

LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

December 15, 2021

Session # 6/2021

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual Meeting

Present: Murray Jackson, Chair (via conference call)

Leland Martin

Steve Miller

Shirley Durance

Dela Horley, Secretary

O.P.P. Representative: Inspector Chris Avery
Staff Sgt. Ross Stuart
Staff Sgt. Mike Moore

Regrets: Doug Cook

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Murray Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Board was introduced to St. Sgt. Mike Moore – St. Sgt. Moore began working with Lambton OPP in 2017 from Elgin; he has worked in drugs, street crime, and in major crime in Lambton. The Board welcomed St. Sgt. Moore.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by L. Martin, Seconded by S. Miller, THAT the minutes of Session 5/2021, October 20, 2021 be adopted as submitted.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising.

DETACHMENT REPORT

Staff Sgt. Mike Moore gave the policing report:

- Homicide investigation continues in Corunna – first degree murder charge
- Unsolved homicide in Kettle Point from February 2021 – 6 arrests to date
- Infant death from November 2020 – parents charged with manslaughter and criminal negligence causing death; no trial date set as yet.
- 9 reported sex assaults resulting in 6 charges

- 11 sudden deaths – not suspicious
- 8 criminal harassment investigations, most of a domestic nature – no charges
- Stabbing at house party on Halloween – charges laid
- Increase in frauds throughout the county, mainly phone scams with seniors upwards of \$500K; money sent offshore.

Street Crimes –

- 27 occurrences – 25 charges
- Under Section 11 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, a search warrant was executed in Kettle Point – 2 arrests, 21 charges, including drugs and weapons with an over-capacity magazine.
- Section 11 warrant executed on Walpole – arrests made.
- Assisted Essex County and Elgin-Middlesex with warrant entries and surveillance.

- 55 RIDE events (17 in Grand Bend for end of summer)
- 27 Impaired charges
- 487 property checks
- 29 media releases in September
- 27 media releases in October

Moved by S. Durance, seconded by L. Martin, 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

L. Martin reported that the Community Safety and Wellbeing Report was to be sent to the Solicitor General at this time. A question at the County level was how it would be paid for – initially approved \$50K for consultant with a funding request to the Solicitor General to fund the report. Counties/municipalities to cover cost of plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Financial Reports to October 2021 (*sent electronically*)
- b) Interest Report for September 2021 October 2021 (*sent electronically*)

Moved by S. Durance, seconded by L. Martin, THAT the correspondence as listed be accepted.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

Accounts/Finance

a) Contract Policing – <i>January 2022</i>	\$ 747,202.00
b) Contract Policing – <i>February 2022</i>	\$ 747,202.00
c) Mine & Yours Cleaning (<i>Forest ESO – October 2021</i>)	\$ 2,542.50
d) Mine & Yours Cleaning (<i>Forest ESO – November 2021</i>)	\$ 2,542.50
e) Mine & Yours Cleaning (<i>Corunna – October 2021</i>)	\$ 2,763.03
f) Mine & Yours Cleaning (<i>Corunna – November 2021</i>)	\$ 2,203.50
g) Eastlink (<i>Forest ESO Office – September 2021</i>)	\$ 259.02
h) Eastlink (<i>Forest ESO Office – October 2021</i>)	\$ 270.10
i) Eastlink (<i>Forest ESO Office – November 2021</i>)	\$ 270.21
j) County of Lambton (<i>Cost Recovery Forest ESO Oct-Dec</i>)	\$ 2,700.00
k) OAPSB (<i>2022 Membership</i>)	\$ 3,447.59
MHEART Grant Invoices:	
l) J. Aguilar - Staff	\$ 15,380.75
m) Urban Tactical (Boots)	\$ 171.76
n) Forever Furniture (<i>Petrolia Interview Room</i>)	\$ 6,445.00
o) Eventbrite (<i>“Celebrating Survivors”</i>)	\$ 46.48
p) Project 3 in 1 Officer Training – (<i>refreshments</i>)	\$ 275.58

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

Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Update on Corunna Policing Office - Chair M. Jackson has very little new information. A meeting with the contract Mayors has not materialized regarding the future of the Corunna Policing Office and Lambton Group Police Services Board funding. Warden Marriott has met with Minister Sherman and MPP McNaughton and they are working on the Board funding shortfall. Hopefully, funding comes through for this year. Perhaps the Board may be able to invoice the contract municipalities for the shortfall if no funding comes forward; the Board cannot continue to support the operation of the Corunna Policing Office without funding.

S. Miller stated that he hopes funding comes forward soon because closing the Corunna Policing Office should not be an option; he is disappointed with the lack of response from the contract Mayors.

L. Martin stated that there needs to be a policing office in Corunna; the area is highly populated.

M. Jackson stating that closing the Corunna Policing Office will put a huge strain on the Petrolia Office.

- b) Forest ESO – M. Jackson advised that cost recovery may be lifted – cleaning costs may be covered by the municipality, particularly during COVID.
- c) OAPSB – D. Horley advised that the OAPSB membership is up for renewal. Chair M. Jackson stated that the Board has utilized the OASPB's services/expertise many times over the past few years, and it will be particularly helpful with all of the changes to the Police Services Act and new Board composition.

Moved by L. Martin, S. Miller THAT the Lambton Group Police Services Board maintain its membership with the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB); AND FURTHER, that the annual membership fee be paid.

Carried.

- d) S. Durance asked the Chair if there were any new Board members for 2022. M. Jackson advised that there is no further information on the community member or the provincial representatives.
- e) L. Martin advised that his term as a Provincial Appointee to the Board expires in January 2022. He stated that it has been a wonderful opportunity to meet some great people and see some excellent policing. He advised that the MHEART Program has been very successful, and with the coordination of police and medical staff, all referrals brought to Bluewater Health are admitted for care with minimal wait times, rather than hours of police time.

- f) Board Members thanked M. Jackson and D. Horley for their years of service to the Board. The Chair stated that he will be staying on until the new Board Members are in place to aid in the transition.

The Board welcomed Mandi Pearson to the Secretary-Treasurer role. D. Horley will assist with this transition as long as required.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Martin, S. Miller THAT the October 20, 2021 meeting of the Lambton Group Police Services Board be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 2022, or at the call of the Chair.

Murray Jackson, Chair

Dela Horley, Secretary