



Barrie Police Services Board Meeting

OPEN

Thursday, December 14, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Community Room
YouTube Live

Item	Topic	Lead	Time
1.	Call to Order	Chair	1 Min
2.	Land Acknowledgement		
Meeting Opening:			
3.	Motion to Approve the Agenda	Chair	2 Min
<i>Motion to approve the agenda for the December 14, 2023, open board meeting</i>			
4.	Declaration of Conflict of Interest with Respect to the Agenda		
5.	Approval of Minutes		
<i>Motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2023, open meeting</i>			
Consent Agenda:			
6.	Staff Acknowledgements	Chair	5 Min
7.	Public Complaints		
8.	Community Concerns		
<i>Motion to receive the consent agenda items</i>			
Updates:			
9.	Chief's Update	Chief	15 Min
Meeting Closing:			
10.	Next Board Meeting – Thursday, January 18, 2024	Chair	2 Min
11.	Adjournment		
<i>Motion to adjourn the December 14, 2023, open board meeting</i>			



BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**Thursday, November 16, 2023
Command Boardroom and YOUTUBE LIVE**

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Ferguson, Chair
Deputy Mayor Robert Thomson, Vice Chair
Ms. Lynn Strachan
Deputy Chief R. Wyllie Allan
Ms. Sarah Young, Board Administrator

VIRTUAL: Mayor Alex Nuttall
Mr. Arif Khan
Chief Rich Johnston

MEETING OPENING

1. The meeting was moved to the 4th Floor Command Boardroom and was called to order at 9:22 a.m. due to technical difficulties with the sound.
2. Chair Ferguson acknowledged the land.
3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #2023-098

On motion of Deputy Mayor Thomson, seconded by Lynn Strachan, the November 16, 2023, open agenda was approved. CARRIED

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

None were declared.

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION #2023-099

On motion of Deputy Mayor Thomson, seconded by Lynn Strachan, the minutes from the October 19, 2023, open meeting were approved. CARRIED

PRESENTATION

6. 2024 Barrie Police Service Budget

Chair Ferguson informed the public about the extensive process undertaken by the board to formulate the 2024 Budget. The Budget Sub-committee convened on multiple occasions, making necessary amendments along the way. The presentation today is the proposed final budget, seeking approval for presentation to Barrie City Council in January.

During the meeting, Chief Johnston, alongside Tyrell Turner, the Finance Manager, presented the budget. Chief Johnston acknowledged the public's concerns, emphasizing the importance of addressing the community's request to replenish deployable resources and enhance visibility.

MOTION #2023-100

On motion of Lynn Strachan, seconded by Arif Khan, the Board approves the 2024 Budget to be submitted to council.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Staff Acknowledgements
8. Public Complaints

MOTION #2023-101

On motion of Arif Khan, seconded by Lynn Strachan, the consent agenda items were received.

CARRIED

UPDATES

9. Chief's Update

Chief Johnston provided a presentation which included the following updates.

- **Training for Members**
 - London Police Service Evidence Based Policing Conference
- **Community Events**
 - Empower Simcoe Fashion Show
 - Childrens Treatment Network Inclusive Trick or Treat
- **Community Connections**
 - Caity of Barrie Student Mayor
- **New Member**
 - Joshua Dunsworth, Contract Strategic Planner
- **Remembrance Day**
 - Mapleview Community Church
 - Flag Raising at City Hall
 - City of Barrie Parade
- **Community Connections**
 - Diwali
 - Tree of Hope
- **Crime Prevention Week**
- **Highlighted Investigations**
 - Robbery – Youth Crime Spree
 - Robbery – Credit Union
- **Community Safety Survey**

Concerns have been raised by community members to Board member Strachan regarding mushroom stores and the illegal selling of narcotics. Additionally, there is apprehension about a specific mushroom shop using the Super Mario logo, which could be attractive to young children. The Chief advised the service will review this matter and report on the findings.

MEETING CLOSING

10. Next Regular Board Meeting -Thursday, December 14, 2023

11. Adjournment

MOTION #2023-102

On motion of Deputy Mayor Thomson, the Barrie Police Services open board meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Board Administrator



**BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD REPORT
DECEMBER 2023
OPEN**

TO: Barrie Police Services Board

FROM : Chief Rich Johnston

DATE: December 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Staff Acknowledgements

Background

Staff Acknowledgements received for the month of November.

EMPLOYEE	FROM WHOM	COMMENTS
Constable Elise Claridge	Staff Member Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School, Orillia	On November 10, 2023, Constable Claridge was a guest speaker at a Remembrance Day assembly at Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School in Orillia. She was thanked for sharing her story and commended on her courage, dedication, and passion to serve her country.
Constable Nathan Greer	Barrie Resident	Constable Greer was thanked via email for being kind and professional.
Constable Melanie Turner	Sergeant Jason Frye	Sergeant Frye formally commended Constable Turner for going above and beyond in her recruiting role by changing her schedule and travelling to be present at several events. "I am extremely thankful for P.C. Turner's hard work, flexibility, and dedication to her position as a recruiter for the Barrie Police Service.

<p>Sandra Moore, Administrative Assistant Human Resources</p>	<p>Sergeant Jason Frye</p>	<p>Sergeant Frye formally commended Sandra Moore for being flexible with her schedule and attending events with Constable Turner. She was also praised for being incredibly organized, hardworking, and dependable.</p>
<p>Austin Eckensweiler Matt Phillips Nisarg Sukhadiya Nick Tricarico Information Technology Coordinators</p>	<p>Jason Rayner, Supervisor Information Technology</p>	<p>IT Supervisor Jason Rayner submitted a formal commendation for IT team members for going above and beyond the last few months by installing CCTV cameras at high-harm intersections in the City of Barrie. "This type of work environment is not typically an IT person's general duty, but these individuals embraced the challenge for the betterment of the system and its usefulness to the organization.</p>
<p>Constable Jakob Banner Constable Mason Hoare</p>	<p>Barrie Resident</p>	<p>Constable Banner and Constable Hoare were thanked for their professionalism and kindness while assisting a Barrie family during a trying time.</p>

Recommendation

The Board receive this report for information.

Prepared by:

Sarah Young (9049)
Executive Assistant



**BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD REPORT
DECEMBER 2023
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TO: Barrie Police Services Board

FROM : Inspector Robert Burke

DATE: December 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Professional Standards Monthly Board Report

The following is the Open Professional Standards Report covering November, 2023 which includes Public Complaints.

Action Required

Please review for your information.

Financial Impact

No immediate impact.

1. Public Complaint Summary:

Complaint Number:	PC 2023-03
Date Filed to OIPRD:	January 3, 2023
Received by PSB:	January 20, 2023
Conduct Complaint:	Discreditable Conduct Neglect of Duty
Allegation Date:	January 2, 2023
Investigation Update:	The officer is currently off on leave, the OIPRD advised that they will suspend the investigation pending the officers return to work.
Initial Complaint Summary:	The Complainant alleges that the officer left a disparaging comment on her webpage fundraiser. She further advised that on a separate occasion, while off duty, the officer saw the Complainant's daughter at a social setting and said very negative and hurtful things about her and her husband (who is also a member of the Barrie Police Service).
Disposition:	Active
Date Closed:	N/A
Complaint Timeline:	10 months, 10 days - Open investigation (On hold)

Complaint Number:	PC 2023-48
Date Filed to OIPRD:	July 31, 2023
Received by PSB:	August 30, 2023
Service Complaint:	Lack of Service
Allegation Date:	June 12, 2023, - July 31, 2023
Investigation Update:	Unsubstantiated - Professional Standards investigation completed on October 16, 2023. The report has been forwarded to the OIPRD as well as the Barrie Police Services Board.
Initial Complaint Summary:	The Complainant's family filed a missing person report for her cousin. She feels the police did not believe she was missing, that she was a runaway. She alleges that they did not start the investigation early enough and did not follow the proper missing person protocol.
Disposition:	Concluded - File closed by the OIPRD
Date Closed:	November 30, 2023
Complaint Timeline:	Three months. Professional Standards investigation completed in one month, 17 days.

Complaint Number:	PC 2023-50
Date Filed to OIPRD:	August 9, 2023
Received by PSB:	September 11, 2023
Conduct Complaint:	Deceit Neglect of Duty Discreditable Conduct
Allegation Date:	August 6, 2023
Investigation Update:	Unsubstantiated - Professional Standards investigation completed on September 29, 2023.
Initial Complaint Summary:	The Complainant's girlfriend was struck by a vehicle. He advises that the officers failed to lay the proper charges and the accident report was filled out incorrectly. Further, he alleges the officers influenced his girlfriend to not attend the hospital to have her injuries looked at and submits that they were biased as he believes the driver of the vehicle was known to them.
Disposition:	Concluded - File closed by the OIPRD
Date Closed:	November 20, 2023
Complaint Timeline:	Two months, 19 days. Professional Standards investigation completed in 18 days.

Complaint Number:	PC 2023-51
Date Filed to OIPRD:	August 27, 2023
Received by PSB:	September 18, 2023
Service Complaint:	Lack of Service
Allegation Date:	August 6, 2023
Investigation Update:	Resolved - Via Withdrawal on October 10, 2023. The investigator spoke with the Complainant and explained why officers were not able to attend as quickly as he would have liked and why they were not able to assist as he had wanted. The Complainant was satisfied with the investigators explanation and wished to withdraw the complaint.
Initial Complaint Summary:	The Complainant states that he parked at a convenience store at a location on Lakeshore Drive. The owner attended outside and advised him that there was a \$40 fee to continue to park there. The Complainant did not pay the fee and when he returned to his vehicle it had been towed. The Complainant is upset that when he called police, he was told there was nothing they could do.
Disposition:	Concluded - File closed by the OIPRD
Date Closed:	November 22, 2023
Complaint Timeline:	Two months, four days. Professional Standards investigation completed in 22 days.

Complaint Number:	PC 2023-53
Date Filed to OIPRD:	September 15, 2023
Received by PSB:	October 5, 2023
Investigation Update:	Investigative Report being authored.
Initial Complaint Summary:	The Complainant advises that while at the hospital he was assaulted by security. He states that when the police arrived, they did not conduct a proper investigation and did not lay charges against the security officers.
Disposition:	Active
Date Closed:	N/A
Complaint Timeline:	One month, 25 days - Open Investigation

Complaint Number:	PC 2023-56
Date Filed to OIPRD:	October 11, 2023
Received by PSB:	November 6, 2023
Investigation Update:	Investigative Report being authored.
Initial Complaint Summary:	The Complainant advises that he spoke with a Communicator and advised that he was being threatened by an unknown male while sitting in a parking lot. He states that the Communicator refused to identify herself and would not allow him to speak with a supervisor.
Disposition:	Active
Date Closed:	N/A
Complaint Timeline:	24 days - Open Investigation

Complaint Number:	PC 2023-57
Date Filed to OIPRD:	October 11, 2023
Received by PSB:	November 6, 2023
Investigation Update:	Investigative Report being authored.
Initial Complaint Summary:	The Complainant advises that he contacted police as he was being threatened in a parking lot. (See PC 2023-56) He met with the officer and explained the incident, the Complainant states that he had no further contact with the officer and that he left three voice messages with no return phone call.
Disposition:	Active
Date Closed:	N/A
Complaint Timeline:	24 days - Open Investigation



**BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD REPORT
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TO: Barrie Police Services Board

FROM : Chief Rich Johnston

DATE: December 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Community Concerns – Psilocybin (Mushroom) Shops

Background

Concerns have been raised by community members to Board member Strachan regarding mushroom stores and the illegal selling of narcotics. Additionally, there is apprehension about a specific mushroom shop using the Super Mario logo, which could be attractive to young children. The Chief advised the service will review this matter and report on the findings.

Response

In response to concerns raised by Board member Ms. Strachan regarding the operation of Psilocybin (Mushroom) Shops in the downtown area, the Barrie Police Service can advise that we are currently aware of two businesses in operation.

This past spring the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) of the Barrie Police Service investigated a store operating in the downtown area which resulted in the execution of a search warrant and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act charges being laid against two individuals. Although, this business was closed, it reopened a few days later. This particular business operates several stores across Ontario and the owner is an advocate for the legalization of Psilocybin. The owner has publicly stated they will continue to reopen after police shut them down.

The DEU is looking at several avenues to address concerns regarding these stores including:

- Consulting with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and continuing to investigate and lay charges when warranted
- Exploring ways to involve the property owners of the buildings where these business operate
- Examining what police services in other jurisdictions are doing to address this issue, and
- Seeking assistance from the City of Barrie regarding potential mechanisms through by-laws or other City departments.

Recommendation

The Barrie Police Services Board receive this report and information.

Prepared By:

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Investigative Services