



MINUTES
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

Due to previous technical issues a hybrid meeting of the West Grey Police Services Board was held Thursday, May 5, 2022, in the Council Chambers at the West Grey Municipal Office. A virtual link to the meeting was also available on the Municipal website. The public was advised of the meeting location and that should technical issues arise again with the electronic access to the meeting, the meeting would continue if a quorum of the members was present in person in the Council Chambers and the meeting would be considered open to the public.

Present: In person attendees Chair Christine Robinson, Vice Chair Doug Townsend, Betty Moric, Heather Webb, Secretary, Chief Rob Martin and Inspector Jeremy White.

Virtual attendee Helen-Claire Tingling.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 2:00 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary interest

None declared at this time.

Geoffrey Shea joined the meeting in progress at 2:05.

Minutes

H. Tingling asked that the April 25, 2022 minutes be amended, as she was present virtually and had not sent regrets.

Resolution #027-2022

Moved by D. Townsend

Seconded by B. Moric

THAT the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2022 be approved as amended.

Carried.

Business Arising

A copy of the letter sent to Council requesting clarity, a copy of the Council resolution in response to said letter and a verbal update provided by Chair Robinson on the April 5, 2022 Council meeting re: OPP costing and established timeline, was provided for the members information and discussion. Correspondence related to timelines to be provided to Board.

Resolution #028-22

Moved by D. Townsend

Seconded by H. Tingling

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board send correspondence to Council indicating that they are willing to meet with Council as soon as possible following the Council training workshop provided by the Solicitor General's office representative Duane Sprague.

Carried

A copy of the Board's response to the West Grey Police Association's request to meet was included for member's information.

Chief Martin gave update on Business Plan advising that submitted data has been analyzed by municipal staff member, Kodey Hewlett, and he can provide comment on the information.

The Chief had submitted a letter for the Correspondence Section of the agenda asking the Board to request a meeting with West Grey Council in the immediate future to obtain their input which is necessary to complete the Business Plan.

G. Shea asked that the main motion be amended to remove the term, "stakeholder".

Resolution #029-2022

Moved by G. Shea

Seconded by D. Townsend

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board send correspondence to Council advising that the West Grey Police Services Board would like to meet with them as soon as possible to obtain their input for the West Grey Police Service Business Plan.

Carried

The main motion was amended to reflect the approved changes.

Resolution #030-2022

Moved by H. Tingling

Seconded by B. Moric

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board send a letter to Council to request that a meeting be set as soon as possible to obtain their input, for the Business Plan.

Carried.

Monthly Stats

-Chief reported on February and March 2022 monthly statistics noting that assaults and domestic disputes continue to increase.

- Mental health calls have decreased and he credits that to the work being done by Inspector White as a member of the "STAR" Table which is the Grey-Bruce Situation Table for Acute Response.
- Year to date recovered stolen property in February was \$10,100.00 with an increase in March due to stolen property valued at \$113,550.00 being recovered.
- 87.5 hours of foot patrol logged in February and 57.25 in March.

Resolution #031-2022

Moved by B. Moric

Seconded by G. Shea

THAT the monthly stats for February and March 2022 be received.

Carried.

Chief's Report

- no requests for secondary employment
 - no complaints against members
 - recent training of one officer for Child Abuse and another for Death Investigation
 - records retention bylaw updated to be in compliance with Ministry directive
 - RIDE grant application has 124 additional RIDE programs accounting for snowmobile and ATV trail systems being patrolled
 - Court Security and Prisoner Transportation grant will increase by \$9000 next year
 - new Community Safety Policing Grant has increased to \$168,000 over the term of the program and will offset the costs for expenses incurred in locally developed program focussed on prevention of crimes against children and the elderly
 - mental health and at risk individuals receiving support from STAR Table which determines appropriate care and course of action that would benefit their situation. Results are being seen in reduction of mental health calls since Inspector White has joined this group.
 - Service took part in International Women's Day, Polar Plunge, still involved in Mentorship Program with Owen Sound College and active on snowmobile trails conducting RIDE
 - Training program results-one officer completed Scenes of Crime, one officer has completed the train the trainer for the Lifesaver Program, four members completed Trauma based interview course, one new Intoxilyser tech and four members trained in Field Sobriety testing
 - drug stigma training
 - cultural & missing indigenous women training completed
- The Chief reported on several calls for service ranging from domestic disputes, resist arrest, stolen ATV's, joint investigation with Toronto Police Service for fraud against grandparents, and SIU investigation for March 8, 2022 incident has concluded and member involved has been cleared.

Suggestion made to Chief to put out press release to recognize work being done by Inspector White with respect to vulnerable community and mental health.

Resolution #032-2022

Moved by D. Townsend

Seconded by B. Moric

THAT Chief's report be received.

Carried

Accounts

Chief informed members that \$3632.52 purchase on February accounts was for upgrade on current computer program necessary for compatibility in reporting with other police related programs and includes 3 year renewal fee.

He added that current fuel prices are presenting challenges but working through this and the overbilling by Owen Sound Police Service for dispatch fees has been corrected.

Resolution #033-2022

Moved by D. Townsend

Seconded by G. Shea

THAT the February and March 2022 accounts in the amount of \$194,516.69 be approved for payment.

Carried

Correspondence

-Chief's annual report on use of urgent demands under the *Missing Persons Act, 2018* was provided to the Board as required.

-letter of response from Minister of Justice and Attorney General, David Lametti, regarding the Board's concerns on Bill C-75.

-information on 2022 OACP Spring Conference- hybrid format included for members

-letter from West Grey Police Association offering a number of meeting dates and times

-letter from Chief Martin requesting the Board to ask for a meeting with Council in the immediate future to obtain their input for the Business Plan

-Thank you letter for assistance regarding stolen property

-Ministry of the Solicitor General memo re Police Service Board Members and Elections

-West Grey Police services Board policy on use of Board resources during an election campaign

-copy of letter from CAO, Johnson to Owen Sound Mayor, Ian Boddy re provision of bid package

Alex Ruff, MP to be copied on letter received from Minister of Justice and Attorney General, David Lametti.

Resolution #034-2022

Moved by G. Shea

Seconded by B. Moric

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board correspond with the West Grey Police Association suggesting an alternative date of May 31, 2022 at 2 p.m. and that the Council Chamber be offered as a meeting place with the option of virtual attendance.

Carried.

Resolution #035-2022

Moved by G. Shea

Seconded by H. Tingling

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board rise and move into closed session at 2:50 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #036-2022

Moved by B. Moric

Seconded by D. Townsend

THAT West Grey Police Service Board resume open session at 5:24 p.m.

Carried

Chair Robinson advised that only those items permitted were discussed in closed session and direction received.

New Business

Question brought forward on media comments and the authorization received for a Board member to do so.

Chair Robinson stated that member Shea had not been authorized to speak on behalf of the Police Services Board; nor had she, in her capacity as Mayor, authorized him to speak to this issue on behalf of Council. (Amended as per Resolution #038-2022-May 30/22)

Chair advised this could appear on next agenda.

As this was directed at Councillor Shea he responded that in the media clip in question he was speaking as a member of Council. He stated his job is to communicate with the public and when contacted by the media he provided his personal viewpoint. (Amended Resolution #038-2022-May 30, 2022).

All business concluded the meeting adjourned on motion by H. Tingling at 5:40 p.m.

Christine Robinson, Chair

Heather Webb, Secretary