



**MINUTES  
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**

The regular meeting of the West Grey Police Services Board was held Monday, December 12, 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 Kevin Eccles, members Betty Moric and Joyce Nuhn, Heather Webb, Secretary, Chief Rob Martin and Inspector White.

Member Helen-Claire Tingling attended the meeting via ZOOM.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Eccles at 3:05 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary interest

None declared at this time.

Minutes

**Resolution:** 101-2022  
**Moved:** Member Tingling  
**Seconded:** Member Moric

**THAT the West Grey Police Services Board minutes of October 31, 2022 and Special meeting minutes of December 2, 2022 be approved.**

**Carried.**

Business Arising

The members received an update on the Joint Building Committee.

This Committee was struck by the previous Board in order to deal with correspondence received from the West Grey Police Association advising that the building housing the police department does not meet the conditions for a healthy, safe, workplace. The Committee was to do an inspection to determine what could be repaired/fixed within the Board's own budget, what would require financial support from Council, and those items that could not be repaired and could only be addressed with a new building. To date this group has not met.

The current necessity for this Committee was discussed and the members were made aware that command staff are aware of the deficiencies and some short term solutions have been arranged with senior municipal staff by moving some operations over to the Municipal Office.

The second item of business was regarding the request made in a previous meeting for the Owen Sound Hub to print a retraction. This was related to an article printed earlier in

the year regarding a Councillor's allegations of intimidation. With clarification received this letter will be prepared for the Chair's signature.

### Monthly Stats

Chief Martin verbally ran through the October 2022 stats report which had been circulated to the members.

Of note 85 Provincial Offences Act charges were laid, 41 criminal charges, 16 arrests and 361 calls for service were answered. Officers logged 59.5 hours of foot patrol and 7 firearms were seized.

The November stats were also reviewed with Chief pointing out that from January 1 to the end of November 2022 the Service has laid 357 criminal charges which exceeds last years entire total which was 346.

**Resolution**                102-2022  
**Moved:**                    Member Moric  
**Seconded:**                Member Nuhn

**THAT the West Grey Police Service Board receive the monthly stats for October and November 2022.**

**Carried.**

### Chief's Report

- No secondary employment reported
- no new complaints
- one active OIPRD complaint
- recent training sessions completed: basic investigative techniques, breath tech, two homicide investigators now on staff, two crisis management officers, all members received rapid deployment training.
- Auxiliary Officers all recertified
- Service to participate in #812 Squadron Air Cadets Dinner
- Chief participated in Library's Storytime session October 25<sup>th</sup> reading to children under 5 plus arts and crafts
- Service assisted Hanover on 55 calls and the OPP on 19
- significant house fire in Durham has been determined not criminal
- Service participated in Remembrance Day Parade and laid wreath at Durham Cenotaph
- Kids Program will rollout in January
- Toy Drive kicked off November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Service has arranged for a Mental Health Support Program which will run out of dedicated private area at Durham Library. Public Health nurse will be available Thursday from 1-3 p.m.
- Chief reported on a number of incidents including motor vehicle fatality which occurred on Grey Road 4 on November 12, 2022

-The all wheel drive centre is out again in Vehicle #3 which is a hybrid. Cost to repair is \$5,000.00.

-Information received by Service regarding Provincial funding available for training and equipment upgrade for NG911 system. This info brought to attention of Owen Sound Police Service and adjustments will be made to this portion of monthly dispatch charges.

**Resolution:** 103-2022  
**Moved:** Member Nuhn  
**Seconded:** Member Moric

**THAT the Chiefs Report for October & November 2022 be received .  
Carried.**

Accounts

October and November 2022 accounts were presented for review.

**Resolution:** 104-2022  
**Moved:** Member Moric  
**Seconded:** Member Nuhn

**THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve the October accounts in the amount of \$54, 593.75 and November accounts in the amount of \$77,495.99.  
Carried**

Correspondence

None received but the Chair took the opportunity to remind the members of the OAPSB Zone 5 virtual meeting tomorrow.

**Resolution:** 105-2022  
**Moved:** Member Tingling  
**Seconded:** Member Moric

**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:** 106-2022  
**Moved:** Member Nuhn  
**Seconded:** Member Moric

**THAT the West Grey Police Services Board resume open session at 4:40 p.m.  
Carried.**

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

Chief Martin and Inspector White rejoined the meeting at this time.

New Business

The members then received information from Inspector White on the new Next Generation 911 (NG911) system which is a digital, internet protocol (IP)-based system that replaces the analog 911 system. Costs for this system are included in the monthly fee for the 2022-2026 dispatch agreement with the Owen Sound Police Service.

Chief Martin advised that word has been received from the Solicitor General's Office that costs for the supply of this new system are to be borne by the Municipality not the Police Service and he has had discussions with the Director of Finance regarding the transfer of \$15,757.20 to the appropriate department.

Concerns were raised with entering into a long term contract when the results of the police costing have not been received yet. It was noted within the contract that 365 days notice must be received to terminate the contract and any switch over to a new Service would take at least a year so the Board would be provided the time necessary to exit the contract and meet the requirement for termination.

**Resolution:** 107-2022  
**Moved:** Member Nuhn  
**Seconded:** Member Moric

**THAT the Chair be authorized to sign the 2022-2026 Owen Sound Dispatch Contract.  
Carried.**

All business concluded the meeting adjourned on motion by Member Moric at 4:55 p.m.

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Kevin Eccles, Chair

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Heather Webb, Secretary