



BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

THURSDAY September 15, 2022
IN-PERSON COMMUNITY ROOM -YOUTUBE LIVE

PRESENT:

Mr. Greg Ferguson, Chair
Councillor Robert Thomson, Vice Chair
Mr. Jeff Lehman
Ms. Lynn Strachan
Mr. Arif Khan
Chief Kimberley Greenwood
Deputy Chief Wyllie Allan
Deputy Chief Rich Johnston
Sergeant Toni Talarico
Ms. Danielle Hutchinson, Board Administrator

Ms. Lees, Ms. Halas and Mr. Turner attended the meeting.

MEETING OPENING

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.

Chair Ferguson apologized for the delayed start to the Open Board meeting.

Acknowledgement by Chair Ferguson for the victims from the fatal motor vehicle collision in Barrie, Toronto Police Service Constable Andrew Hong line of duty death and York Regional Police Constable Travis Gillespie death while enroute to work. A moment of silence was observed, and condolences offered to the families, Police Services, and colleagues.

2. Chair Ferguson acknowledged the land.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION #2022-071

On motion of Lynn Strachan, seconded by Mayor Lehman, the September 15, 2022, open agenda was approved.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest with Respect to the Agenda

None were declared.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION #2022-072

On motion of Robert Thomson, seconded by Lynn Strachan, the minutes from the June 16, 2022, open meeting were approved.

CARRIED

Presentation

5. Statistical Report (Q2)

Deputy Allan presented the Statistical PowerPoint presentation and provided explanations and updates on the following:

- Calls for Service
- Occurrence and Violation
- Provincial Offence Notices (PON's)
- Crimes Against Person
- Property Crimes
 - Gas Drive-offs
- Drug Offences
- Criminal Traffic Violations
- Other Criminal Code Violations
- Miscellaneous
- Diversion Update
- Highlights for next quarter

The decrease in PON's were questioned. Personnel and redeployment of resources contributed, new officers will be in the unit in January and should address the decrease.

Concerns regarding Drug Charges and community pressures were discussed. Federal crown charge direction and societal and justice system changes to reduce stigmatization of citizens are part of the reason and alternative measures are being utilized. The Community Safety and Well Being Team provides connections to community resources and collaborations. Barrie Police continues to work with social organizations to assist the vulnerable with addiction issues.

Explanation on how Hot Spots is being measured and evaluated and the impacts on crime reduction was discussed. Ongoing education relating to Gas Drive-offs is taking place with hopes legislation will change.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Staff Acknowledgements
7. Public Complaints
8. Budget Variance (Q2)

MOTION #2022-073

On motion of Mayor Lehman, seconded by Robert Thomson, the consent agenda items were approved.

CARRIED

Ms. Halas and Mr. Turner left meeting at 5:17 pm

Annual Reports

9. 2021 Hate Crime, Cyber Crime and Organized Crime

10. 2021 Crime Severity Index

Ms. Lees, Manager of Records and Information management presented and provided an overview of both annual reports.

Ms. Lees was requested to provide further comparison on the BPS and the 25 largest jurisdictions and where we score.

Clarification on targeted groups and how BPS assists them was given. Secured funding allows for assistance and education and additional resources to be utilized. It was also explained that police services in general are better at reporting and public awareness of Hate Crimes has increased and affects reporting.

Mayor Lehman left the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

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Updates

11. Chiefs Update

Chief Greenwood offered condolences to the community, Toronto Police Service, and the York Regional Police Service and provided the following update:

- CAD Calls for Service

- Highlighted Investigations
 - July 14: 2019 Stabbing arrest
 - July 22: Grandparent Scam arrest
 - July 23: North end shooting, suspect arrest
 - August 30: Firearms and drugs seized from reported suspicious vehicle

Modified/Noisy Car Enforcement Initiatives

- New Members
 - 10 new Special Constables joined the Court Services Unit
 - 15 new Police Recruits off to Ontario Police College.

2021 Awards continue to be presented to recipients

- Highlighted Initiatives
 - Battenburg Cruiser Launch
 - MCRT launch
 - Lunch and Learn with Elder Ernestine
 - Evidence Based Policing Research University of Alberta Researchers
 - Persons in Custody
 - CSWB Team E-Bikes initiative
 - Marine Rescue Training
 - Strategic Planning Pop-Up and Consultations

- Community Events
 - August 15: Indian Independence Day Celebrations
 - August 26: AmShalom Torah Rededication Ceremony
 - City of Barrie EMS camp day
 - Kids Learn To Fish Day
 - Community Day hosted by YMCA
 - Barrie Public Library, Story Time
 - Walk A Mile in her Shoes
 - 35th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run
 - Ukrainian Refugee Project

MEETING CLOSING

12. Next Board Meeting – Thursday, October 20, 2022

Meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. on YouTube and In-Person at Barrie Police Service Headquarters.

13. Adjournment

MOTION #2022-074

On motion of Arif Khan the Barrie Police Services Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Board Administrator