



## Guelph Police Services Board

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### OPEN MEETING

### MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2020

An Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board was held on February 20, 2020.

**Present:** D. Drone, Chair  
R. Carter, Vice-Chair  
C. Guthrie, Member  
C. Billings, Member  
R. Curran, Member  
C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant  
G. Cobey, Chief of Police  
P. Martin, Deputy Chief of Police  
L. Pelton, Financial Services Supervisor

**Regrets:** J. Sidlofsky Stoffman, Legal Services

**Guests:** Guelph Police Service: Insp. S. Green, Insp. A. Ninacs, Insp. C Welsh, Sgt. Ross Keller, Sgt. Cliff Russell, T. Smits, Cst. Gregory MacArthur, wife Ashley and family, and PSD General.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair D. Drone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 112, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street, Guelph.

**3. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by** R. Curran

**Seconded by** C. Guthrie

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board convene in closed session to discuss matters that it is of the opinion falls under Section 35(4) (a) or (b) of the *Police Services Act*.

**-CARRIED-**

**4. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSISON**

**Moved by** C. Guthrie

**Seconded by** R. Curran

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board reconvene at 2:37 p.m. in Open Session.

**-CARRIED-**

5. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

6. **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS**

There were no closed session resolutions brought forward to the open meeting.

7. **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

7.1 **Guelph Police Service Retirements**

- ***Sergeant Ross Keller:*** Chief Cobey thanked Sgt. Keller for serving the community for 30 years. Insp. Scott Green noted that he worked as a dedicated officer in Uniform, Traffic, PDRU and the youth and Crime Prevention Unit over the course of his career. He became well-known in the community through his work with the VIP program and he was involved in the launch of the Youth Engagement Program in 2014. D. Drone thanked him for his service in many areas of the organization.
- ***PSD General with Cst. Gregory MacArthur:*** PSD General was recognized as he is retiring from the Service and will remain with the MacArthur family. Sgt. Cliff Russell noted General's amazing contributions as a tracking dog and recounted two recent situations where General tracked suspects through difficult terrain and they were apprehended successfully. He was involved in over 100 arrests in all types of weather and environments. He recognized Cst. Corey MacArthur and his family for their sacrifices in being General's handler. Chief Cobey thanked Cst. MacArthur and his family and wished them continued success. D. Drone expressed the Board's gratitude for their service.

Cst. MacArthur and family left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by C. Billings**

**Seconded by R. Curran**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Open Meeting held Thursday, January 16, 2020 be approved as presented.

**- CARRIED –**

9. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by C. Billings**

**Seconded by R. Carter**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Open Meeting agenda.

**- CARRIED –**

D. Drone noted that as the Fundraising Annual Report was verbal, it was moved to the Discussion Agenda as Item 9.8.

**Moved by C. Billings**

**Seconded by R. Carter**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board adopt **Part 1 – Consent Agenda**, as amended and identified below.

**- CARRIED –**

**9.1 Headquarter Renovation and Expansion**

That the Report titled “Police Headquarters Renovation and Expansion Project” and dated February 20, 2020, be received for information.

**9.2 Community Account Annual Report (2019)**

That the report titled “Community Account Annual Report 2019” and dated February 20, 2020 be received for information.

**9.3 Guelph Police Service Charity Gala Update**

That the report titled “Chief’s Gala” and dated February 20, 2020 be received for information.

**9.4 Annual Suspect Apprehension Pursuit Report (2019)**

That the report titled “2019 Annual Suspect Apprehension Pursuit (SAP) Report” and dated February 20, 2020 be received for information.

**Part 2 – Discussion Agenda**

**9.5 Community Safety Plan Update – Rod Curran, Board Member**

Rod Curran updated the Board on the work of this committee, organized by Insp. Pat Milligan and David Weadrick of the City. R. Curran represents the Board. The first meeting was held on February 6, 2020 where 16 community members attended for a brainstorming session. The due date for the Community Safety Plan is January 2021. A presentation will be made to City Council and the Police Services Board prior to year end.

**9.6 Chief’s Monthly Report**

Chief Cobey provided his schedule of upcoming internal and external community events and meetings. He invited the Board to join him at any events. He noted that the recent guest speakers at the Senior Leadership Team meetings have been excellent links to community groups.

**9.7 Board Correspondence Report**

The report of correspondence received and issued since the last meeting was received for information. No further direction was provided by the Board.

## **9.8 Annual Fundraising Report 2019**

Chief Cobey reported that the Service will start to track initiatives where members are involved so that we can tell a story. Every six months, the Board will receive an update about initiatives that are supported by the Service. D. Drone noted that many in the community do not know the labour, generosity, time and money that GPS members give to the community, and encouraged that these be reported in the media so that the community becomes aware.

## **9.9 New Business -** There was no new business noted.

## **10 INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Next Open Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 2:30 p.m., Guelph City Hall, Meeting Room C
- 2020 Police Association of Ontario (PAO) Conference: March 2-3, 2020, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North
- 2020 Law of Policing Conference: April 29-30, 2020, Toronto
- OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM: May 27-30, 2020, Marriott Downtown, Toronto (*R. Carter attending*)
- Inaugural Guelph Police Service Charity Gala: June 4, 2020
- CAPG Annual Conference: August 20-23, 2020, Victoria, B.C.

## **11 ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** C. Billings

**Seconded by** R. Curran

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board reconvene and adjourn the Open Session as at 3:03 p.m.

**- CARRIED –**

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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*"D. Drone"*

D. Drone, Chair

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C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant