



MINUTES

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

A meeting of the West Grey Police Services Board was held Monday, June 12, 2023 in the Council Chambers at the West Grey Municipal Office.

Present: Chair Kevin Eccles, Vice Chair Dave Fawcett, member Joyce Nuhn, member Helen-Claire Tingling, secretary Heather Webb, Chief Martin and Inspector White.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Eccles at 9:00 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary interest

None declared at this time.

Minutes

Resolution: 032-2023
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Fawcett

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve the minutes of May 8, 2023, as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

No items for discussion.

Monthly Stats

Report was reviewed by the members

It was noted that now that weather conditions have warmed up noise complaints and social disorder calls are on the increase.

Clarification was provided on the category “non-police matters”, which includes a wide variety of issues for which the Service receives calls and responds to as they are the only 24 hour service available for the public to call, i.e. advice on how to obtain restraining orders, wildlife/animal control, social service inquiries, hunting regulations.

The “property related” category is found property such as keys, rings, cell phones, trail cams on private property not installed by owner, basically everything other than stolen property.

Suggestion was made to provide a monthly media release on “non-police matters” to inform the public about calls the Service are often asked to deal with, which takes them away from regular police duties. Information is to be provided to the public on the appropriate non police agencies where their calls should be directed with contact information.

As part of this discussion it was also noted that year to date numbers show the Service has been asked to go out of their coverage area to assist Hanover Police Service ten(10) times and the OPP three(3) times.

Resolution 033-2023
Moved: Member Fawcett
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT a member of the West Grey Police Services Board will work with the Chief to produce a monthly Board media release related to the “non-police matters” the Service deals with.
Carried.

Resolution 034-2023
Moved: Member Tingling
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the Monthly Stats for May 2023.
Carried.

Chief's Report

- no secondary employment requests received in May
- no new OIPRD or SIU complaints
- June 15, 2023 is the next Mental Health Walk In Support Clinic at the Durham Library. Moving forward, this program will be augmented by a Supportive Outreach Services (SOS) team from Grey County Paramedic Services every two weeks on Thursday mornings. The SOS team consists of five professionals including a nurse practitioner, mental health counsellors, a social navigator and a paramedic. They offer community members professional services to assist with a wide variety of issues including mental health concerns, addiction issues, homelessness and precarious housing. This project is overseen by Alexis Cook, Public Health and made possible thru various paramedical supports .
- Chief has reviewed recently released Mass Casualty Report from Nova Scotia mass shooting in April of 2020 to determine what procedural or operational changes are required based on recommendations contained within the Report
- one officer attended the Provincial Fallen Officer Memorial Service in Toronto on May 7, 2023
- four life saving awards were presented at the annual St John's awards dinner

- Road Safety Week, May 16-22, saw 64 charges laid, 909 vehicles were stopped with no impaired charges
- joint Ministry of Transportation and Police vehicle inspection blitz was conducted May 16th with 31 vehicles inspected and 19 vehicles taken out of service
- on May 3rd a youth was detained in downtown Durham after calls were received he was carrying a handgun. It was later determined the “weapon” was fashioned from duct tape and electrical tape
- The Chief then reported on several calls including the ongoing investigation into the fatality that occurred at Grey Road 3 and County Road 4 in May
- waiting for July announcement on release of \$120,000. to approved Police Service applications under the Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant for 2023-24.
- Chief is currently writing report for in-house mental health support
- 2023 budget currently on track
- two members, Cst. Allyson Iles and Cst. Jesse Buckland have reached eligibility for rank advancement and the Chief is supportive of this move based on the performance of these two officers.

Resolution: 035 -2023
Moved: Member Tingling
Seconded: Member Fawcett

THAT based on Chief Martin’s recommendation, Cst. Iles and Cst. Buckland be reclassified from Fourth Class to Third Class retroactive to May 9, 2023.
Carried.

Resolution: 036 -2023
Moved: Member Tingling
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the Chief’s Report for April 2023 be received.
Carried.

Accounts

May statement of accounts was reviewed by the members.

Resolution: 037-2023
Moved: Member Fawcett
Seconded: Member Tingling

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve the payment of May accounts in the amount of \$99,450.11
Carried

Correspondence

Letter received from Justice Department advising that the Honorable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, introduced Bill C-48, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (bail reform) in the House of Commons on May 16, 2023.

A copy of the bill was also attached for the members' reference.

Resolution: 038-2023
Moved: Member Tingling
Seconded: Member Fawcett

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the correspondence and action as necessary.
Carried.

Closed Session

Resolution: 039-2023
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Fawcett

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board rise and move into closed Session at 10:55 a.m.in accordance with Section 35.4(b)of the Police Services Act to discuss labor relations and legal issues.
Carried.

Report From Closed Session

Chair Eccles reported that only those items permitted were discussed in closed session.

New Business

Member Nuhn provided a report on her attendance at the OAPSB Spring Conference in Niagara Falls, May 30-June 1, 2023, and the various sessions attended.

Secretary Webb commented on the OAPSB Zone 5 meeting held Tuesday, June 6, 2023 where the Policing Inspectorate made a presentation on the changes in the structure of this department and the Inspection Units schedule for 2023-24. Members had been provided with a copy of their PowerPoint presentation.

Chief Martin responded to a question on how a person may have their firearms confiscated. He advised that the Chief Firearms Officer can revoke based on mental health issues or firearms convictions. For further clarity, Police can only seize firearms and must put the questions before the Courts to determine eligibility to retain possession.

All business concluded the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. on motion by member Tingling.

Chair, Kevin Eccles

Secretary, Heather Webb