnings were given. There was a significant increase in theft under incidents due to bike thefts and unlocked vehicles. Regarding the opening of the Stratford Festival, he advised that there were only some minor issues.

6.2 St Marys

There were 319 calls for service, 76 e-tickets were issued and 33 warnings were given. The increase in theft under incidents was the result of stolen bicycles.

6.3 Perth South

There were 227 calls for service, 104 e-tickets were issued and 28 warnings were given. There was a significant increase in auto thefts.

MOTION by Peter Hyde | Rosemary Tanner

That the Monthly Statistic Reports for May 2019 be received. Carried.

7. Approval of Monthly Accounts – May 2019

The Chief reviewed the accounts and advised that full-time and part-time wages are on track and fuel usage has leveled off from the spike resulting from officers familiarizing themselves with St Marys and Perth South. He highlighted some of the accounts, but overall, he had no concerns at this time.

Motion by Peter Hyde | Tim Doherty

That the monthly accounts for May, 2019, with the exception of the accounts regarding the rent for 154 Downie Street, be approved for payment. Carried.

Motion by Rosemary Tanner | Graham Bunting

That the accounts for the rent for 154 Downie Street for May, 2019, be approved for payment. Carried.

8. Police Association Business

There was no Police Association business at this time.

9. Public Complaints

The Chief advised that two complaints have been investigated and concluded. One complaint involved the misuse of police records and the Chief will be following up internally as other issues have been identified from the investigation.

10. Correspondence

The Chief reviewed the correspondence with the Board and answered questions.

Community Safety & Well-Being Plan - the Chief advised that all communities are to have a plan in place by January 2021. It was suggested that Stratford, St Marys and Perth South do a combined plan. The Chief has reached out to Human Resources and Social Services and they will lead the plan for the three municipalities and attend the training sessions. The Strategic Priorities already in place for the City will be used as a guide as most priorities are very similar.

Basic Constable Training - one seat has been reserved for the Service.

Hospital Transitions Framework - regarding the transfer of care, officers are struggling as it is difficult to transfer individuals to the hospital who have mental health issues. There is no security guard process in place at the hospital and the responsibility falls to the officers to stay with the individuals until they are admitted. The Transfer of Care Protocol will allow the sharing of information with hospital staff to allow for the transfer of individuals into the care of the hospital, releasing the officers. There is a Transfer of Care Protocol currently in place that has been working well since 2015. The Chief advised that the protocol will be reviewed and updated from time to time to ensure that it meets with the guidelines of the provincial standardized template.

11. Consent Items

11.1 Taxi Driver Licenses

Motion by Graham Bunting | Tim Doherty

That on the recommendation of the Chief, Bonnie Guay (City Cabs) and Paul Albrecht (City Cabs) be approved for a taxi license. Carried.

12. New Business

12.1 Taxi By-law

The Chief advised that he has met with Peter Williams from Stratford Taxi regarding his concerns with the Taxi By-law and fees charged outside of the City. Mr. Williams was advised that the By-law only covers the City of Stratford and 5 km outside of the City and it is an open competition for fares further out. He did have some other issues with the by-law and the Chief will put together a list to be reviewed by the Board.

13. Next Meeting

No meetings will be scheduled for the months of July and August, unless needed. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 18th, at 4:30 pm.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Tim Doherty | Rosemary Tanner

That the meeting adjourn to an In Camera session to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals, to reconvene in open session if required. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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Dan Mathieson - Chair