

Riverdale Municipality Police Board
Regular Meeting
November 22, 2023
Riverdale Municipality Boardroom

Present: Ian Dyer – Chair, Board Members Matt Klassen, Everett Smith, Gerry Gourlay, Chief Lon Schwarz
Guests: Donna Morken, Heather Lamb

Chair Dyer called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

Chair Dyer moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Everett Smith. **Carried**

Appointment of Secretary: Everett Smith acknowledged his name to stand as secretary. Chair Dyer put forth a motion naming Everett Smith as Secretary, seconded by Matt Klassen. **Carried**

Electronic minutes of the October 12, 2023 Meeting were not distributed to Board Members as this evening's meeting was the Inaugural Meeting of the newly re-formed Police Board. Gerry Gourlay presented the minutes of the previous meeting orally. Acknowledging that Matt Klassen and Everett Smith were not Board members at the previous meeting, and Gerry Gourlay had resigned from the Board prior to this meeting, Chair Dyer moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Matt Klassen. **Carried**

Citizen Presentation: N/A

Chief of Police Report:

- Review of Budget: Chief Schwarz updated that budget preparations are ongoing and the date of Dec 13, 2023 @ 2:00PM was set for the Board and Chief to meet for a final preparation.

-Staffing Update: Chief Schwarz advises that we currently have no vacancies on the force. Further minutes will acknowledge auxiliary and reservist components.

-Unit 501: Approximately 90,000km. No specific concerns

-Unit 502: Other than concerns of high mileage, nothing to report

-Unit 503: Currently in Estevan being outfitted. Awaiting the arrival of the rear partition. Expected to be ready in approximately 3 weeks

-Collective Procurement: Chief reported that Winnipeg has expressed interest in a procurement program and the establishment of one would likely be beneficial to us

-Other: General discussions included topic of higher-than-normal cases of Impaired driving in the community and the increase in other types of crime including luring and child porn. The cadet program is being rebooted and a meeting was held on Nov 8th. Mental health calls have been stabilizing after their peak due to the Covid pandemic. With 3 new members to the board there were general discussions involving the Provincial Police Act, relationships with BPS and SVDN, and the MPI program. Everett Smith moved to accept the Chief Schwarz's report as presented, seconded by Matt Klassen. **Carried**

Financial Reports & Budgets:

-Financial report to Nov 30, 2023 was presented. 2023 is on track to be very close to budget, showing substantial improvement from the same point in time last year. Pandemic associated costs have been on

a steady decrease. Costs associated with 501 are slightly higher as compared to 502 due to 501's increased use to cover for the extended period of downtime with 502. Outfitting costs of 503 have been slightly higher than expected due to an extra partition being necessary for an SUV and Provincial tax burden associated with the vehicle registration. Chair Dyer moved to accept the financial report/budget as presented, seconded by Matt Klassen. **Carried**

There was discussion regarding the Facilitators report of the Public Meeting. It was decided that Jack Ewatski would be contacted to discuss an in-person presentation to the Board.

Round table discussion included Council acknowledging receipt, and acceptance of Gerry Gourlay's resignation from the Board. Gerry shared with the presiding board, information he has been working on during his time with the previous board and some recommendations he wanted to pass on relevant to Board structure, filling of vacancies, and obligations of the Board. Some of these recommendations have already been acted upon by council. It was discussed that Gerry could be available, with board approval, to assist Chief Schwarz with elements of preparation of the Riverdale Police Service Strategic Plan and also Policy Manual.

Noting no further matters for discussion by Chair Dyer, call for adjournment was requested at 6:05PM. Motion was made by Matt Klassen, seconded by Everett Smith.

Originals signed and dated by:

Everett Smith, secretary

Ian Dyer, Chair

Date

Date