



SAANICH POLICE BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Saanich Police Department · Virtual
Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

PRESENT:

Chair:	Mayor Murdock
Board Members:	G. Beckett, J. Cambridge, C. Morton, L. Murray
Staff:	Chief Constable D. Duthie, Deputy Chiefs R. Warren and P. Douglas, Inspectors, S. Edwards, D. Robertson P. Smith, and D. Kowalewich and Ms. Ko, Manager of Executive Services
Recording Secretary:	A. De Medeiros
Regrets:	T. Stevenson and D. Underwood

The meeting was called to order at 1440 hours.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms. Beckett read the prepared Territorial Acknowledgment.

2. PRESENTATION BY MOBILE YOUTH SERVICES TEAM (MYST)

Re: Impacts of Losing Police Liaison Officers in Schools

Ms. Mia Golden and Constable Gord Magee outlined the work of MYST over the past decade, highlighting a notable change since the removal of School Liaison Officers (SLOs). They discussed the increased presence of gangs, which has now extended to middle schools, and the void left by the absence of SLOs, resulting in MYST being called for issues previously handled by SLOs. They emphasized the crucial role SLOs played in dispelling misinformation, prevention, and supporting youth, noting that some young people believe their presence could have prevented gang recruitment. They advocated for the reinstatement of SLOs in schools to counter harmful messaging and assist youth.

The Board expressed appreciation for their presentation and acknowledged the importance of their work with youth.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF MAY 7, 2024

MOVED by Ms. Murray and **SECONDED** by Mr. Morton: "That the agenda of the May 7, 2024, Police Board Public Meeting be approved as circulated."

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2024

MOVED by Mr. Murray and **SECONDED** by Ms. Beckett: "That the minutes of the April 2, 2024, Police Board Public meeting be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

6. NEW BUSINESS ARISING

No items.

7. DIVISIONAL UPDATES

No items.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

8.1 Finance

Ms. Murray advised there were no updates at this time and that the committee would be meeting in June.

8.2 Governance and Strategic Planning

8.2.1 Bill 17 Summary – Status and Update

Ms. Murray summarized the changes and noted that the Board will need to adopt a policy regarding the appointment of a Board Chair. Mayor Murdock advised that, he would seek Saanich Council's endorsement for his continuation as Chair of the Saanich Police Board.

8.3 Human Resources

8.3.1 Chief Constable Duthie's Contract Extension

Mr. Cambridge advised that on April 26, 2024, the Board proudly announced that Chief Constable Duthie's contract was extended to January 31, 2029. The Board is grateful to Chief Duthie and the SPD senior leadership team for the exceptional leadership they provide to the department, the Board, and the people of Saanich. This contract extension provides the public safety assurance and continuity that the community deserves and expects.

8.4 BCAPB

8.4.1 BCAPB Annual Conference

Mr. Cambridge outlined the highlights of the 2024 conference, noting that feedback received indicated it was well-organized and insightful. Board members who attended agreed that it offered valuable networking and engaging discussion topics.

7.6 CAPG

7.6.1 2024 CAPG Conference Halifax

MOVED by Mr. Murray and **SECONDED** by Mr. Morton: "That the Board approve two members to attend the 2024 CAPG Conference in Halifax in person and remaining members attend virtually."

CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

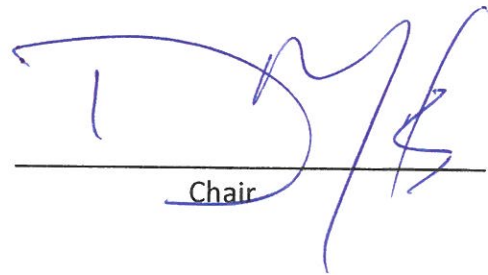
No items.

10. ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MAY 7, 2024

MOVED by Mr. Morton and **SECONDED** by Ms. Beckett: "That the May 7th, 2024, Police Board Public Meeting is adjourned at 1524 hours and that the Board move to an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED

The next Police Board meeting will be held on Tuesday June 4, 2024, at 1430 hours.



Chair