

# STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

A meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board was held on the 18th day of October 2023, at Stratford City Hall – Council Chamber, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON

**PRESENT:** Tim Doherty (Chair), Dave Gaffney, Martin Ritsma, Harjinder Nijjar, Chief Greg Skinner, Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Inspector Mark Taylor, Galen Simmons (Media), Connor Luczka (Media), Councillor Rob Edney (St. Marys), Casey Riehl (Executive Assistant)

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to order

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

### 2. Adoption of the October 18, 2023 Agenda and Addition of Agenda Items – Business Arising or New Business

**Motion by** Dave Gaffney | Harjinder Nijjar

**THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of October 18, 2023 be adopted as presented with the addition of Item 13.1 – Police Station Discussion requested by Martin Ritsma.**

**Carried.**

### 3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

### 4. Adoption of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2023

**Motion by** Dave Gaffney | Harjinder Nijjar

**THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2023 be adopted as amended.**

**Carried.**

### 5. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations

None noted.

### 6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None noted.

### 7. Receipt of Monthly Statistical Reports – September 2023

Board members received the statistical reports for September 2023. Inspector Taylor reviewed the reports with the Board with respect to Stratford, St. Marys and Perth South and answered questions.

**7.1 Stratford**

There were 1658 calls for service in September, down from 1924 in August, and 309 charges laid this month. E-tickets were up this month with 101, with no currently validated permit as the top ticket issued (33). Mental health related occurrences were also down with 43, 1 suicide and 1 overdose call. Auto thefts and break & enters were also down, which can most likely be attributed to 1-2 individuals who are currently incarcerated. There were 4 impaired by alcohol charges. MVC's were down slightly this month with 52.

**7.2 St Marys**

There were 165 calls for services, with 28 charges laid. The top call for this month was false alarms with 7 calls received. There were 7 domestic related occurrences. Mischief offences were up slightly from 4 last month to 5 in September. There were 4 e-tickets issued.

**7.3 Perth South**

There were 157 calls for services and 96 charges laid. There were 54 e-tickets issued with speeding being the top ticket issued (43).

**Motion by** Martin Ritsma | Dave Gaffney

**THAT the Monthly Statistical Reports for September 2023 be received as presented.  
Carried.**

**8. Approval of Monthly Accounts (September 2023)**

Deputy Chief Foster reviewed the Statement of Operations as of September 30, 2023. Most of the line items are under the typical amounts for this time of year, including the wages and salary line which is currently in a good position at 84.24%. They are still on track for a surplus at the end of 2023, however with payouts such as overtime that may be requested by year end still outstanding, this may affect the final numbers.

Tim Doherty inquired when members might expect to receive their retroactive pay now that the new contract has recently been agreed upon. Deputy Chief Foster stated that in all likelihood, the Finance Department will have the payments issued by the end of November 2023.

**MOTION by** Harjinder Nijjar | Dave Gaffney

**That the monthly accounts for September 2023 be approved as presented.  
Carried.**

**9. Police Association Business**

None noted.

**10. Public Complaints – Deputy Chief Foster**

Deputy Chief Foster reported that there was one new complaint received this month from the OIPRD and it has been assigned to an investigator.

**11. Correspondence**

All-Chiefs Memo's as received in agenda packages.

**12. Consent Items**

12.1 **Motion by** Martin Ritsma | Harjinder Nijjar

**THAT on the recommendation of the Chief and Deputy Chief, Harshdeep Singh Narain (City Cab), Isabel Ashley Bernier (City Cab) and Philip N. Heisz (City Cab) be approved for a taxi license. Carried.**

**13. New Business**

13.1 Stratford Police Station – Martin Ritsma

Martin Ritsma has requested if Board members would consider holding a special meeting to discuss the state of the current police station. Discussing issues such as accessibility compliance and the overall size and capacity of the building for the safety of employees who work in the building and for the safety of the public.

Tim Doherty will contact Board members to check their availability to hold a brainstorming session to discuss issues regarding the police station.

**14. Adjournment to In-Camera Meeting**

**Motion by** Dave Gaffney | Harjinder Nijjar

**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 to In-Camera at 4:43 p.m.