

Pembroke Police Services Board Meeting

City Hall, Council Chambers/Virtual
Pembroke, Ontario
May 18, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Present:

Ron Gervais, Chair
Pauline Edmonds
Malcolm Montgomery
Christine Reavie
Michael St Jean

Also Present:

Inspector Stephan Neufeld, OPP
Staff Sergeant MaryAnn MacNeil, OPP
Heidi Martin, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Christine Reavie

Seconded by Malcolm Montgomery

That the agenda of the Pembroke Police Services Board meeting of May 18, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Minutes

- Receive minutes of January 27, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Michael St. Jean

Seconded by Christine Reavie

That the minutes of the Pembroke Police Services Board meeting of January 27, 2022, be received as circulated.

Carried

4. Reports

a. 2021 Year-End Review

Inspector Neufeld reviewed the 2021 year-end report and highlighted the following areas:

- The OPP strategic plan focuses on the priorities and commitments for 2020-2022, their people, their work, and their communities
- In response to a previous question regarding the number of sexual assaults, the numbers showed that almost a third are historical sexual assaults that

people are now reporting, another third involve various long-term care homes incidents involving staff and residents as well as resident to resident, and the final third are sexual assault allocations.

- This area has an active and robust Street Crime Unit which has decreased the number of violent crime and property crime violations which are now at a 5-year low
- Traffic stats were lower than anticipated and this will be addressed this year.
- Impaired numbers increased 20% increase over the 5-year average
- In Car Camera's and Body-Worn camera's will be rolled out across the east region and every car and every member will have one by this time next year
- Great foot patrol hours in 2021 which were the highest in 5 years
- Successful community collaboration between the UOV OPP and Pembroke Regional Hospital for the mobile crisis response team
- Plans for 2022 – CAMSafe Program, Project Safe Trade, Project Lifesaver, Collision Reporting Centres and Community Safety and Well-being Planning Framework

b. OPP Detachment Commander's Update

- Quarterly Report (January – March 2022)

Inspector Neufeld provided an update indicating that overall, during this quarter, the numbers are trending downward. The break and enters are declining which can be directly attributed to the work of the Street Crime Unit. Mental Health calls remain high, but it is hoped that the numbers will decline with the expansion of the Community Mobile Crisis Team. The new Collision Reporting Centre has been very successful, and it is anticipated that the number of individuals using the service will increase next year. Traffic stops are up 35% this quarter and the convoy in Ottawa had an impact on the resources available in the detachment. Inspector Neufeld indicated that a successful seatbelt campaign was held, and upcoming events will include a traffic campaign focussing on the big 4 leading into the May 24 weekend as well as motorcycle familiarization training

5. Old Business

a. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update

The Chair provided a verbal update indicating that he has regular contact with the coordinator who continues to experience health issues however is determined to complete the project.

b. CAMSafe Program Update

The Chair provided a verbal update indicating that the PSB helped to publicize the program at the recent Community Expo, a banner was erected at City Hall which will now be located at the Pembroke Public Library, and there was an article in the local newspaper. A discussion was held on future marketing initiatives:

- possible partnership with local insurance companies to see if residents who register their cameras could receive a discount from the company,
- give CAMSafe postcards to security companies,
- add a note to the City tax and/or water/sewer bills
- increase social media posts.

6. New Business

a. Pembroke Community Expo

The Chair thanked the Board members who manned the booth at the recent event which was well attended. Two requests were received – to have a Board member attend an Algonquin College class to provide an update to the students on the various Board initiatives, and the K9 Therapy dogs would like to provide a presentation to the Board on their services and programs.

b. Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy

The Chair asked the Board to familiarize themselves with the policy.

c. MADD Canada – Ottawa Chapter Request

The Chair reviewed the report and indicated that since he received the letter, he approached the Operations Department to see if there were appropriate locations with high visibility within the City for this type of signage. The Operations Department will effectively facilitate the purchase and installation of the signs with the City logo. The Board was supportive of the initiative.

7. Correspondence

- OPP Recorded Patrol for Safe Communities Project – K.A. Meyer, Chief Superintendent, Bureau Commander, OPP Communications and Technology Services Bureau

The Chair referred Board members to the correspondence recently received.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion:

Moved by Christine Reavie

Seconded by Malcolm Montgomery

That the April 28, 2022, Pembroke Police Services Board meeting adjourn at 5:46 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary