

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
Sgt Paul Walker – Strategic Communications and Public Engagement Coordinator
Leanne Pengelly, Executive Assistant*

GUEST(S):

Special Advisor - Chris Dominato
Aird Flavelle*

The meeting was called to order at 8:49 AM.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Presentation – AbbyPD Traffic Enforcement Unit

Sgt. Paul Walker presented on the AbbyPD Traffic Enforcement Unit.

Discussion on data retrieved from impaired drivers and comparison of drivers being impaired by alcohol or other drugs. It was advised that alcohol impairment is seen more often than drug impairment, but that there is ongoing training for frontline staff for drug impairment recognition. There are expectations that we will see drug impairment increase once more members are trained. Sgt. Walker also advised that new recruits receive drug impairment recognition training just after graduation, hoping that the JIBC will add the training to the curriculum. 4 members are trained in drug impairment recognition at the highest level. Given the limited seat availability at the JI for training, those members are becoming instructors, so we can conduct our in-house training so members can be trained quickly.

The AbbyPD is seeing an increase in impaired incidents from year to year. It was advised that the Patrol's downtime to find impaired drivers is decreased due to workload and that the TEU's numbers are higher given their mandate for traffic safety. It was also advised that provincial funding received for targeting impaired driving has decreased over the years, so there aren't as many officers or approved overtime.

Action: Chief Watson will work with Sgt. Walker to obtain the impaired driving data (alcohol compared to drug use) and provide same to the board.

Discussion on the officer's time at traffic court taking away resources on the road, with 30% of tickets being disputed (estimate). It was advised that collaboration between the police departments and the courts was unsuccessful. Sgt. Walker recently made a motion to remove ticketing from Provincial Courts and to adjudication as a cost and time-saving measure. There is a strong desire within the department for officers to be on the road and not in court.

Sgt. Walker exited the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the consent agenda be **approved**, with the previous minutes being pulled out for discussion. The motion was **adopted**.

- i. Financial Statements – September 30, 2024
- ii. Crime Overview Report – September 2024
- iii. Media Report – September 17 to October 21, 2024
- iv. POLICIES
 - a. Chief Constable Recruiting and Hiring Process
 - b. Subject Behaviour Officer Response Report Review
 - c. I.C.XXX Off-Duty Exercise of Police Powers – NEW
- v. AbbyPD Vacancy Rates

Minutes from previous meeting – September 25, 2024

Page 3 of the minutes, under the BCAPB Report – Micayla's name is mis-spelled and to be corrected.

Action: Shyanne to amend the minutes to correct the spelling of Micayla's name.

Ms. Padda also advised that we don't have access to the presentations at CAPG as it is locked to only those who attended the CAPG conference.

4. ACF – 2025 Student Awards Program - \$2,300 Donation

It was moved and seconded that the \$2,300 donation to the Abbotsford Community Foundation for the 2025 Student Awards Program be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

5. BCAPB Report

Ms. Padda advised that there was no meeting this month and had nothing to report.

6. Chief's Report

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

Pathways/Harpreet Jhinjar – Received Webber Seavey Excellence in Law Enforcement Award at IACP in Boston.

JIBC Funding Commitment – The NDP made a campaign promise of additional funding for the JIBC as recommended by the BC Chief's and municipal police boards. This will be followed up on when government formed.

RCMP Announcement (Public Safety and Foreign Influence) – The AbbyPD is aware and is in contact with the RCMP and policing partners.

Crime is Toast – APF Annual fundraiser was successful and received lots of public support.

Purple Lights Nights – Campaign to bring attention to intimate partner violence which has been going on for the past few weeks.

Remembrance Day – The ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11, at Thunderbird Square.

Staff Christmas Breakfast – AbbyPD annual breakfast is prepared by SLT and board members are encouraged to attend.

JIBC Grad – November 8 (2-3 hour event) at Abbotsford Exhibition Park.

7. Standing Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Nothing.

Governance & Policy Committee – Nothing.

Human Resources Committee – Nothing.

8. Other Business

None raised.

9. Questions from the public relating to today's Agenda

None raise.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

“Originally Signed”

Chair – Ross Siemens

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Recording Secretary – Shyanne Bergen