



WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Woodstock Police Services Board met on September 14, 2020 at Children's Aid Society at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Provincial Appointee, Mayor Trevor Birtch, Balwant Rai, Community Member, Ken Whiteford, Provincial Appointee, Leslie Farrell, Provincial Appointee and Deb Tait, City Councillor.

Also in attendance were Chief Daryl Longworth, Inspector Marcia Shelton, Deputy Chief Rod Wilkinson, Kristi Lampman, Human Resources Coordinator, Becky Jonker, Executive Assistant to Senior Administration, Greg Colgan, Woodstock Sentinel Review

Absent: Chris Herapath, Police Service Advisor, Zone 4;

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair, Trevor BIRTCH called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. WELCOME

Acting Chair, Trevor BIRTCH welcomed everyone

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Ken WHITEFORD

Seconded by Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board approve the agenda as amended to add item #14 - Elections. CARRIED

4. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5. MINUTES – June 8, 2020

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Balwant RAI

resolved that the Board approve the minutes of June 8, 2020 as circulated. CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COVID – to be addressed by Chief; M-Heart to be addressed by Chief;
Strategic Plan – printed in June and made available

7. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHAIR

Selection process for Deputy completed;
Board EA is still in process; committee in charge; posting closed on Friday,
September 11;
communication to City Hall regarding perceptions of other police services
south of boarder; misguided;
traffic blitz, social media positive feedback received;
community positive with downtown core by police presence;
Balwant RAI raised issue of stress leave; being off – to be dealt with under
closed

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHIEF

CSWB Plan

The engagement process for our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan has begun. The Safe and Well Oxford Initiative aims to help us better understand the complex issues facing our community and develop strategies to proactively respond. To participate in the survey you can go to safewelloxford.ca.

MHEART Funding

We still have not received word on any long-term sustainable funding for the program however, there is some good news. We were part of a funding application for a grant offered through the United Way. We were successful enough to secure \$80,000 from the United Way to support the program for the remainder of 2020.

Calls for service

It's been a busy summer. As you know we arrested someone in relation to a number of arsons in the city. We had a great response and received a great deal of assistance from the public that helped identify the individual.

We've also had a couple of disturbing incidents relating to sewing needles being left in and around playground equipment. We are continuing to work on this but are also counting on the public's help. Someone out there knows something and I encourage that person to come forward or call Crime Stoppers.

We have noticed a disturbing trend in the number and type of weapons related calls we are responding to.

2019- 39 for the entire year.

2020- 75 so far this year.

Over the summer we saw a number of incidents where individuals were using pellet guns in threatening incidents and robberies. Although they are pellet guns, they look real, are being used as if they are real to intimidate or threaten other people and when we get called, it is in response to someone with a hand gun. I'm responding to these types of incidents, we have to treat them as if it is a real firearm. It is usually only at the conclusion and we seize the firearm that we discover it was a pellet pistol.

Awards Night

We are planning 2 awards nights on Nov. 4th and 5th to recognize individual members who have been promoted or will receive awards of merit for their service.

New Deputy Chief

I'd like to officially welcome D/Chief Wilkinson to the table and look forward to working with him in his new role. Small Swearing in Service for him on Sept 28th.

I also need to acknowledge the incredible work that Insp. Shelton has done over the past 4 months as we operated without a Deputy Chief. She took on a huge work load and I relied heavily on her on a daily basis. Her sacrifice did not go unnoticed.

Diversity committee

There is a meeting scheduled for September 30; we have settled on a co-chair (Chief Daryl Longworth) and Jessica Hofsetter (to be publicly announced after meeting). The information will be available on WPS website; community can reach out to who they are comfortable. We have had no success in having a native member; the same is to be discussed at next meeting for a community volunteer. The Chief in Brantford was going to canvass and Balwant RAI willing to make efforts

9. STATISTICS/REPORTS – Deputy WILKINSON

- A) Calls for Service Statistics
- B) Calls for Service Report
- C) Charge Comparison Report
- D) Report on Complaint Investigations

Moved by Ken WHITEFORD

Seconded by Balwant RAI

resolved that the Board receive all statistics and reports presented in Item 9. CARRIED

10. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Balwant RAI

resolved that the Board receive the financial statements ending August 31, 2020 in Item #10.

CARRIED

11. WPS USE OF COVID-19 PORTAL

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Ken WHITEFORD

Resolved that the Board accepts the report presented in Item 11.

CARRIED

12. AMENDMENTS TO WPSB BY-LAWS – Inspector SHELTON

A) By-Law 07-2010 Recoverable Fees

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Ken WHITEFORD

Resolved that the Board approves the amendments to WPSB By-Law 07-2010 and authorizes the Chair to sign WPSB By-Law 07-2020 present in Item 12.

CARRIED

13. REMINDER OF OACP ZONE 4 VIRTUAL MEETING – SEPT 30/20

14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2020 NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD CHAIR and VICE CHAIR

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Balwant RAI

Motion put forward that Trevor BIRTCH continue to hold the position of Chair until end of 2020 and Ken WHITEFORD continue to hold the position of Vice Chair until the end of 2020. Both BIRTCH and WHITEFORD agreed. The motion was CARRIED.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

16. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Balwant RAI

Seconded by Ken WHITEFORD

resolved that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 3:50 pm to discuss intimate financial or personal matters or other matters may be disclosed of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

R.S.O. 1990, c.P15, s.35 of the Ontario Police Services Act. CARRIED

17. CLOSED SESSION RISES

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Ken WHITEFORD

resolved that the Board does now rise from Closed Session and reconvenes at 4:10 pm CARRIED

18. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - # 1 - # 9

CLOSED SESSION # 1 - CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Balwant RAI

resolved that the Board approve the Closed Session Agenda.
CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION # 2 - PERSONNEL REPORTS a) STAFFING REPORT
b) STAFFING ACTIVITY

Moved by Balwant RAI

Seconded by Ken WHITEFORD

resolved that the Board receives for information the Staffing Report and Staffing Activity Report dated as of September 14, 2020 –
CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION # 3 - COVID-19 - CHIEF

Moved by Ken WHITEFORD

Seconded by Deb TAIT

resolved that the Board receives for information the verbal report of Chief LONGWORTH – CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION # 4 - OVERTIME - CHIEF

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL
resolved that the Board receive the monthly tracking report for information. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION # 5 – REPORT from NFP CANADA - CHIEF

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Balwant RAI

resolved that the Board receive the NFP Report covering September 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020 as presented in Item #5. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION # 6 – OPC SECONDMENT – TERMINATION

Moved by Balwant RAI

Seconded by Ken WHITEFORD

resolved that the Board receive for information the correspondence from the Ontario Police College dated August 25, 2020 terminating the secondment agreement. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION # 7 – OPC SECONDMENT – REQUEST

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Deb TAIT

resolved that the Board receive for information the correspondence from the Ontario Police College dated August 27, 2020 requesting a replacement officer for the secondment position. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION # 8 – RESIGNATIONS – AUXILIARY

resolved that the Board receive for information the two (2) resignation letters from Auxiliary members dated July 14, 2020 and September 3, 2020. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION # 9 – OTHER BUSINESS

Trevor BIRTCH addressed the option of preparing a report to City council of what CORE beat officers are completing in downtown core, further suggested that City could write letters to province. The Chief is cautious of same due to current landscaping of policing. The Chief advised that he has not heard of much “defund” police in Woodstock and doesn’t want to come across as defensive as the same is currently not an issue. Deb TAIT suggested review closer to budget time would be a better option

CLOSED SESSION # 10 - STATUS OF LEGAL CASES - CHIEF

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Leslie FARELL

resolved that the Board receive the updates presented in Item #10. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION #11 – BOARD ONLY SESSION

Immediately to follow the Adjournment

CLOSED SESSION #12 – OTHER ITEMS IF NECESSARY

None

19. NEW BUSINESS

None

20. Date of Next Board Meeting MONDAY, October 19, 2020 at 3pm
at the Woodstock Police Service Headquarters.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Balwant RAI

Seconded by Deb TAIT

resolved that the Board does now adjourn at 4:33 pm CARRIED

Trevor Birtch, Chair
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