**LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**August 19, 2020**

**Session # 4/2020**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Lambton OPP Headquarters, 4224 Oil Heritage Road, Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0

**Present: Murray Jackson, Chair**

**Leland Martin, Acting Chair**

**Steve Miller**

**Doug Cook**

**Shirley Durance**

**Dela Horley, Secretary**

**O.P.P. Representative: Inspector Chris Avery**

**Staff Sgt. Ross Stuart**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Murray Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Moved by S. Durance, Seconded by D. Cook, THAT** the minutes of Session 3/2020, June 17, 2020 be adopted as submitted.

Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

**DETACHMENT REPORT**

St. Sgt. Ross Stuart reviewed the May/June 2020 policing report:

* Street Crimes Unit – 2 charged with trafficking cocaine (St. Clair Twp and Wallaceburg); unit is busy with drug overdoses; break ins (Watford)
* Major Crimes Unit – 3 arrests resulting from home invasion in Lambton Shores – 28 charges; continue to investigate infant death in Corunna last year; Kettle Point Police requested assistance with a homicide August 2nd; home invasion approximately 3 weeks ago – female occupant restrained and property stolen; 9 investigations into sexual assaults with 5 charged.
* Additional pressures with the numbers of people in Grand Bend now that the Province has moved to Phase 3 of COVID-19; need to maintain enough officers to deter criminal activity. Also, pressure from land dispute in Caledonia – every detachment in Western Region asked to provide 4 officers per week for 7-day deployment. Hopefully, the situation will improve over the next couple of weeks.
* Second person hired through Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) as Crisis Worker; funded through grant. Will respond with officers to mental health calls for service. The Chair requested a presentation for the Board at the next meeting.
* Inspector Avery reported that the OPP assisted with a cannabis store protest in Stoney Point; firearm was levelled at officers and others on site; individual disarmed without incident.
* Break & Enters: May 2019 (20), May 2020 (4); June 2019 (16), June 2020 (4). Officers continue to check doors and the public is becoming aware.
* 2 new recruits expected in October; 5 more February 2021. Reporting from Petrolia – 2 transferees, 1 from Chatham.
* Lambton continues to be first or second in total Calls For Service in Western Region.

**Moved by S. Durance, seconded by D, Cook, THAT** the Detachment Commander’s Report be accepted.

Carried.

*Additional/statistical information available in OPP Monthly Report (forwarded electronically to municipal partners and posted to LGPSB website).*

**MEMBER’S REPORT**

* The Chair reviewed a meeting he had with Inspector Avery, St. Sgts. Olmstead and Stuart regarding Grand Bend calls for service. The Chair spoke with the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards regarding shortfalls; enquired about the possibility of drawing from Huron County. Inspector Avery advised that there used to be a summer patrol.

D. Cook stated there was an unprecedented crowd of 5,000 to 6,000 people on the beach in Grand Bend due to the Phase 3 opening. He thanked the OPP on behalf of the community for all of their work. If these numbers continue, additional police presence will be necessary. It is very busy during the week as well, and Bylaw Officers in Grand Bend are worked to their limit.

D. Cook advised that Ipperwash is a private beach and the residents are limiting access to the public. Foot traffic is allowed; however, people cannot stay on the property. What can be done? Inspector Avery advised that if people do not leave, the police can be called but they cannot remove people from the water’s edge. The Chair asked that a letter from Lambton Shores outlining their issues be sent to the Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Re-appointment to the Board – Leland Martin
2. OPP 2020-2022 Strategic Plan (sent electronically)
3. Financial Reports to June 2020 (sent electronically)
4. Interest Reports to Jun 2020 (sent electronically)
5. Memo re- County of Lambton mileage reimbursement rate: Effective July 1, 2020, the reimbursement rate will decrease from $0.57/km to $0.54/km (sent electronically)
6. OAPSB Response - OPP Detachment Board Composition (sent electronically)

**Moved by S. Miller, seconded by D, Cook, THAT** the Correspondence as listed be accepted.

Carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

**Accounts/Finance**

1. Policing Contract – *September 2020* $ 725,203.00
2. Policing Contract – *October 2020*  $ 725,203.00
3. JC Cleaning – *August 2020* $ 1,469.00
4. JC Cleaning – *September 2020* $ 1,469.00
5. Eastlink – *June 2020* $ 261.56
6. Eastlink – *July 2020* $ 261.96
7. Frank Cowan Company – *Insurance Renewal 2020/21* $ 6,394.96
8. Mine & Yours Cleaning – *Forest ESO – June 12-30* $ 1,610.25
9. Mine & Yours Cleaning – *Forest ESO – July 1-31* $ 2,627.25

**Moved by L. Martin, seconded by S. Durance, THAT** the accounts as listed be approved for payment.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

* 1. Format of October 2020 meeting – the October LGPSB meeting will be held in person at the Lambton OPP Detachment in Petrolia.

**Moved by L. Martin, seconded by S. Miller, THAT** the Board move In Camera for further discussion on the Forest ESO.

The Board moved In Camera at 3:55 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 4:10 p.m.

* 1. Forest ESO – D. Cook will look into local cleaner for the Forest ESO.
  2. Corunna Policing Office – a discussion was held regarding the Corunna Policing Office and current pressures on the LGPSB budget. The Chair will send a letter to St. Clair Township advising of same.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by D. Cook, seconded by L. Martin, THAT** the August 19, 2020 meeting of the Lambton Group Police Services Board be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**Next meeting**: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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Murray Jackson, Chair Dela Horley, Secretary