

PUBLIC MINUTES

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, April 16, 2015, 12 noon
Committee Room A, City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Commissioner D. Brander
Commissioner C. Clark
Commissioner D. Hill
Commissioner C. Inglis-McQuay

ALSO PRESENT

Chief C. Weighill
Deputy Chief M. Chatterbok
Deputy Chief B. Pannell
Finance Director D. Bodnar
Solicitor G. Bains
Solicitor R. Gibbings, Q.C.
Secretary J. Sproule

1. Minutes

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Chief's Report

Chief Weighill addressed the spike in crime recently and the immediate formation of a Gangs and Guns Unit. He stressed the formation of the unit was not a cause for alarm for the citizens of Saskatoon. The spike in crime has occurred over the past 18 months, occurs mainly late at night, and it does not really affect the average citizen of Saskatoon. Chief Weighill further noted that the trend is happening right across Western Canada.

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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3. Environmental Scan

a) Meeting between City Council and the Board of Police Commissioners

Commissioner Hill indicated that a number of his colleagues on City Council have requested a formal meeting of Council with the Board of Police Commissioners. He noted that the matter would also be raised with Executive Committee.

It was noted that the Board has previously agreed to hold regular meetings with City Council. The Commission will undertake to meet as requested.

b) Communication regarding Community Safety

Commissioner Clark noted that at the last meeting discussion was held regarding community safety. Commissioner Clark noted that the matter is currently being considered In Camera and the details will be forthcoming regarding public sessions targeted for June and September.

It was noted that the subcommittee working on this initiative is made up of all board members.

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the information be received.

CARRIED

4. Presentation - Saskatoon Police Service Alternative Measures Program

The Secretary submitted a report of the Chief of Police dated April 2, 2015, regarding the above matter. A presentation was provided by Constables Shannon Parker and Pam Fouquette.

Discussion followed.

Moved By: Commissioner Inglis-McQuay

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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5. Communications to Council
 - Leona Sterling, regarding Saskatoon Crime
 - Ingrid Haslbeck, regarding various issues
 - Doreen McLellan, regarding various issues

The Secretary submitted copies of the above-referenced communications.

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the information be received and forwarded to the Saskatoon Police Service for any further handling or response.

CARRIED

6. 2014 Year End Operating Budget Report

The Secretary submitted a report of the Chief of Police dated March 24, 2015, regarding the above matter.

It was noted that the surplus goes back to the City of Saskatoon and not returned to the Saskatoon Police Service.

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. Use of Force Statistical Reporting
2014 – January 01 – 2014 December 31

The Secretary submitted a report of the Chief of Police dated April 2, 2015, regarding the above matter.

Deputy Chief Pannell reviewed the report, noting the use of force is up over previous averages for 2014. Discussion followed and it was noted that it would be useful to also receive a percentage of growth each year in future reports.

Moved By: Commissioner Clark

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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8. Representative Workforce at the Saskatoon Police Service

The Secretary submitted a report of the Chief of Police dated April 1, 2015, regarding the above matter.

Deputy Chief Chatterbok reviewed the report.

Commissioner Hill suggested a copy of the report also be made available to former Commissioner Gordon Martell, for his information as he had expressed an interest in this during his time on the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the information be received and a copy of the report be forwarded to former Commissioner Gordon Martell, for information.

CARRIED

9. Appreciation to the Saskatoon Police Service

The Secretary submitted a report of the Chief of Police dated April 2, 2015 forwarding acknowledgements of appreciation/recognition to the Saskatoon Police Service.

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. CAPG Director

The Secretary submitted an email from CAPG regarding the nomination and support of the local board for representative as a CAPG Director.

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That support for Commissioner Clark to continue in his capacity as a CAPG Director be confirmed.

CARRIED

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11. Contractual Services

The Secretary submitted a summary of contractual services provided to the Board of Police Commissioners during the first quarter of 2015.

Solicitor Gibbings discussed the history leading up to contractual services for legal counsel for the Board and described the service provided to the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Brander

That the information be received.

CARRIED

12. Police Re-deployment 2015

The Secretary submitted a report of the Chief of Police dated April 16, 2015 regarding the above.

Chief Weighill reviewed his report noting that the Service can operate successfully with between 185 and 190 officers. To achieve this number, he would require 10 officers. He noted that he was not asking for anything from the Board at this time.

Discussion followed regarding intake timelines, the top 10 calls for service, what the City of Calgary does to achieve their ratio of officers, the number of units paid for by the province, visibility in the city and the different footprint of the city.

Chief Weighill stressed he is attempting to get the number back to 185 and keep up with growth.

Moved By: Commissioner Inglis-McQuay

That the information be received.

CARRIED

13. 2014 Annual Report Card

The Secretary submitted a report of the Chief of Police dated April 15, 2015 forwarding the 2014 Annual Report Card of the Saskatoon Police Service.

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Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the information be received.

CARRIED

Moved By: Commissioner Hill

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned 1:58 p.m.

Mayor D. Atchison, Chair