



MINUTES
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

A meeting of the West Grey Police Service Board was held Monday, September 29, 2025 in the Committee Room at West Grey Municipal Office. This meeting was to replace the September 8th meeting which was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

As the delegation that was to deliver the Board policies was in attendance at that time, and no decisions would be made by the Board, it was decided to use the opportunity and the September 8th meeting was therefore used as a training/education session and the public was excluded under Section 44(6) of the Community Safety and Policing Act.

Present: Chair, Dave Fawcett, Vice Chair Joyce Nuhn, Doug Townsend
John Bell, secretary Heather Webb and Chief White.

Chair Fawcett welcomed member John Bell who has completed the mandatory Roles and Responsibilities training and who was sworn in prior to the start of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
None declared at this time.

Minutes

Resolution: 039-2025
Moved: J. Nuhn
Seconded: D. Townsend

THAT the West Grey Police Service Board approve the minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2025 as presented. Carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes
No items brought forward for discussion.

Monthly Stats

July and August stats were presented by Chief White.

Chief White advised the members that 911 hang ups had increased with the year to date total being 287 for August. This is due in part to the fact that members of the public use this line as a means to communicate with Police rather than looking up business line number for non-emergent calls.

Mental Health calls continue to constantly be on the rise and represent a significant portion of calls for service .

Over the last two months the Service has logged seven(7) calls for Police Assistance-Outside West Grey.

Unwanted Person calls for July and August numbered 17 and relate to homeless persons using public spaces to sleep, etc. Offers by Officers to assist in obtaining emergency housing or getting them in touch with organizations willing to assist with other matters is often turned down.

Provincial Offences Act charges numbered 79 in July and 107 in August. Number of arrests are down but charges are up due to individuals incurring long list of charges per individual call.

Chief's Report

- no secondary employment requests received
- no LECA complaints
- no SIU complaints
- currently seeking applications for one recruit for start of 2026
- at present two officers remain off duty on WSIB claims with no updates from WSIB
- Acting Deputy Chief Iles recently completed Rapid Deployment Training
- new building update from Chief Building Official has project on target for end of November early December completion
- Community Events attended by Chief included Durham Loves Canada Event July 1st, meeting at upper dam pavilion regarding SVCA fencing of portions of Conservation Area, Durham B.I.A. Sunfest, Durham Fall Fair, Family Ball Tournament in Ayton.
- Service was busy over the August long weekend issuing 44 provincial offences(speeding) tickets.
- Chief White made the members aware of several significant calls the Service had responded to in the past two months ranging from break and enters, attempted murder, and attempted escape from cruiser while in transit.

Resolution: 040-2025
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Bell

THAT the monthly Stats and Chief's Report for July and August 2025 be received. Carried.

Correspondence

Letter from Hank Zehr re Inspector General of policing visit with Board on Thursday, October 16th. Secretary advised that time has been confirmed for meeting start of 1 p.m.

-Inspector General of Policing memorandum, Advisory Bulletin and Risk Based Compliance & Enforcement Framework provided for members information.

Resolution: 041-2025
Moved : Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Townsend
THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the correspondence.
Carried.

Resolution: 042-2025
Moved: Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Townsend
THAT the West Grey Police Services Board rise and move into closed session at 9:25 a.m. in accordance with Section 44.1(a) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.
Carried

Report From Closed Session

Chair Fawcett reported that only those items permitted were discussed in closed session and that staff be directed to give effect to those items discussed in closed session.

Resolution: 043-2025
Moved Member Nuhn
Seconded: Member Townsend
THAT Cadet Jacob Marshall be reclassified to 4th Class Constable based on successful completion of Ontario Police College training effective September 18, 2025.
Carried.

New Business

Secretary provided update on Strategic Plan. Chief and Chair were requested to provide message for inclusion in the Plan. Deadline has passed for submission of surveys and she is busy tabulating those results. Contact still needs to be made with community stakeholders.

Resolution: 044-2025
Moved: Member Bell
Seconded: Member Nuhn
THAT the West Grey Police Service Board rise and return to closed session at 10.37 a.m. in accordance with Section 44.1(a) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

Report From Closed Session

Chair Fawcett reported that only those items permitted were discussed in closed session and that staff be directed to give effect to those items discussed in closed session.

Resolution: 045-2025

Moved: Member Bell

Seconded: Member Nuhn

That West Grey Police Services Board approve the appointment of Acting Sgt. Chad Brown to full Sgt. position effective September 29, 2025.


Carried.

Next meeting of the Board will be November 10, 2025. Chair Fawcett will be attending electronically.

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



David Fawcett, Chair



Heather Webb, Secretary