



SAANICH POLICE BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2021

PRESENT:

Chair: Mayor F. Haynes

Board Members: M. Collins, L. Murray, B. Saravanabawan

Staff: Chief Constable S. Green, Deputy Chief Constable G. Schenk, Inspectors S. Morgan, T. Bryant, R. Warren, D. Harris, T. Dyck, P. Douglas, Manager of Executive Services J. Ko

Recording Secretary: A. De Medeiros

REGRETS: G. Crawford, Deputy Chief Constable D. Duthie

The meeting was called to order at 1438 hours.

1. APPRECIATION TO MR. RON RICE

Mayor Haynes introduced Mr. Rice and presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his contributions to the Saanich Police recruitment video in 2020.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021

MOVED by Ms. Collins and SECONDED by Ms. Murray: "That the agenda of the Police Board Public Meeting held on February 2, 2021, be approved as circulated".

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2021

MOVED by Ms. Collins and SECONDED by Mr. Saravanabawan: "That the minutes of the Police Board Public Meeting held on January 5, 2021, be approved as circulated".

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Letter to Canadian Heraldic Society

MOVED by Ms. Collins and SECONDED by Mr. Saravanabawan: "That the letter to the Canadian Heraldic Society regarding Board approval for the shoulder flash update be sent.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 2021 CAPG Membership Renewal

MOVED by Ms. Collins and SECONDED by Mr. Saravanabawan: "That the 2021 CAPG Membership renewal of \$1,500 be approved".

CARRIED

6. DIVISIONAL UPDATES (AS NEEDED)

Inspector Bryant provided an update on the Community Safety Office initiative as part of the 2021 workplan. Uptown has offered a space and the license agreement is currently being reviewed by Risk Management and the District's solicitor. There will be a need for 35 volunteer recruits to work a minimum of 4 hours a week. There are currently 45 applicants from a variety of community members and diverse backgrounds. Selection process to follow, with anticipated training of volunteers to commence early March 2021. The Community Safety Office is tentatively scheduled for a soft opening the week of April 6, 2021; and soon thereafter we will expand to opening on weekends. Uptown has committed \$5,000 in improvements to the space at their own cost. Although the view is that the Community Engagement Division will be a long-term tenant, the lease agreement is for one year as Uptown is not able to guarantee the space.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

7.1 Finance

- Nothing to report.

7.2 Governance and Strategic Planning

- Nothing to report.

7.3 Human Resources

- Swearing In Ceremony on February 1, 2021.

7.4 BCAPB

7.4.1 AGM - March 6, 2021

Advise the Board Secretary of the events you will be participating in prior to the registration deadline of February 15.

7.4.2 Resolutions

No items.

7.4.3 SPD Alternate Representative

An alternate nomination was not chosen.

7.5 CAPG

A decision is still pending regarding the AGM; however, it will be likely held virtually.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Haynes provided an update regarding the default speed limit Pilot Project, and which Municipalities are expected to participate or not participate. He also commented that Victoria Council voted on a 30 km per hour default limit as opposed to a 40 km per hour limit which Saanich and the other participating municipalities are endorsing.

Chief Constable Green provided an update on the following items:

- Integrated Canine Service is comprised of six handlers, six general duty dogs and two specific profile dogs. This integrative initiative will result in reduced operating costs for SPD and VicPD and increased service delivery which will now include drug and explosive detection and seven days a week coverage. Approximate cost savings for SPD in 2021, is \$300,000. Furthermore, this initiative is a positive statement on how well our agencies work together.

- The transition of parking enforcement to the District's Bylaw Department is anticipated to occur in 2021. This will result in increased enforcement, improved collection of fines, a proper process for dealing with disputes, and enable Saanich Police to focus on road safety initiatives.
- The process for dead animal carcass collection, primarily deer, has been transitioned from Saanich Animal Control to the private sector.
- The Saanich/Oak Bay Police Services Agreement which dates back to 2012, was updated in 2020 by mutual agreement. The new agreement more accurately reflects costs associated to providing investigative and other services to the Oak Bay Police Department. The agreement was signed for a 5-year term.

9. PUBLIC AWARDS/COMMENDATIONS AND LETTERS (OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2020)

For information.

10. 2021 BUDGET PRESENTATION MARCH 4, 2021

Discussion ensued regarding attendance. The Mayor will provide details on whether the Board is able to attend in person or virtually.

11. ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Police Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 1430 hours.
The meeting adjourned at 1543 hours.


Chair