



MINUTES
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The West Grey Police Services Board met on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the West Grey Municipal Office.

Present: Vice Chair Dave Fawcett, Bev Cutting, Joyce Nuhn, secretary Heather Webb, Chief Martin and Inspector White.

Absent: Chair Kevin Eccles and provincial appointee Filomena McDonald.

Vice Chair Dave Fawcett called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The later start was due to technical difficulties and room availability.

He stated that he would be Chairing the meeting today in the absence of Chair Eccles and went on to advise that Filomena McDonald had resigned her position as a provincial appointee to the Board. The province has been notified of her resignation and are working to fill this position.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared at this time.

Minutes

Resolution: 037-2024
Moved: Member Cutting
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2024 as circulated.
Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Chief Martin informed the members that the additional column on the Monthly Stats and the changes to the Annual Report requested at the last meeting had been completed. The Annual Report has been circulated and posted on the Police Service website.

Monthly Stats

Chief Martin referred to a number of categories contained within the August report only.

- 911 Hang Ups continue to see reduced numbers due to Dispatch Centre's diversion program
- Drug charges continue to be laid in accordance with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada guidelines(PPSC) where minimal or low treatment services are available to combat substance abuse problems in communities

- Impaired drivers continue to be targeted through the RIDE program
- recent frauds of note involve takeover of email and/or bank accounts and crypto currency scams
- No news yet on the application submitted for funds for an imbedded Mental Health Crisis Worker. Grant announcements are nine months behind for these positions.
- Person Well Being Checks and Property Checks are up compared to last year at this time. These calls often turn out not to be serious in nature however they do take Officer time away from calls of a more urgent nature. Chief hopes to present plan to address this at next meeting.
- 668 POA charges have been laid to date, 28 criminal charges this month and 19 arrests. There were 405 calls for service and three firearms were seized.

Resolution **038-2024**
Moved: **Member Nuhn**
Seconded: **Member Cutting**

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the Monthly Stats for July and August 2024.
Carried.

Chief's Report

- no LECA complaints
- no secondary employment requests received
- Chief, Inspector and Sgt. Meyer attended Attorney General session which addressed Hate Crime in Ontario
- Inspector and Chief attended session in Renfrew on Infanticide
- Cst. Iles attended International Women in Policing Conference in Chicago to accept her award for her winning Women in Law Enforcement essay. Service is extremely proud of her accomplishment and her recognition by this International Agency reflects positively on the West Grey Police Service
- procedure rewrites still ongoing. Core critical procedures complete now secondary being amended to be compliant with CSPA
- Service is the recipient of four breaching tools from the West Grey-Durham Lions Club. Training on this equipment will take place in the fall before they are placed in cruisers
- Service has been extremely busy participating in numerous Community Events scheduled over the course of the summer.
- Chief relayed details of some significant incidents the police have responded to and the charges arising from them
- budgetary process will start soon
- Chief then spoke to the media release issued by Council regarding the meeting between Owen Sound and West Grey Police Service Boards advising members that the meeting was not about amalgamation but to identify any possible cost and efficiency savings by sharing resources. He also wanted to emphasize the fact that West Grey Police Service does not have, and never has had an officer retention or recruitment problem.

Resolution: 039-2024
Moved: Member Cutting
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the Chief's Report for July/August 2024 be received.
Carried.

Accounts

July and August accounts of the West Grey Police Service be reviewed.

Resolution: 040-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Cutting

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board accounts for July and August in the amount of \$173,962.92 be approved for payment.
Carried

Correspondence

Letter from Crimestopper's of Grey-Bruce Inc. advising policing partners that their program will be unable to operate after their current fiscal year ends on March 31, 2025 unless sufficient funding is received from the policing community with an ongoing commitment of financial support.

Letter from Ministry of the Solicitor General's office reminding Policing community about the mandatory Thematic Training which for the current Board members will need to be completed by September 30, 2024 in order to comply with the requirements set out in the new Community Safety & Policing Act.

Resolution: 041-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Cutting

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the correspondence from Crimestopper's of Grey -Bruce and the Solicitor General's Office.
Carried

Resolution 042-2024
Moved: Member Cutting
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board rise and move into closed Session at 9:55 a.m. in accordance with Section 44(b) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, to discuss matters about an identifiable individual and labour relations. Carried.

Report From Closed Session

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

New Business

Resolution: 043-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Vice Chair Fawcett

THAT member Cutting be appointed as an alternate to the West Grey Police Services Board contract negotiation committee.
Carried.

Resolution: 044-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Cutting

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board promote Inspector Jeremy White to the position of Deputy Chief. Said promotion to be effective as of August 1, 2024.
Carried.

Vice Chair Fawcett, on behalf of the Board, congratulated the Deputy on his appointment noting his advancement through the ranks and his ties and commitment to the community.

Next meeting of the Board will be October 21, 2024 at 9 a.m.

All business concluded the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Fawcett at 10:40 a.m.



Dave Fawcett, Vice Chair



Heather Webb, Secretary