



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017 – 2:00 P.M.

POLICE SERVICES BOARD ROOM

1. Roll Call

Members – D. Hilsinger, Chair
Mayor C. Provenzano
J. Bruno
Councillor M. Bruni
Rick Webb

Staff – Chief R. Keetch
Deputy S. Sparling
Sarah Miles

2. Call to Order

Chair D. Hilsinger called this meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Questions and Information Arising Out of the Minutes and Not Otherwise on the Agenda

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Adoption of Minutes – October 19, 2017

MOVED BY: J. Bruno
SECONDED BY: M. Bruni

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the regular meeting, as presented, be hereby approved.
Carried.

6. Motion to Accept Agenda – November 30, 2017

MOVED BY: M. Bruni
SECONDED BY: J. Bruno

RESOLVED that the Agenda of the regular meeting, as presented, be hereby approved.
Carried.

7. Taxi By-Law

Presentation by Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams attended the regular meeting to discuss concerns he had with obtaining a taxi in the city. Mr. Adams advised that it is very difficult to get a cab at certain periods of the day. The taxi by-law allows owners to remove their car from hire and be contracted out; the two biggest contracts being the school boards and the postal service. Mr. Adams provided that currently, the average wait for a taxi is one to one and a half hours. He suggested there should be a way to ensure business are required to have a certain percentage of their vehicles be available for hire to the public and he would like to see an amendment to the taxi by-law that allows for this. The Chief noted the by-law is governed by the City and this would be a business model issue. It was unclear what role the police service body can have other than to forward these concerns to city council for consideration.

The Mayor advised Mr. Adams the taxi by-law is currently under consideration by the City, though the issues of the quality and quantity of taxis available has not been reviewed. The Mayor noted it is an open issue and he did not see why we could not include some of these concerns and bring them forward to city council. The Mayor noted the matter would be handled by Councillor Bruni and the Mayor.

8. Communications & Reports – Information Only

- a) Special Account Ledger (Auction Fund) October 2017
- b) 2017 Monthly Total Overtime Costs (Paid and Banked) – October 2017

The Chief advised this is the continued matter of overtime relative to the Service. We have exceeded overtime from last year and the challenges remain the same as previously discussed. The Chief noted we continue to look at potential solutions. The Mayor asked what seems to be exacerbating the issues this year versus last year and the Chief advised we had a reduction in the number of officers and we are slightly under complement. The retirement incentive also decreased some of the availability of officers. The Deputy noted that if you look at the overtime in the summer, it is reflective of the retirement incentive.

- c) 2017 Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs – October 2017
- d) 2017 Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (Cash and AOT) – October 2017
- e) Budget Report – ending October 31, 2017

The Chief advised that he believes we will be under budget by approximately \$300,000 but it is difficult to say where that will ultimately end up.

- f) Court Time Costing Comparison – October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017
- g) Monthly and Year to Date Statistical Reports for August 2017

The Chief noted the statistics reflect some positives that have taken place with regards to break and enters, sexual assaults and robberies. John asked if the response times have been affected at all and the Chief advised that would have to be analysed. Non-critical calls are being diverted to ARC so the 2.2% increase does reflect calls dispatched to frontline. The Deputy advised it is not a significant increase.

- h) YCJA Diversion Program – Statistical Report ending October 31, 2017
- i) Provincial Offences Statistics – October 2017
- j) Notes of Appreciation – Report dated November 23, 2017
- k) Use of Force Reports –October 2017
- l) Public Complaints Against Police – Dated October 10, 2017

Councillor Bruni asked about the use of the phrase “not in the public interest to do so” and the Chief explained how OIPRD would assess a complaint to see if it fell within their mandate. This could indicate a complaint was frivolous. The Deputy explained it is a phrase used when OIPRD decide not to move further with a complaint.

9. Travel Log

MOVED BY: C. Provenzano
SECONDED BY: J. Bruno

RESOLVED that the Board approve the Travel Log report dated November 30, 2017.
Carried.

10. New Hires

MOVED BY: M. Bruni
SECONDED BY: J. Bruno

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| Ms. Andrea Brunetta | Effective 11 December 2017 |
| Ms. MacKenzie Gurevitch | Effective 11 December 2017 |
| Mr. Micky Sartoretto | Effective 11 December 2017 |

RESOLVED that the Board appoint the new hires effective 11 December 2017. Carried.

11. For Information: Reappointment of D. Hilsinger to Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board

12. For Information: Mental Health Response Training

The Chief explained this report was for the information of the Board, as per questions they had brought forward in a previous meeting. The Chief noted that the Service believes there is the ability to provide more training for front line officers and this is something we will see in the near future. The Chair asked how the 14 individuals noted in the report were selected and the Chief provided that they were selected from patrol and had previously expressed an interest. John provided that Sgt. Gioia and Cst. Virtanen had come to the school board to explain how they deal with mental health in the schools and the staff members were pleased with the services provided as this is an issue that continues to grow in the school system. John thanked the Service for moving forward in dealing with mental health issues.

13. Next Meeting Date

25 January 2018

14. Adjournment – Time: 2:27 p.m.

MOVED BY: J. Bruno
SECONDED BY: M. Bruni

That the regular meeting is adjourned and that the Board enter into the caucus meeting.
Carried.