



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Woodstock Police Services Board met on May 10, 2021 at Woodstock Police Service headquarters and via ZOOM at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Ken Whiteford, Provincial Appointee; Mayor Trevor Birtch, Provincial Appointee; Balwant Rai, Community Member; Leslie Farrell, Provincial Appointee; Deb Tait, City Councilor and Amy Hartley, WPSB EA.

Also in attendance were Chief Daryl Longworth, Deputy Chief Rod Wilkinson, Kristi Lampman, Human Resources Coordinator, Kathleen Saylor, Woodstock Sentinel Review, Marci Shelton, Inspector (attended at 3:15 pm), Kevin Talsma, Acting Inspector.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ken WHITEFORD called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### 2. WELCOME

Ken WHITEFORD welcomed everyone.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

### 5. MINUTES

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Balwant RAI

resolved that the Board approve the minutes of April 12, 2021 as circulated. CARRIED

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

## 7. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHAIR

- The Chair noted that Police Week is May 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The theme for the week is "working together to keep our communities safe".
- He noted that this is an annual recognition and focuses on community awareness, while strengthening the relationship between the police and those they serve.
- Police Week coincides with Peace Officers Memorial day on May 15, 2021.

## 8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHIEF

- The Chief noted that because of COVID regular activities that are usually held during Police Week cannot occur.
- The Chief advised that the WPS are trying to show recognition through social media with agencies. An event called "Coffee with a Cop" is going to be held with Inspector Shelton and Officer D'Annibale to answer questions from the public.
- Typically for Peace Officers Memorial Day a contingent is sent to Toronto to participate in a march, however, due to changes this year a video has been put together for the website showing recognition of day.
- There have been a number of high profile incidents, including robberies involving weapons, and hit and run investigations. These investigations and incidents require more hours from the WPS to make the arrest.
- There has been a disturbing increase in overdose calls. WPS is attempting a different approach to these types of calls wherein, the individuals are sent to the situation table to try and get them follow up care after the incident. Some calls resulted in a deceased individual where naloxone was issued, but ineffective.
- The Chief noted that suicide calls are up over 100 calls since last year.
- The Chief recognized that there is a struggle with the homeless population which generates a lot of work for WPS. A number of different intervention strategies have been attempted, however they have not been effective. WPS is trying to get some type of court ordered treatment for those

individuals. The Chief recognized that this is a complex problem that is difficult to solve. The Community Response Unit is working to get involved in some type of intervention and mental health services. WPS continues to meet with agencies to receive input on solutions.

- Training has been occurring with adapted methods. A session occurred wherein 14 members participated in search and rescue training.
- WPS hosted a wellness- challenge for the month of May which encouraged increased physical activity
- There have been nearly 200 calls in relation to COVID-19. The calls were mostly dealing with gathering limits. Public health have notified that WPS had dealt with people and they ended up testing positive, this requires investigation into those WPS members that could have been in contact with those individuals. Due to increased health and safety measures the impact has been low. Some members have been required to stay home.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – PROPOSED REGULATIONS UNDER THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING ACT, 2019

Moved by Trevor BIRTCH

Seconded by Balwant RAI

Resolved that the comments be submitted to the Province on behalf of the Board with the assistance of the Chief indicating the preference to have more control over dealing with officer suspensions.

CARRIED.

10. 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 Deb TAIT

Seconded by Trevor BIRTCH

resolved that the Board receive all statistics and reports presented in Item 10.

CARRIED.

11. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board receive the financial statements ending April 30, 2021 in Item 11.

CARRIED.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 3:28 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.

14. CLOSED SESSION RISES

Moved by Trevor BIRTCH

Seconded by Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board does now rise from Closed Session and reconvenes at 3:52 pm.

CARRIED.

15. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - # 1 - # 7

CLOSED SESSION # 1 - CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Moved by Balwant RAI

Seconded by Trevor BIRTCH

Resolved that the Board approve the Closed Session Agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Deb TAIT

Resolved that the Board receives for information the Staffing Report and Staffing Activity Report dated as of April 30, 2021.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 3 - OVERTIME - CHIEF

Moved by Balwant RAI

Seconded by Trevor BIRTCH

Resolved that the Board receive the monthly tracking report for information.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 4 - STATUS OF LEGAL CASES - CHIEF

Moved by Deb TAIT

Seconded by Balwant RAI

Resolved that the Board receive the updates presented in Item #4 and in addition the Statement of Claim be received.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 5 - 2022-2024 Secondment to OPC – PC Paul Hill

Moved by Balwant RAI

Seconded by Trevor BIRTCH

Resolved that the board authorize the Chief to further explore finalizing the attached agreement between WPSB, WPA and PC Paul Hill and further pursue a written secondment agreement between WPSB, OPC and PC Paul Hill.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 6 – OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION #7– OTHER ITEMS IF NECESSARY

None.

16. NEW BUSINESS

Balwant Rai and Bill Harrison wanted to extended appreciation and recognition to the senior administration of the Woodstock Police Service for arranging to send multiple cruisers to former Chief Joe Moses's residence on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mr. Moses was very appreciative of the gesture.

17. Date of Next Board Meeting MONDAY, June 14, 2021 at 3pm at the Woodstock Police Service Headquarters.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Balwant RAI

resolved that the Board does now adjourn at 3:54 pm

CARRIED.

*"Original Signed By"*

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Ken Whiteford, Chair  
Woodstock Police Service Board

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Trevor Birtch, Vice-Chair  
Woodstock Police Service Board