

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ross Siemens, Chair
Gordon Holloway, Vice Chair
Mandy Padda
Paula Olmstead
Amrik Narang
Amar Rai
Shannon Charney

REGRETS:

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Shyanne Bergen

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM & STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Constable Colin Watson
Deputy Chief Constable Jason Burrows – Administration
Deputy Chief Constable Dan Culbertson – Operations
Director Bea Nicolato – Finance & Budget Branch
Inspector Chris Brown-John

GUEST(S):

Special Advisor - Chris Dominato
Aird Flavelle*

The meeting was called to order at 8:47 AM.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Election of Chair

Mr. Narang reported on his recent email of June 6 to the Board regarding nominating Ross Siemens as Chair and Gordon Holloway as Vice-Chair for a two (2) year term. No other members were identified to act as Chair or Vice-Chair.

Decision: It was moved and seconded that Ross Siemens be Chair to the Abbotsford Police Board effectively immediately for a two (2) year term. The motion was **approved**.

3. Election of Vice-Chair

Decision: It was moved and seconded that Gordon Holloway be Vice-Chair to the Abbotsford Police Board effectively immediately for a two (2) year term. The motion was **approved**.

4. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes from previous meeting – May 29, 2024
- b. Financial statements – May 31, 2024
- c. Crime Overview Report – May 2024
- d. Media Report – Mid-May to Mid-June
- e. Policies – Repeal Package H

5. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None.

6. Board Correspondence

Letter from PSSG re: Training Requirements in BC Provincial Policing Standards coming into effect

Chief Watson advised that the Province has moved the compliance deadline for Indigenous cultural safety training. He reported that it was already underway for all AbbyPD members, and he expects to be in compliance before the end of the year.

Ms. Olmstead asked who does the training and was advised that it was delivered through CPKN.

Ms. Padda asked how long the training is and was advised that the initial training is three (3) hours, and that there is a separate module for trauma-informed practice, which is an additional 10 hours.

It was confirmed that the training is also provided at the JIBC and that it has been a full-day (8 hour) course since 2018. DCC Burrows advised that 25% of the AbbyPD members are trained, and that it is typical to see the numbers spike near the end of the year to meet year end goals.

2024 BC Law Enforcement Memorial Service Invitation (Sep 29/24 @ 1:00 PM)

Chief Watson reported that there is strong representation from the AbbyPD at this event as well as a number of events which lead up to it including the ride and run to remember. Chief Watson advised that he will be attending, and that they are working on arranging who will be going from AbbyPD.

Mr. Holloway asked about the event's history and was advised that it is an annual event and goes back a while. It was noted that traditionally, board members have not attended but that this invite was directed to the board.

ACF – 2023 Annual Report

No discussion or comments made.

7. Chief's Report

Chief Watson, Deputy Culbertson, and Deputy Burrows reported on the following:

- **Commendation ceremony** – This year was different and was revamped to recognize both members and civilians. The intention is to have one annual event in May.
- **IIO Reports** – There were two (2) public IIO reports regarding the use of force matter involving an officer shooting on Riverside Road, and an apprehension of an individual. The IIO has cleared both officers. Chief Watson noted that the IIO investigation is the first step and the *Police Act* investigation will follow.
- **Chief Watson** continues to have many meetings with members of the public and organizations. He has also been working on a number of policy revisions and process improvements within the AbbyPD.
- **Leadership week** – Annual leadership week was June 3 to 7, which is unique to AbbyPD. Over the course of the week 25 events were held and it was open for people to attend as they could. It also gave opportunities for people to report to their peers on past experiences with

leadership. DCC Burrows noted that leadership week makes AbbyPD stand out and keeps people engaged which is good for retention and recruiting purposes.

- **Pulling Together Canoe Journey** – This year it is set for July 10 to 14 and has been an event that AbbyPD has participated in for over 20 years. AbbyPD will attend this year and connect with indigenous partners.

8. Standing Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

Governance & Policy Committee – Nothing to report.

Human Resources Committee – Nothing to report.

9. Other Business

Committee makeup – Mr. Dominato asked about the committee makeup and Chair Siemens advised that Shyanne would contact the Board over the summer to see where everyone's interests are to repopulate the committees and to discuss at the September meeting. It was noted that it would be ideal to have three (3) members on each committee.

Action: Shyanne will contact the board members over the summer to determine each member's interests for committee make-up purposes.

A roundtable format of introductions was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 AM.

“Digitally Signed”

Chair – Ross Siemens

“Digitally Signed”

Recording Secretary – Shyanne Bergen