

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ross Siemens, Chair
Mandy Padda
Paula Olmstead
Amrik Narang
Gordon Holloway

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM & STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Constable Colin Watson
Deputy Chief Constable Dan Culbertson – Operations
Director Bea Nicolato – Finance & Budget Branch
Director Adrienne Alford – Human Resources Branch

REGRETS:

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Shyanne Bergen

GUEST(S):

Special Advisor - Chris Dominato
Aird Flavelle*

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 AM.

1. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

2. New Board Member Appointed

Amar Preet Singh Rai has been appointed as the new board member. Ms. Padda proposed having an existing board member team up with the new board member for the purposes of orientation and mentorship.

Action: Chief Watson and Shyanne will work together for the new board member's orientation.

3. Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the consent agenda be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

- a. Financial Statements – March 31, 2024
- b. Crime Overview Report – March 2024
- c. Media Report – Mid-March to Mid-April 2024
- d. POLICIES
 - I. Repeal Package F
 - II. Demographic Composition of Abbotsford and Indigenous Communities with Abbotsford
- e. Quarter #1 – Vacancy Rates

Mr. Holloway asked why the 5-year-old Demographic Composition information was included in the package, and the Chair advised that the City is attempting to get it updated.

Ms. Padda asked why the Indigenous Communities in Abbotsford printout was also included in the package. The Board was advised that the *Police Act* requires this information to be provided.

4. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None.

5. Chief's Report

Chief Watson reported on the following topics:

- **Inspector Competition Results** – Chris Brown-John was identified as the successful candidate.
- **Chief's Community Meetings** – Chief Watson advised of the recent meetings he attended including a presentation for the Abbotsford Downtown Association, Abbotsford Community Corrections, a number of community pop-up events, E-COMM 911 awareness week, prayer breakfast, AbbyPD volunteer appreciation dinner, Fraser Valley Indo Canadian Vaisakhi luncheon, input for JIBC advisory panel, Archway Community Services, and a walkthrough of the new building later this afternoon. He also noted that the SLT did EDI training with Anita Atwal.
- **Police Act Amendment Changes** - Phase 1 of the *Police Act* amendments have been tabled, and there are a number of substantial changes that will result if the legislation passes.
- **Taser 7 Approval** – Recently approved for use by the Province. The Province is looking at the trial and approval of Taser 10 down the road.

Mr. Holloway asked about the Minister's recent announcement about the Surrey Police Service and JI funding implications. Chief Watson advised there is still no resolution although another meeting has been called for mid-May to discuss this again.

6. Standing Board Committee Reports

- a. **Finance Committee** – Mr. Holloway noted that budgets & reporting are becoming more important.
- b. **Governance & Policy** – Nothing to report.
- c. **HR Committee** – Nothing to report.

7. Other Business

Ms. Padda advised that she is now the secretary of the BCAPB and will not be able to attend the next board meeting due to commitments with the BCAPB. She advised that if it is moved to the afternoon, she could attend. The Board discussed whether meeting quorum for the next meeting may be an issue – it would appear that quorum should be reached.

Mr. Flavelle advised that it was hard to hear the board meeting and that the microphone was not working very well. The Chair advised that fans were coming on throughout the meeting, which may have made it more difficult to hear, but that someone would investigate that for the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM.

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Chair – Ross Siemens

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Recording Secretary – Shyanne Bergen