



WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Woodstock Police Services Board met on December 13, 2021 at Woodstock Police Service headquarters and via ZOOM at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Ken Whiteford, Provincial Appointee; Mayor Trevor Birtch; Balwant Rai, Community Member (via Zoom); Deb Tait, City Councilor; Leslie Farrell, Provincial Appointee (via Zoom left at 3:34 pm); and Amy Hartley, WPSB EA.

Also in attendance were Chief Daryl Longworth, Deputy Chief Rod Wilkinson, Kristi Lampman, Human Resources Coordinator, Ron LeClair, Zone 4 Police Advisor.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ken WHITEFORD called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Moved by: Balwant RAI

Seconded by: Trevor BIRTCH

Resolved that the nominations and elections of Board Chair and Vice Chair be deferred until the January 10, 2022 meeting, and that the Procedural By-law be amended so that the annual election is held in January.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Balwant RAI

Seconded by: Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board approve the agenda as circulated and as amended

CARRIED.

4. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5. MINUTES

Moved by Trevor BIRTCH

Seconded by Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of November 8, 2021 save and except for the following amendment:

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CHIEF

(paragraph #2) Chief Longworth advised that previously when a detainee ~~needed medical attention the~~ was apprehended under the Mental Health Act and transported to hospital, officers would be required to remain at the hospital until those in custody were seen by the doctor. With the new agreement in place, the hospital can take custody of those detained, conduct a risk analysis and ensure there is security staff available for the handover.

CARRIED.

6. SPECIAL MINUTES

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of December 13, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHAIR

- K. Whiteford congratulated Chief Longworth as he has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces. Through the Queen, the Governor General recognizes the commitment to this country and to honour a career of exceptional service or distinctive merit displayed by officers or civilians of Canadian Police Forces. Chief Longworth is being recognized for his exceptional merit through policing and community developments and fostering a relationship between police and the community. He will be asked to receive the award at a ceremony organized by the Governor General either in person or virtual at a future date.

9. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHIEF

- Chief Longworth spoke regarding the Fill-A-Cruiser Holiday Food Drive event. He noted that the Woodstock Police Auxiliary collected enough donations to fill 7 cruisers. While this number is lower than last year's total, Chief Longworth was proud of the Auxiliary Unit and the community

for providing food and cash donations to the local Salvation Army.

- Thirty-three members completed their fitness pin in 2021. He noted that this is consistent with the previous years total of 34 members. The fitness pin helps with the promotion of health and wellness for both officers and civilian members.

- Chief Longworth advised that there are still some issues with the new radio consoles and existing radio system. WPS had returned to having only single patrol units, however with the recent issues WPS has decided as of December 11, 2021 to double up on patrol units to ensure safety of officers and the community. A radio consultant has been engaged to act on the WPS's behalf so that their interests are being protected and to also provide short-term and long-term solutions.

- It was brought to the Board's attention that the Drug and Weapons seizures this year have increased greatly. In previous years there would be 20-30 weapons related incidents, whereas last year there was 80 and this year there are already 61. He noted an arrest that was made on the weekend of a male from Toronto for drug trafficking in Fentanyl. The male was also in possession of a loaded handgun that had been converted to fully automatic capabilities. The public safety risk of this individual is immense and the fact that this individual had been released by two other police forces (Toronto and Barrie) on house arrest is puzzling. Chief Longworth noted that this individual should not have been within the vicinity of Woodstock and that the court system needs to keep the surrounding community's interests in mind. Chief Longworth expressed frustrations that this is becoming more common for repeat offenders for property offenses and that it takes a significant amount of an officer's time to arrest and process these individuals and see them through the court system. The Chief will be providing a more detailed report at the January meeting in regards to repeat offenders.

- Efforts continue in the downtown area. In order to provide additional resources, two dedicated full time platoon officers have been assigned to walk the downtown area, however if call volume in the remainder of the City is heightened they will be required elsewhere. In response to recent concerns by the community, additional officers were brought in on overtime for 3 shifts a week to aid the foot patrols downtown.

10. STATISTICS/REPORTS – Deputy WILKINSON

- A) Calls for Service Statistics
- B) Calls for Service Report
- C) Charge Comparison Report
- D) Report on Complaint Investigations
- E) Other Reports as necessary – 911 Statistics Report

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board receive all statistics and reports presented in Item 10.

CARRIED.

11. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board receive the financial statements ending November 30, 2021 in Item 11.

CARRIED.

12. OAPSB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board approve payment in the amount of \$5,028.19 for the 2022 OAPSB Membership fee.

CARRIED.

12. CAPG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Moved by: Balwant RAI

Seconded by: Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board approve payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 2022 CAPG Membership fee.

CARRIED.

13. BUDGET SURPLUS

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Balwant RAI

Resolved that in the event of a 2021 budget surplus, any surplus monies will be transferred to the Woodstock Police Service Sick Leave Severance Reserve Fund Account #0180-52031.

CARRIED.

14. AUCTION REVENUE

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board receive the report.

CARRIED.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 3:36 pm to discuss intimate financial or personal matters or other matters may be disclosed of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public. R.S.O. 1990, c.P15, s.35 of the Ontario Police Services Act.

CARRIED.

17. CLOSED SESSION RISES

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board does now rise from Closed Session and reconvenes at 3:56 pm.

CARRIED.

18. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - # 1 - # 6

CLOSED SESSION # 1 - CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Moved by: Balwant RAI

Seconded by: Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board approve the Closed Session Agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 2 - PERSONNEL REPORTS a) STAFFING REPORT
b) STAFFING ACTIVITY

Moved by: Trevor BIRTCH

Seconded by: Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board receives for information the Staffing Report and Staffing Activity Report dated as of November 30, 2021.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 3 - OVERTIME - CHIEF

Moved by: Balwant RAI

Seconded by: Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board receive the monthly tracking report for information.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 4 - STATUS OF LEGAL CASES - CHIEF

Moved by: Balwant RAI

Seconded by: Trevor BIRTCH

Resolved that the Board receive the updates presented in Item #4.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 5 – RESIGNATION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Moved by: Trevor BIRTCH

Seconded by: Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board receive the letters of resignation

CARRIED.

19. NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION # 6 – BENEFITS RENEWAL REPORT

Moved by: Trevor BIRTCH

Seconded by: Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board approves the NFP Canada – Group Benefit 2022 Renewal Report effective January 1, 2022 recommending Canada Life continue as the Benefits Provider for WPSB.

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board authorize NFP to draw down \$50,000 from the Refund Deposit Account to be made payable to WPSB and applied to the 2022 WPSB Operating Budget.

CARRIED.

20. Date of Next Board Meeting MONDAY, January 10, 2022 at 3pm
via Zoom.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Deb TAIT

Seconded by: Trevor BIRTCH

resolved that the Board does now adjourn at 4:01pm

CARRIED.

Ken Whiteford, Chair
Woodstock Police Service Board

Trevor Birtch, Vice-Chair
Woodstock Police Service Board