

MINUTES
CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
(REGULAR)

Boardroom

October 16, 2018

Chatham-Kent Police Headquarters

Time: 9:31 A.M.

PRESENT:

Motion #

Mrs. Diane Daly, Vice Chair (Acting Chair)
Mayor Randy Hope
Councillor Bryon Fluker
Mrs. Kathryn Biondi
Chief Gary Conn

ABSENT:

Deputy Chief Littlewood
Mr. Pat Weaver, Chair

1. **Call to Order**

Welcome everyone and Guests

2. a) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared

b) **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Kathryn Biondi and seconded by Mayor Hope

“MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA”

#2535

Carried

c) **Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2018**

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Kathryn Biondi

“MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF September 11, 2018”

#2536

Carried

3. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** None

4. **Reports from Chief of Police:**

4.1 **Retirements, Reappointment, Elevations, Auxiliary Appointments**

The Chief presented the report on the Retirements, Reappointment, Elevations and Auxiliary Appointments.

Retirements:

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Bryon Fluker

"MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RETIREMENTS:

-THAT CONSTABLE PAUL MYERS RETIREMENT NOTICE BE EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2019;

**-THAT STAFF SERGEANT ROSE KUCHARUK RETIREMENT NOTICE BE EFFECTIVE
DECEMBER 31, 2019"**

#2537

Carried

Reappointments:

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Kathryn Biondi

"MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS:

**-THAT SPECIAL CONSTABLE CHARLENE RENAUD'S MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY
SAFETY & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENT BE APPROVED FOR
REAPPOINTMENT ON OCTOBER 30, 2018;**

**-THAT SPECIAL CONSTABLE JOHN CARTER'S MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SAFETY &
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENT BE APPROVED FOR REAPPOINTMENT
ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018"**

#2538

Carried

Elevations:

Moved by Bryon Fluker and seconded by Kathryn Biondi

**"MOTION THAT EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, EMILY MURPHY BE ELEVATED TO
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT LEVEL 3, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 24, 2018"**

#2539

Carried

Auxiliary Appointment

The Chief congratulated Lorenzo Bertocchi on his appointment and presented him with his auxiliary badge.

Moved by Bryon Fluker and seconded by Kathryn Biondi

**"MOTION THAT LORENZO BERTOCCHI BE SWORN IN AS AN AUXILIARY MEMBER,
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 16, 2018"**

#2540

Carried

4.2 SIU Investigation and section 11 parallel compulsory CKPS investigation

The Chief presented the report on the SIU Investigation and section 11 parallel compulsory CKPS investigation.

The CKPS responded to a domestic call on July 4, 2017 relating to an incident between a man and woman in an apartment. Both occupants had been using drugs and the male subject threatened to kill the woman if they could not be in a relationship, due to a break-up. The male tore the door off of its hinges and threw it at the woman striking her and cutting her nose. The officers arrived and arrested the male subject. During the arrest the officers struggled with the male subject repeatedly before having to

throw him on the ground to apply handcuffs. The male subject continued to flail and beat his own head/face against the side and windows of the police cruiser. He was bleeding and taken to the hospital due to his obvious acute drug intoxication. The hospital diagnosed the male subject as having a broken nose. The injury likely occurred during the arrest or during his own flailing about in police custody. The SIU was contacted and they invoked their mandate to investigate possible criminal wrong doing by the officers.

On August 22, 2018, the results of the investigation were sent to Chief Conn. There were no grounds in the evidence to proceed with criminal charges against the three subject officers: Constable Ken Morrell, Donald Letourneau and Kevin Burgess. The officer have been cleared by the SIU for any criminal actions and the CKPS for any breaches in police policies or procedures.

Moved by Randy Hope and seconded by Bryon Fluker

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES”

#2541

Carried

4.3 Chatham-Kent Police Blanket Drive Request

The Chief presented the report on Chatham-Kent Police Blanket Drive Request.

Victim Services Board is requesting that the Chatham-Kent Police Services match the donation of the Chatham-Kent Police Association of \$100.00 to purchase new blankets.

Moved by Bryon Fluker and seconded by Kathryn Biondi

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE DONATION OF \$100.00 TO PURCHASE NEW BLANKETS FROM THE AUCTION ACCOUNT”

#2542

Carried

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Bryon Fluker

“MOTION TO INQUIRE/REVIEW THE COST OF BLANKETS WITH THE CKPS CREST ADHERED TO THEM AND REPORT THE COST TO THE BOARD AT A FUTURE TIME, WHICH WOULD BE PAID FROM AUCTION ACCOUNT IF APPROVED”

#2543

Carried

4.4 Two year Citizen Online Reporting System (CORS) Status Update

The Chief outlined the report since the implementation two years ago of the CKPS CORS reporting system. Citizens have the ability to report selected crimes from the comfort of their own home or their handheld devices when it is convenient for them. The citizens do not have to wait for officers who are handling higher priority calls for service to attend to take their complaint.

The web-based software is user friendly and it provides ample instructions to the user to ensure that the crime they are reporting is eligible for Online Reporting. The CORS Reporting system has handled 846 calls for service.

Enhancements have been made to the system which included Security Camera Registry which went live on January 9, 2018 and the Bicycle Registry now in place since January 27, 2018 and presently the Key Holder Registry is now in place as a replacement to the previous Alarm Registry.

Two new systems will be forthcoming in the near future being the School Bus Safety Reporting System and Community Agency Mandatory Reporting System. These tools are just an example of how the CKPS is using Alternative Response strategies to enhance customer service to citizens and partner agencies.

The Mayor inquired how these statistics from this system could be fully utilized and if a notification systems to citizens of Chatham-Kent (via their personal cell phones) on petty crimes (i.e. B & E's) would be useful. The Chief will request from the Service Provider what notification system may be available to interface with CORS. The Chief presented a concern with potential over-reporting if citizens become inundated with notifications to their personal phones. Constable Renee Cowell is going to an OMERON conference next week and can also inquire what other Police Services are doing.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Kathryn Biondi

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES”

#2544

Carried

4.5 Positivity Day

The CKPS participated as part of the 12 days of Positivity in Chatham-Kent. The Chatham-Kent Alliance welcomed first responders from the CKPS, OPP, Chatham-Kent Fire and Emergency services and Medavie EMS to the Chatham site to spread positivity during the lunch hour. Emergency personnel assisted the health alliance staff with delivering lunches to patients in their rooms and served visitors at the Café Grand, it was a wonderful opportunity for positive engagement and community building.

Moved by Bryon Fluker and seconded by Kathryn Biondi

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES”

#2545

Carried

4.6 CKPS/Salvation Army Toy Drive

The CKPS plans to host their annual toy drive to collect toys for underprivileged children in conjunction with the Salvation Army. The Chatham-Kent Police Association is donating \$400.00 towards the toy drive and they are asking the Chatham-Kent Police Board to match the donation in bringing the of Christmas to our Chatham-Kent Community. Ms. Kris Herfst and Ms. Karen Baillargeon, both CKPS employees, lead this fundraiser every year and do an exceptional job organizing for the children of our community – kudos to them both!

Moved by Kathryn Biondi and seconded by Mayor Hope

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE DONATION OF \$400.00 FROM THE AUCTION ACCOUNT TO THE SALVATION ARMY IN SUPPORT OF THE TOY DRIVE”

#2546

Carried

4.7 SIU Investigation and section 11 parallel compulsory CKPS investigation

The Chief presented the report on the SIU Investigation and section 11 parallel compulsory CKPS investigation. The CKPS responded to a domestic call on July 25, 2017 at approximately 11: 49 pm

between a man and a woman in a residential home. Information received at the time of the call was an altercation had taken place and upon conclusion of the altercation the man had locked himself in the couples basement where multiple firearms were stored in a gun cabinet. Members of the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) attended and took control setting up containment of the residence. Over the next 6 hours efforts to establish communication with the male inside the residence were attempted but unsuccessful. The CIRT Team entered the residence at approximately 7:00 a.m. locating the male in an upstairs bedroom laying on the bed deceased with a single gunshot wound to the head.

Due to police attendance and their finding the SIU was contacted and they invoked their mandate to investigate possible wrong doing by the officers.

On September 20, 2018, the results of the investigation were sent to CKPS Chief Conn. There were no grounds in the evidence to proceed with criminal charges against the two subject officers. Staff Sergeant Mike Domony and Sergeant Jason Chickowski have been cleared by the CKPS and the SIU for any criminal charges or administrative misconduct.

Moved by Kathryn Biondi and seconded by Bryon Fluker

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES”

#2547

Carried

4.8 Chatham-Kent Police Services Board Public Safety Scholarship

Constable Renee Cowell presented the report outlining the new initiative of the Chatham-Kent Police Services Board Public Safety Scholarship to graduating students of grade 12 (or their victory lap). The challenge is to engage students across Chatham-Kent to raise awareness and offer solutions to social issues facing our community. The students will have a chance to creatively produce a video to help combat road safety concerns, address mental health or ways to reduce property crimes. Three Scholarships of \$1,000.00 will be awarded in each category. The winning videos will be presented to the Board and showcased during Police Week in May of 2019. The Board suggested \$1,000.00 Scholarship each under the messages of the three pillars being combat road safety concerns, address mental health or ways to reduce property crimes.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Bryon Fluker

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUEST OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 (BEING \$1,000.00 FOR EACH PILLAR OF COMMITMENT) FROM THE AUCTION ACCOUNT”

#2548

Carried

A big thank you to Constable Cowell for researching and bringing along the Board’s Recommendation into such a great Public Safety Scholarship Program!!

4.9 2019 Fleet Acquisition – Front Line General Patrol Vehicle Replacements

The Chief presented to the report relating to 2019 Fleet Acquisition – Front Line General Patrol Vehicle Replacements.

The Police Service is in the process of replacing 8 front line cruisers due to high mileage or the vehicle has been in service for the pre-determined life cycle (3 yrs. or 150,000 km). Each vehicle is replacing a similar class vehicle as per our fleet budget. The replacement vehicles will be 8 -2019 Dodge Chargers (\$31,928.50 Tender Price per vehicle x 8 =\$255,428.00 plus Vehicle Equipment \$8000.00 per vehicle x 8=\$64,000.00- Total Purchase Price \$319,428.00)

The vehicles will be purchased through the Provincial Co-Operative Group (PCPG), which offers discounted pricing for policing agencies across the province.

The cost associated to the purchase the vehicles through our normal life-cycle budget is approximately \$319,428.00 (price may vary due to vehicle option packages available at the time of purchase). The purchase price per vehicle falls within the anticipated budget costs.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Bryon Fluker

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF LIFE CYCLED FLEET VEHICLES AS INDICATED”

#2549

Carried

5. **Reports from Deputy Chief:** None

6. **Acknowledgement Letters:** None

7. **Consent Agenda:** None

8. Letter dated September 13th, 2018 from Julie Coolen, Facilities Allocation Assistant, Recreation Facilities, Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Request to Sponsor Public Skating Session.

The Recreation Department is looking for the generosity of community partners to sponsor public skating sessions allowing families in the community to enjoy skating sessions free of charge.

The cost to sponsor is \$169.50/session including HST or \$508.50/month including HST based on an average of four session per month.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Bryon Fluker

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE CORRESPONDENCE AND TO SPONSOR ONE PUBLIC SKATING SESSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169.50 FROM THE AUCTION ACCOUNT”

#2550

Carried

9. **Non-agenda items:** None

10. **Date and time of next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2018**

The date and time of the next regular meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Board Resolution re: Next Closed Session Meeting-MOTION

THE BOARD WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS THAT IT IS OF THE OPINION FALLS UNDER SECTION 35 (A) OR (B) OF THE POLICE SERVICES

**ACT AND THAT THE NEXT CLOSED SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 2018.**

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Kathryn Biondi

#2551

Carried

11. **Adjournment**

Moved by Bryon Fluker

“MOTION TO ADJOURN”

Carried

Time: 10:08 a.m.

Diane Daly, Vice-Chair
Chatham-Kent Police Services