



MINUTES
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

The West Grey Police Services Board met on Monday, November 18, 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

Vice Chair Dave Fawcett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared at this time.

Minutes

Resolution: 045-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Cutting

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2024 as circulated.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The members then turned their attention to the 2025 proposed budget. Director of Finance, Kerri Mighton, joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m. .

During discussions it was reported that the Revenue portion of the budget had not been modified as the Chief has heard nothing from the Ministry regarding any increases in the RIDE or Prisoner Transportation grant agreements and staff did not foresee any increases over 2024 levels in the balance of estimated income categories.

On the expense side of the budget a proposed increase has been included of \$348,087 for total wages and benefits which includes two new recruits, one with a January 1, 2025 start date and the other September 1, 2025. Other increases include OPTIC annual fee, training, dispatch, uniforms and equipment for total operating expense increase of \$380,208.00. Capital budget request was for one vehicle with complete police package with an estimated cost of \$90,000.00.

Resolution: 046-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Cutting

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve the proposed 2025 budget increase of 6% or \$262,249.00.
Carried.

Monthly Stats

- Chief Martin referred to a number of categories contained within the October report :
- he noted new reporting procedures for Community Service generates incident number
 - Fraud* presentation being prepared for Grey and Bruce counties
 - Impaired Charges are up provincially not just West Grey
 - discussions are ongoing with Ministry for an imbedded Mental Health worker for the Service
 - Person Well Being Checks remain consistently high
 - seven(7) Police Assist Outside West Grey calls were for OPP, Hanover and London
 - year to date total for Warrants Executed has increased to 91 from 73 last year
 - POA charges numbered 56 for October, 81 criminal charges were laid with 23 arrests.
 - Service has responded to 424 Calls for Service and nine(9) firearms were seized

Resolution 047-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Cutting

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the Monthly Stats for September and October 2024.
Carried.

Chief's Report

- one new complaint received
- no secondary employment requests received
- training sessions attended by members of the Service were for Crime Prevention, OPTIC, MFIPPA, intoxilyser and Crimes Against Women,
- Deputy and Chief attended Chiefs of Small Police Service meeting
- Use of Force recertifications have been completed by all members
- Service participated in fundraising Slo Pitch Tournament and Fall Fair in September and the community Hallowe'en event in October
- the provincial festive RIDE campaign kickoff is November 21, 2024 in Oakville
- the local joint festive RIDE campaign against alcohol and drug impaired drivers is in Owen Sound on November 28, 2024
- an application for the new Victims Support grant has been submitted
- new procedures still being worked on for CSPA compliance

- Chief relayed information on significant calls responded to throughout the month ranging from illegal hunting, road rage, dangerous driving, assault, human trafficking and drug arrests resulting from traffic stops.
- of particular note was a collaborative exercise involving several members of the Service that resulted in forty plus(40+) criminal charges being laid against a local organized theft ring.

Resolution: 048-024
Moved: Member Cutting
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the Chief's Report for November 2024 be received.
Carried.

Accounts

September and October accounts of the West Grey Police Service were reviewed.

Resolution: 049-2024
Moved: Member Cutting
Seconded: Member Nuhn

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board accounts for September and October in the amount of \$109,305.38 be approved for payment.
Carried

Correspondence

Newsletter from Crimestopper's of Grey-Bruce Inc. with July1 to September 30 stats and other pertinent info.

Introductory letter received from Graham McGregor, Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform regarding his new role.

Notice received from West Grey Council advising of their support of City of Temiskaming Shores resolution requesting the Government of Ontario to reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and seven recommendations they would like to see implemented.

Resolution: 050-2024
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Cutting

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

Resolution **051-2024**
Moved: **Member Nuhn**
Seconded: **Member Cutting**

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board rise and move into closed Session at 10:10 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

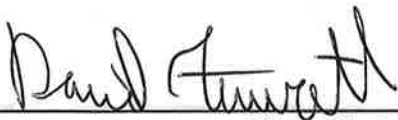
Resolution: **052-2024**
Moved: **Member Nuhn**
Seconded: **Member Cutting**

THAT based on the recommendations from Chief Martin, the West Grey Police Services Board hire Rob Lemaitre and Willem Bijl, to replace two first class constables, with respective hire dates of October 13, 2024 and November 18, 2024 . Carried.

A draft of the new Procedural Bylaw was presented for the members review. Following discussion the members asked for this item be deferred to the next meeting to allow members ample time to review.

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

All business concluded the meeting was adjourned by Member Cutting at 10:45 a.m.



Dave Fawcett, Vice Chair



Heather Webb, Secretary