



Central Saanich Police Service

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CENTRAL SAANICH POLICE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 4:30pm
Central Saanich Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Board Chair: Jen Klein

REGRETS:

Joanne Taylor
Jim Rondeau
John Wilson

Board Members: Renee Johansson
Mike McKay
Mark Roman
Sarah Riddell

Chief Constable: Ian Lawson
Deputy Chief: Kevin Hackett
Police Board Admin: Emmalee Gray

Guests: CFO Troy Ziegler

1. STANDING ITEMS

a. Territorial Land Acknowledgment

We gratefully acknowledge that the ancestral land on which we work are within the traditional territories of the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples: W̱JŌŁEŁP (Tsartlip), BO̱ĶĒĆEN (Pauquachin), S̱X̱AUTW̱ (Tsawout), W̱S̱I̱ĶEM (Tseycum) and MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat) Nations.

b. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Board Chair advised the Board that she is no longer employed by EComm.

c. Approval: Regular Meeting Agenda of November 14, 2024

40.24 **MOVED AND SECONDED**
That the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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d. Approval: Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2024

41.24

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the minutes of the Police Board Meeting held October 10, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. General Service Update

The Chief advised that he attended the Integrated Police Units Regional Governance Council meeting (IPU-RGC), which is a committee made up of Mayors, CAOs and Police Leadership. The TOR originally stated that Mayors were to attend due to their Police Board Chair duties, however, due to recent changes to the Police Act which allows for non-mayor Police Board chairs, the committee now includes Board Chairs as well

The Chief and Deputy Chief briefed the Board on the recent media coverage of the Services' decision to withdraw from several regional Integrated Units. They advised the Board that the media coverage had not accurately portrayed the historical issues with management of the units, nor coverage to the outer regions. The Chief has given several interviews on various media outlets. For these three specific units, all have outdated MOUs, or the MOU is non-existent. Board Member Riddell asked about the implications of withdrawing from the Mobile Youth Support Team (MYST) for the community's vulnerable population. Deputy Chief Hackett advised of the Service's plans for increased the Community Services division as well as the creation of the CRD ICE team and Central Saanich's presence on that team. The Deputy Chief also advised that there is a potential 200% increase to the MYST budget for the 2025/26 budget year and that he is working with the Sidney/North Saanich RCMP on developing a regional approach to mental health calls for the Peninsula which would include the services of a psychiatric nurse or similar. Board Member McKay asked if all Integrated Unit MOUs will be updated. The Chiefs advised that it is currently a topic of discussion at Area Chiefs.

The Service is hosting a workshop for strategic methodologies for impaired driving at the Firehall later in November.

The Chief is attending the CRD Police Foundations breakfast, which will detail highlights of the 2024 Police Camp.

The Deputy Chief advised that details regarding the gifted RCMP Boat have been finalized. The boat is being stored in Northern Alberta. The Service is looking at a spring 2025 deployment and has received a Civil Forfeiture grant to outfit the boat.

The Deputy Chief advised that he is now sitting on the "Out on Patrol" Committee for LGBTQ+ police members.

Deputy Chief Hackett and Sgt. Brailey are scheduled to speak to the Harbourside Rotary Club about the creation and mandate of the CRD ICE unit.

The Deputy Chief presented the November statistics. Hospital wait times remain high, at an upwards of 3 hours per visit.



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f. **Financial Update**
No updates at this time.

g. **Policy Review**
No Updates at this time.

h. **Committee Reporting**
No updates at this time.

i. **Approval of 2025 Preliminary Budget**

The CFO, Mr. Troy Zeigler advised that Board that contractual changes from the Chief Constable's new contract have been incorporated into the 2025 budget. He also advised that there is no operating reserve for the Police Service and only Fleet and Equipment have a reserve.

42.24 **MOVED AND SECONDED**
That the Police Board adopt the 2025 preliminary budget as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: the CFO will provide the Board with 2025 Overtime amounts by section

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. **2025/26 Appointment to the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee**

Deferred to the December meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. CLOSED MEETING

Meeting closed at 5:48pm.

43.24 **CLOSED POLICE BOARD MEETING**
1. *That the Board convene a closed meeting that excludes the public pursuant to the following sub sections of Section 69 of the Police Act, Section 69 (2)(c) - A matter concerning labour contract discussions, labour management relations, layoffs or another personnel matter.*
2. *That the Board continue the In- Camera Meeting in closed session.*

Recess at 5:58pm



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ADJOURNMENT

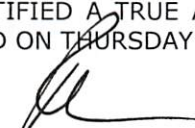
44.24

MOVED AND SECONDED


That the Meeting be recessed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING,
HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024.



JENNIFER KLEIN
CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD



EMMALEE GRAY
RECORDING SECRETARY