WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Woodstock Police Services Board met on January 30, 2023 at Woodstock Police Service headquarters and via ZOOM at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Ken Whiteford, Provincial Appointee; Mayor Jerry Acchione, Council Representative; Connie Lauder, Council Representative; Leslie Farrell, Provincial Appointee; Daryl Stevenson, Community Appointee; and Amy Hartley, WPSB EA.

Also in attendance were Chief Rod Wilkinson; Deputy Chief Nick Novacich; Kristi Lampman, Human Resources Coordinator; David Tilley, Zone 4 Police Advisor.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Amy HARTLEY called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR
Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE
Seconded by Leslie FARRELL
That Ken WHITEFORD be nominated as Board Chair for 2023.
CARRIED.

Ken WHITEFORD agreed to let his name stand.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE
Moved by Connie LAUDER
Seconded by Leslie FARRELL
That nominations do now close.
CARRIED.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR
Moved by Leslie FARRELL
Seconded by Connie LAUDER
Resolved that Ken WHITEFORD be elected Board Chair for 2023.
CARRIED.

3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
Moved by: Ken WHITEFORD
Seconded by: Connie LAUDER
That Leslie Farrell be nominated as Board Acting Vice Chair for 2023.
CARRIED.

Leslie Farrell agreed to let her name stand.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE
Moved by: Jerry ACCHIONE
Seconded by: Ken WHITEFORD
That nominations do now close.
CARRIED.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE CHAIR
Moved by: Ken WHITEFORD
Seconded by: Connie LAUDER
Resolved that Leslie Farrell be elected Board Vice Chair for 2023.
CARRIED.

The meeting was then turned over to 2023 Board Chair Ken WHITEFORD.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Connie LAUDER
Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON
Resolved that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED.

5. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

6. MINUTES – December 12, 2022
Moved by Leslie FARRELL
Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE
resolved that the Board approve the minutes of December 12, 2022 as circulated.
CARRIED.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
None

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHAIR
Nothing to report

9. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHIEF

- Chief Wilkinson advised the Board that a Christmas lunch was held on December 14, 2022 for members of WPS

- Chief Wilkinson noted that the New Year's Eve shift was good and there was not a large influx of incidents reported during both Christmas week and New Year's Eve

- 14 members from WPS attended the funeral for Daryl Pierzschala in Barrie on January 14. Chief Wilkinson mentioned that the OACP, CACP and other police Chiefs have been vocal regarding bail reform and changes to the legislation. In response to L. Farrell, Chief Wilkinson noted that incidents like this take a toll on all police members. Chief Wilkinson advised that the Peer Support Team was engaged and wellness initiatives were provided.

- Chief Wilkinson welcomed Daryl Stevenson, the Board's new community member. Daryl had his swearing in on January 5.

- On December 19 WPS made a significant traffic stop wherein 23 charges were laid, a crossbow, drugs and money totaling $50,000 were seized.

- Chief Wilkinson thanked the Woodstock Navy Vets organization for delivery of stuffed animals from their teddy bear toss night. The bears are placed in cruisers and are provided to children when the officers need to interact with them on calls.

- There has been a change of members on the Core Beat, Cst. Ruitenbeek and Cst. Whetstone along with Sgt. Minielly will be walking the downtown core as part of the Community Response Unit. These members continue to meet with business owners and address community issues.

- Chief Wilkinson noted that only one arrest was made during the holiday season RIDE Campaign. A total of 26 locations were set up and approximately 3,300 vehicles were checked.

- January is Crime Stopper month. WPS has expressed their commitment in supporting our partnership with Crime Stoppers Oxford. Crime stoppers remains an invaluable tool in safety of the citizens of Woodstock by assisting police in solving crime anonymously. This year's theme for the month is "stand up, stand together" which promotes all of us working together.

- Chief Wilkinson spoke briefly about the Memphis, Tennessee incident. The death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of the Memphis Officers is inhumane and inexcusable. Chief Wilkinson has expressed WPS condolences through social media to the family and friends of Mr. Nichols. As a Police Service,

we will always continue to be accountable, professional and transparent for our actions. Officer must always be able to articulate any use of force.

10. STATISTICS/REPORTS – Deputy NOVACICH

A) Calls for Service Statistics
B) Calls for Service Report
C) Charge Comparison Report
D) Report on Complaint Investigations

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON
Seconded by Connie LAUDER
resolved that the Board receive all statistics and reports presented in Item 10.
CARRIED.

11. 2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chief Wilkinson presented a revised version of the 2023 budget by means of a slide deck and responded to Board questions. The Board decided that any finalization of the budget would be deferred to the February meeting. Presentation to City Council is still planned for Thursday, March 2.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

13. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE
Seconded by Connie LAUDER
resolved that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 4:17 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.

14. CLOSED SESSION RISES
Moved by Connie LAUDER
Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE
resolved that the Board does now rise from Closed Session and reconvenes at 5:30 pm
CARRIED.

15. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - # 1 - # 9

CLOSED SESSION # 1 - CLOSED SESSION AGENDA
Moved by Daryl STEVENSON
Seconded by Connie LAUDER
resolved that the Board approve the Closed Session Agenda as circulated.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 2 - PERSONNEL REPORTS a) STAFFING REPORT
b) STAFFING ACTIVITY
Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE
Seconded by Leslie FARRELL
resolved that the Board receives for information the Staffing Report and Staffing Activity Report dated as of December 31, 2022.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 3 - OVERTIME - CHIEF
Moved by Connie LAUDER
Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON
resolved that the Board receive the monthly tracking report for information.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 4 - STATUS OF LEGAL CASES - CHIEF
Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE
Seconded by Leslie FARRELL
resolved that the Board receive the updates presented in Item #4.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 5 - RESIGNATION LETTER
Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE
Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON
Resolved that the Board receives the letter.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 6 - REPORT #01-2023
Moved by: Leslie FARRELL
Seconded by: Connie LAUDER
Resolved that the Board adopts the recommendation in Report No. 01-2023.
CARRIED.

16. NEW BUSINESS
None

17. Date of Next Board Meeting MONDAY, February 13, 2023 at 3pm at the Woodstock Police Service Headquarters.

18. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Connie LAUDER
Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON
resolved that the Board does now adjourn at 5:32 pm
CARRIED.

"Original Signed by"

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Ken Whiteford, Chair
Woodstock Police Service Board

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Leslie Farrell, Vice Chair
Woodstock Police Service Board