

LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES



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BOARD

Location: OPP Headquarters, Petrolia
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022
Time: **3:00 pm**
Session: **#4/2022**

Present:

Murray Jackson, Chair – Community Member
Steve Miller, Member – Municipal Partner
Doug Cook, Member – Municipal Partner
Shirley Durance, Member – Provincial Appointee

Non Voting Members:

Inspector Chris Avery, O.P.P Representative
Staff Sgt. Ross Stuart, O.P.P Representative
Greg Nemcek, Member – incoming Community Member
Mandi Pearson, Secretary

Regrets:

Alex Boughen, Member – incoming Community Member
Staff Sgt. Erica VanRoboys, O.P.P Representative

Guests:

- None

Members of the Public:

- None

1. Call to Order

- Murray Jackson, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- None Declared

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Session 3, Jun 15, 2022

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Steve Miller

THAT the minutes of Session 3/2022 dated June 15, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes

- None

5. Detachment Report

Staff Sgt. Ross Stuart reviewed the May and June 2022 policing report:

Crime

- Crime members actively investigating numerous homicides. One of these is currently unsolved. Arrests have been made in others and are in varying stages of the judicial process.
- 8 sexual assaults reported. 1 resulted in charges being laid, 4 was dealt with insufficient evidence to proceed, 3 resulted in the Victim declining to have charges laid
- Lambton had 11 sudden deaths in the months of May/June 2022 – 2 of which were investigated by the Lambton Crime Unit. 1 suspected overdose
- Lambton Crime is involved in a missing person investigation. CIB has been assigned.

Community Street Crime Unit

- During the months of May & June 2022 Lambton CSCU investigated 14 occurrences.
- Lambton CSCU members laid a total of 45 charges
- Lambton CSCU wrote 11 warrants, for drug and property investigations.
- Lambton CSCU continues to assist Walpole Island Police Service with drug trafficking pertaining to the State of Emergency regarding opioid drug related overdoses

Search Warrant:

- Persons arrested: 3 – Charges: 20.
- Seized: 22 grams of Methamphetamine, small quantities of Fentanyl, Cocaine, Hydromorphone, Steroids & Psilocybin (Mushrooms).
- Stolen property recovered and much of it returned to rightful owners

Search Warrant:

- Persons arrested: 1 – Charges: 3

- Seized: 37 grams of Cocaine, 12 grams of Methamphetamine and \$3500 in cash seized.
- Lambton CSCU assisted with warrant entry and search of large indoor illegal Cannabis grow in Essex County. Over 60,000 plants located at this grow
- Lambton CSCU continues to assist Lambton Crime Unit with several Homicide Investigations, in various capacities

Media Updates

- 54 media releases issued during this period
- 28 classrooms received presentations during this period, which will continue when school begins again
- Lock it or Lose it initiative – willing to provide municipalities with digital messaging that can be circulated

Fraud Trends

- Increase in Ukraine described phone calls, and grandparent schemes. The OPP will never contact a person to request bail dollars.

Grand Bend Update

- May – Aug updated numbers
 - 1442 calls for service within the village itself
 - 1 homicide
 - 10 assaults
 - 7 sexual assaults
 - 73 ride checks complete, 17 impaired drivers removed from the road
 - Officers are attending from across OPP regions to ensure adequate coverage

Marine Update

- 467 marine patrol hours
- Focused on open alcohol and lifejackets

Traffic Update

- Fatal collisions are up 18% province wide – locally 5 between April to current date
- Alcohol is up 167% as a contributing factor
- RIDE is being conducted on every shift where possible, to ensure visibility
- Distracted Driving, Seatbelt use, Excessive Speed and Alcohol will see focused patrols in the coming months

Staffing Update

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- S/Sgt. Stuart will be located on a development opportunity outside of Lambton. Acting S/Sgt Hogg and Acting Sgt. Doran will be
- PC Royer has retired
- PC Coxen and PC Janssen have joined the detachment

Moved By: Doug Cook

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

THAT S/Sgt. Stuart's detachment report be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

6. Member's Report

a) Insp. Chris Avery

i. Local Initiatives

- Addressing speeding complaints and ATV use

ii. Update on Court Justice concerns - deferred from April/June meeting

- No update been received to date, no further action on our part to make a change

b) Murray Jackson, Chair

i. RFP for cleaning of ESO's

- Update the scope of activities and allow time for a walk through

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Doug Cook

THAT the board secretary be directed to circulate an RFP for cleaning services to close in October 2022.

Carried

ii. Member Municipalities presentation, Tuesday, August 30th – via zoom

- MPP Bailey will be in attendance

- Joint presentation from the board
- iii. Provided an update to the 2023 structure review
 - submitted to the province in 2021 as mandated by the province.
 - OAPSB anticipates that structures will not be in place until 2024
- c) Mandi Pearson, Secretary
 - i. LGPSB procedures review and update (follow up from direction received by motion during June board meeting)

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Doug Cook

THAT the Lambton Group Police Services Board defer the Procedure, Remuneration and Code of Conduct update policy to the October meeting.

Carried

- ii. Incoming Council LGPSB introductions

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Doug Cook

THAT in the best effort to prepare for the December 2022 meeting the board secretary request from the County of Lambton confirmation of the two (2) municipal representatives to the board be provided no later than November 28, 2022;
AND THAT the board secretary contact Clerks of the member municipalities to arrange dates in early 2023 when the board and OPP representative can attend each municipality for introductions.

Carried

7. Correspondence

- a) OAPSB – August newsletter
- b) OAPSB – Federal Bail Reform
- c) Thank you from Ms. Nancy King
- d) CIBC interest report – June 2022
- e) BDO – 2021 audit management letter

Moved By: Steve Miller

Seconded By: Doug Cook

THAT the correspondence items as listed be received and filed.

Carried

8. Accounts/Finance

i. Accounts

Moved By: Doug Cook

Seconded By: Steve Miller

THAT the accounts as listed be approved for payment.

Carried

9. Public Input

- None

10. Other Business

- None

11. Adjournment

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Steve Miller

THAT Session #4 of 2022 be adjourned until the next scheduled meeting on October 19, 2022 or at call of the Chair.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 4:28 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.