



**MINUTES  
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022**

A meeting of the West Grey Police Services Board was held Monday, August 8, 2022, in the Council Chambers at the West Grey Municipal Office. A virtual link to the meeting was also available on the Municipal website.

Present: In person attendees, Chair Christine Robinson, Vice Chair Doug Townsend, members Geoffrey Shea and Helen-Claire Tingling, Secretary Heather Webb and Chief Rob Martin.

Absent: Member Betty Moric sent regrets

Meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 3 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary interest

None declared at this time.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2022 and Special meeting of July 29 were presented for review.

**Resolution #069-2022**

**Moved by D. Townsend**

**Seconded by H. Tingling**

**THAT the regular meeting minutes of July 25, 2022 and the Special meeting minutes of July 29, 2022 be approved as presented.**

**Carried.**

Business Arising

The Chair provided an update on the Special Council meeting of July 12, 2022.

Correspondence dated August 4, 2022, from CAO Laura Johnston, had been received and was included under the Correspondence area of the agenda.

It provided two resolutions directly related to the Business Plan which answered the questions, "What is the most important policing related issue for your organization" and "Is there any other information you would like to share".

A third resolution extended an invitation to attend a future special meeting of Council.

**Resolution #070-2022**

**Moved by Geoffrey Shea**

**Seconded by D. Townsend**

**THAT the West Grey Police Services Board accepts Council's unanimous invitation to attend a future special meeting of Council.**

**Carried.**

Member Tingling received confirmation that the council minutes referenced during the last item and included in the Boards agenda were draft. She went on to say that she had listened to the July 12, 2022 Council meeting and asked that the Chair request that item 4.1 be amended at the upcoming August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to more accurately capture the CAO's comments, "it was noted that the Board has no authority to direct council and Council cannot direct the Board".

Chair Robinson updated the members on Succession planning. Now that a Committee has been struck they can determine meeting schedule and begin this process. When questioned on whether secretarial support would be required for the Committee it was felt that could be determined following the first meeting.

On the Town Hall Meeting update the Chair stated this would be good opportunity to incorporate with the rollout of the Business Plan. Further discussion however determined this would be an item that should be taken up in the new term.

**Resolution #071-2022**

**Moved by G. Shea**

**Seconded by H. Tingling**

**THAT the proposed West Grey Police Service Board- Town Hall meetings be taken up again in November.**

**Carried.**

Chair Robinson updated the group on the Joint Building Committee, noting that correspondence had been provided to the CAO for inclusion in the next Council Agenda and a request had been made for the approval of the participation of the CBO.

Member Shea then spoke to the recording of meetings and publishing of minutes on YouTube. Other members felt this was unnecessary

**Monthly Stats**

-911 hang ups still persist and assaults have doubled this month as a result of a number of domestic and family disputes

-Frauds continue to occur and an Officer has volunteered to provide an Education session with seniors on this subject in the fall

-increase in Landlord and Tenant disputes

-the 12 Mental Health calls can be attributed to six individuals who have been displaced since fire at rooming house in Hanover

- as mentioned in last months stats, West Grey's assistance in arresting a motorcyclist has resulted in zero pursuits for this month
- error in reported number of firearms seized, should be three(3)
- 113 P.O.A. charges laid in July
- 22 criminal charges and 20 arrests
- Service responded to 403 calls for service in July
- 93.5 hours of foot patrol logged

**Resolution # 072-2022**

**Moved by H. Tingling**

**Seconded by D. Townsend**

**THAT the monthly Stats for July 2022 be received.**

**Carried**

Chief's Report

- no secondary employment requests
- no new complaints
- no training as high vacation numbers in summer months
- car #2 is a total loss since car/deer accident. Received word Service will be receiving \$50,000 for a car we purchased for \$37,000
- Leslie Motors has notified Chief that vehicle we had ordered is now available
- Homecoming went off well with no significant occurrences
- participated in Children's Safety Village in July
- lost two sick days
- no WSIB claims
- want to thank Saugeen Shores for their offer of assistance in investigating allegations made against his men by member of Council
- Homicide that occurred last month is joint investigation with OPP with West Grey taking the lead. Team now down to four as investigation winds down.
- stolen vehicles having VIN numbers changed

-Member Tingling inquired how Chief's speaking engagement at Western University's Faculty of Law went on July 11<sup>th</sup>. He reported that feedback was positive from the Crown Attorneys he was presenting to. Member Tingling expressed her appreciation to Chief Martin for taking on this speaking engagement and representing the Board and West Grey in such a positive manner.

Chief Martin informed members of some significant calls occurring in July. Suspect charged with manslaughter discovered during RIDE program breaching his bail release, shots fired into vehicle still under investigation and a female arrested for possession of firearm.

-Justice Statistics have been released for 2021 and West Grey's Crime Severity Index for both violent and non-violent crime has dropped for a total decrease of 13.4 percent in our crime severity index. West Grey now sits 227<sup>th</sup> out of 325 municipalities with

populations over 10,000. Clearance rates for violent and non-violent crimes have also improved as reported by Stats Can

**Resolution #073-2022**

**Moved by H. Tingling**

**Seconded by D. Townsend**

**THAT the Chiefs Report for July 2022 be received.**

**Carried.**

Accounts

-Chief advised that Farlow's Home Hardware invoice has yet to be corrected and Director of Finance looking into this.

-concern with fuel costs rising

-foot patrol numbers up

-capital expense of \$47,385.61 is the 2022 Ford interceptor

Vice Chair Townsend asked if the Service was still obtaining fuel through the bulk purchasing by the Municipality and whether they had retendered for suppliers as the current environment may present some opportunities for savings. Mr. Townsend also made a request for the G/L report to be included on the next Agenda.

**Resolution #074-2022**

**Moved by G. Shea**

**Seconded by D. Townsend**

**THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve the July accounts in the amount of \$95,504.13.**

**Carried**

Correspondence

Letter received from CAO regarding July 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting dealt with earlier in today's meeting.

Email received regarding a post on the West Grey Police website with a reference to a "thin blue line". The tweet did not contain the thin blue line image.

The Chief advised that this was a memorial post for a fallen black officer in Detroit and was a tweet of support. The tweet has since been removed to avoid further issues.

**Resolution #075-2022**

**Moved by D. Townsend**

**Seconded by H. Tingling**

**THAT the West Grey Police Services Board rise and move into closed session at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with Section 35. 4(B) of the Police Services Act.**

**Carried.**

**Resolution #076-2022**

**Moved by D. Townsend**

**Seconded by G. Shea**

**THAT the West Grey Police Services Board resume open session at 4:16 p.m.**

**Carried.**

Chair Robinson confirmed that only those items permitted were discussed in closed session and direction provided.

New Business

No items.

All business concluded the meeting adjourned on motion by G. Shea at 4:18 p.m.

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Chair Christine Robinson

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Secretary Heather Webb

