DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

BOARD MINUTES

June 12, 2017

08:30h

Present:
Roger Anderson, Chair
Allan Furlong, Vice-Chair
Bill McLean, Member
Bobbie Drew, Member
Rose Rockbrune, Member
Randy Wilson, Member
Stindar Lal, Member
Paul Martin, Chief of Police
Chris Fernandes, Deputy Chief
Uday Jaswal, Deputy Chief
Stan MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Bill Clancy, Executive Director
Anita Longo, Executive Assistant

PUBLIC

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Randy Wilson
"THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on May 8, 2017 be approved."
Carried. M198-17

Presentations

Justice of the Peace Jane Moffat conducted a Swearing In ceremony for five civilians and five officers newly promoted to leadership roles within the Service. Chief Martin introduced the promoted members and thanked them for their service and noted civilians and sworn officers will both be recognized for promotions going forward. Chair Anderson congratulated them on behalf of the Board and wished them much success.

Mr. Vaqar Raees and the President of the Pickering Islamic Centre, Mr. Mohammed Rahim, presented to Chief Martin a plaque in appreciation of his strong message of support at the recent Canada 150th Celebration held at the Pickering Islamic Centre.

Inspector Sean Fitzgerald, A/Sgt. Jason Bagg and Constable Marten Wind delivered a presentation to the Board summarizing Phase III of the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) project. Local Crown Attorney, Mr. Greg O'Driscoll, offered comments regarding the effect of the use of BWCs on the ability of the Crown to manage its caseload efficiently. While Mr. O'Driscoll appreciated and supported the rationale for the Board's decision to pursue the deployment of the BWCs, he emphasized that the Crown to provide the necessary resources to support the project is precarious. Ms. Drew stated given the uncertainty of the grants from the Province and the tight budget guidelines from the Region, how does finance plan to fund this pilot program. Mr. LeRiche stated that this amount would be an additional cost to the budget. The financial commitment for this project is expected to be approximately $1.2 million. Mr. Lal inquired about the rationale for choosing to hold the pilot in West Division and whether the procurement process is sound. A/Sgt. Bagg advised that this Division is the least impacted by patrol boundary changes and that an independent assessment concluded the procurement process is fair. Ms. Rockbrune asked if the cameras would also lead to additional overtime in the courts. A/Sgt Bagg impacted that the costs for police attending court would not be known for some time and are not included in the budget.

Moved by: Randy Wilson Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT the Body-Worn Cameras Phase III update presentation be received for information."
Carried. M199-17

Moved by: Randy Wilson Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT agenda items 8g), 8h), and 8i) move up on the agenda."
Carried. M200-17

Chair Anderson suggested conducting the pilot over two years to spread out the costs. Mr. Lal thanked Mr. O'Driscoll for his comments and stated his perspective was very valuable.

Moved by: Bobbie Drew Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the Body-Worn Camera Project report regarding community engagement activities and public survey results be received for information."
Carried. M201-17

Moved by: Bobbie Drew Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the Body-Worn Camera Project report regarding body-worn governance policy be received for information."
Carried. M202-17

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Stindar Lal
"THAT the Board approve and fund a 1-year pilot deployment involving two platoons in West Division, Regional Traffic Enforcement and Festive RIDE (approximately 70-80 officers); and

THAT the Board approves capitalizing on the ongoing DRPS digital evidence pilot project with Axon Public Safety Canada and participate in the National Field Trial. Axon Public Safety Canada has offered BWC devices, video management software and Canadian cloud data storage for the 1 year pilot deployment at no cost to DRPS; and

THAT a letter be sent to Minister Naqvi requesting additional resources for the local Crown's office."
Carried. M203-17

Recessed at: 10:15 a.m.
Reconvened at: 10:45 a.m.

Chair Anderson left the meeting and Vice Chair Furlong took over as Chair.

Monitoring Reports

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT the Board finds the Durham Regional Police compliant with all provisions of the Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services Regulation Policy."
Carried. M204-17

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT the Board finds the Durham Regional Police compliant with all provisions of the Treatment of Members Executive Limitations Policy."
Carried. M205-17

Consent Items

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT the Human Resources Update be received by the Board."
Carried. M206-17

Chief's Update

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT the Chief, Deputy Chiefs and CAO monthly update reports be received for information."
Carried. M207-17

New Business

The Board reviewed the 2016 Auxiliary Unit Annual Report. Mr. McLean acknowledged the great work done by the Auxiliary unit and inquired about the plans on how to recruit more members. Inspector Sean Fitzgerald stated he is working closely with Human Resources to recruit new members. Chief Martin congratulated the Auxiliary team on its 40th anniversary and thanked them for their outstanding representation as ambassadors of our police service in the community. Vice Chair Furlong added his appreciation for the unit's hard work and dedication.

Moved by: Randy Wilson Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT the 2016 Auxiliary Unit Annual Report be received for information."
Carried. M208-17

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the 2016 DRPS Annual Report be received for information."
Carried. M209-17

Moved by: Randy Wilson Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the Continuous Improvement progress update be received for information."
Carried. M210-17

The Board discussed the review of the Unfounded Sexual Assault Complaints. Mr. Lal asked for details on the next steps in the review. Chief Martin stated that Phase 1 of the Service internal review is complete which involved an audit of all sexual assault cases deemed unfounded since November 2005. Deputy Jaswal explained that Phase II will begin to engage local community partners that are dedicated to preventing violence against women and supporting victims and will involve a secondary review of the data and a sampling of case files. Mr. McLean asked if a follow up report will be coming back to the Board with suggestions on improvements including further data. Deputy Jaswal confirmed that a progress report will be provided. Mr. Lal inquired how many officers in the Sexual Assault unit are indigenous, male or female. Mr. MacLellan will provide this information at the next Board meeting. Mr. Lal inquired about the number of files received that involved indigenous complaints given that 10 complaints from this group were classified as unfounded. The Service indicated there were only 10 indigenous

sexual assault complainants. Mr. Lal stated he is concerned with this conclusion and considers it a serious matter.

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Randy Wilson
"THAT the Board receive the update report on the DRPS Review of *Unfounded* Sexual Assault Complaints; and

THAT a copy of the report be sent to the Minister."
Carried. M211-17

Moved by: Rose Rockbrune Seconded by: Randy Wilson
"THAT the Board receives the demographic breakdown report of experienced constables hired for May 2017 for information."
Carried. M212-17

Staff Sergeant Glenn Courneyea provided an update to the Board on the progress of the DRPS Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Program. Mr. McLean inquired about training for our members. Staff Sergeant Courneyea stated plans are on the way to train more officers in 2018.

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Randy Wilson
"THAT the DRPS Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Program update report be received for information."
Carried. M213-17

S.I.U. Reports

Moved by: Bobbie Drew Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the Report on SIU Investigation #16-OCI-053 be received for information."
Carried. M214-17

Moved by: Bobbie Drew Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the Report on SIU Investigation #16-OVI-100 be received for information."
Carried. M215-17

Calendar of Events

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the 2017 Calendar of Events be received for information."
Carried. M216-17

Follow Up Action Items

Moved by: Randy Wilson Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT the Public Follow Up Action Items Log of Incomplete Items be approved as amended."
Carried. M217-17

Donations

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the Board approve a sponsorship for bursary of $5,000 to the Durham Children's Aid Foundation; and

THAT the monies be paid from the Unclaimed Property Fund."
Carried. M218-17

Moved by: Bobbie Drew Seconded by: Bill McLean
"THAT the Board approve a sponsorship of $2,500 to the Transit Golf Tournament in support of Special Olympics Ontario; and

THAT the monies be paid from the Unclaimed Property Fund."
Carried. M219-17

Letters of Appreciation

Moved by: Rose Rockbrune Seconded by: Randy Wilson
"THAT the letters of appreciation be received for information."
Carried. M220-17

General Information

Moved by: Randy Wilson Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT the letter from Durham Regional Crime Stoppers be received for information."
Carried. M221-17

Moved by: Rose Rockbrune Seconded by: Bobbie Drew
"THAT the correspondence regarding the 2018 Regional Business Planning and Budget process & the Preliminary 2018 Timetable be received for information."
Carried. M222-17

Moved by: Rose Rockbrune Seconded by: Randy Wilson
"THAT the reply letter from Minister Lalonde regarding a variety of policing matters be received for information."
Carried. M223-17

Moved by: Bobbie Drew Seconded by: Bill McLean
"THAT we move in-camera."
Carried. M224-17

Moved by: Bill McLean Seconded by: Rose Rockbrune
"THAT we rise from in-camera."
Carried. M230-17

Adjournment

Moved by: Rose Rockbrune Seconded by: Bill McLean
"THAT the Board ratify all actions taken in-camera."
Carried. M231-17

Moved by: Rose Rockbrune Seconded by: Bill McLean
"THAT the Board ratify all actions of today's date."
Carried. M232-17

Moved by: Rose Rockbrune Seconded by: Bill McLean
"THAT the meeting be adjourned."
Carried. M233-17

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

_____
Roger Anderson, Chair