

LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES



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Location: OPP Headquarters, Petrolia

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Time: **3:00 pm**

Session: **#3/2022**

Present:

Murray Jackson, Chair – Community Member

Steve Miller, Member – Municipal Partner

Doug Cook, Member – Municipal Partner

Shirley Durance, Member – Provincial Appointee

Non Voting Members:

Staff Sgt. Erica VanRoboys, O.P.P Representative

Staff Sgt. Ross Stuart, O.P.P Representative

Greg Nemcek, Member – incoming Community Member

Alex Boughen, Member – incoming Community Member

Mandi Pearson, Secretary

Regrets:

Inspector Chris Avery, O.P.P Representative

Guests:

Sgt. Jennifer Wilson, O.P.P Representative Project 1-in-3

Sgt. Colleen Bresette, , O.P.P Representative MHEART project (Crisis Nurse) and Project Lifesaver

Members of the Public:

- None

1. Call to Order

- Murray Jackson, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- None Declared

3. Presentations (moved up from item 11)

a) Sgt. Jennifer Wilson

- Provided the board with an update on the success and continuation of the Community Safety Program (CSP). Partnership with reBounce, Sexual Assault Survivors – Diversion project 1-in-3

(i) Pleased to announce that continued provincial funding as applied for has been granted for this essential service to the community.

Provided update on Interview Room completion including highlighted artwork from Jeffrey (Red) George of Red Dog Art Studio, an Ojibway artist from Kettle & Stony Point First Nation.

b) Sgt. Colleen Bresette

- Provided the board with an update on the mobile Crisis Nurse program, funded through grant funding. In coordination with CMHA currently able to enlist three (3) nurses for the program.

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- Provided the board with an update on Project Lifesaver – able to purchase three (3) units to aid in locating vulnerable sector who may wonder.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Session 2, April 27, 2022

Moved By: Steve Miller

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

***THAT** the minutes of Session 2/2022 dated April 27, 2022 be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

- None

6. Detachment Report

Staff Sgt. Ross Stuart reviewed the March and April 2022 policing report:

Community Street Crime Unit

During the months of March & April 2022 Lambton CSCU investigated 25 occurrences.

- Lambton CSCU members laid a total of 44 charges
- Lambton CSCU wrote 5 warrants, for drug and property investigations.
- Lambton CSCU conducted an extensive investigation into numerous B&E's and thefts that occurred within Lambton County and the surrounding area:
 - Male arrested and charged with 32 offences
 - Male was in possession of approximately \$110,000 worth of stolen goods.
 - CSCU have recovered approx \$900,000 worth of stolen goods. Most of these goods have been returned to their rightful owners.
 - This is a multi-jurisdictional investigation which Lambton CSCU have taken the lead, sharing information and partnering with other police services to ensure a fulsome investigation is completed.
- Lambton CSCU executed a S.11 CDSA Search Warrant on Walpole Island in relation to the State of Emergency
 - Two persons arrested
 - 14 charges laid
 - Seized items include quantities of Fentanyl, Hydromorphone, & Psilocybin (Mushrooms), unlawful weapons, and stolen property.
- Lambton CSCU assisted Lambton Crime Unit with a Homicide Investigation. Lambton CSCU processed all drugs and laid appropriate drug charges associated to the investigation.

Lambton Crime Unit

- Members of the Lambton County Crime Unit continue to investigate a number of homicides including:
 - An unsolved homicide on the Kettle & Stoney Point First Nation
 - A multi-jurisdictional homicide from Walpole Island. Multiple Arrests and warrants executed across the province. Additional accused parties were located and arrested during this reporting period.
 - A double homicide that occurred at the end of December 2021
 - The murder of a 45 year old male found deceased in the Township of Enniskillen
- Lambton County had 13 sudden death in the months of March/April 2022. Two of these deaths were suspected overdose deaths.
- Eight sexual assaults reported. 3 resulted in charges, 2 resulted in the victim declining to lay charges, 1 unfounded, 1 youth was diverted, and 1 is still being investigated.
- Lambton Crime is involved in a missing person investigation which CIB has assigned and the investigation is ongoing

- There was an Indecent Act occurrence in Petrolia where charges were laid
- A robbery occurred at the Tim Hortons in Watford resulting in an adult female being arrested and charged
- A robbery occurred in Grand Bend where an 18-year-old adult and a youth were charged as a result of the investigation

Moved By: Doug Cook

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

THAT the Detachment Commanders report be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

7. Member's Report

Murray Jackson, Chair:

1. Update on current financial, shared expenses with member municipalities
 - Only board in Ontario responsible for paying for cleaning services with satellite offices, which we have two (Corunna & Lambton Shores), this was in previous years provided by provincial grants, these are no longer being issued to PSB's.
 - Returned to Municipalities revenue sources over several years, in current year have voted to keep the funds to cover expenditures
 - Response for \$5000.00 has been supported only by Warwick, and St.Clair Townships.
 - PSB has always supported keeping Corunna as an ESO, continue with this belief, unfortunately we are tasked with no funding and a choice of finding funding or closing the ESO, of which we do not want to do. We need to have a cost recovery in place for Corunna ESO, now and in future budgets.
 - Long term planning, and projection for future will need to be implemented into the board budget going forward. Current Lambton OPP

Headquarters in Petrolia may soon be recognized by the province for update and replacement

- Request that municipalities place into 2023 budget
- Murray will send a letter and offer to host a session with member municipalities, their treasurer and administrators, as with the long history it may be beneficial for an update in whole.
- Current Contract with St.Clari is up for negotiation and renewal in 2026

8. Correspondence

- a) OAPSB – Fall conference dates set for October 5, 2022
- b) April CIBC interest report
- c) Update of CKLAG agreement
- d) Warwick Township confirmed funds of \$5000.00 contribution

Moved By: Steve Miller

Seconded By: Doug Cook

THAT the correspondence items as listed be received and filed.

Carried

9. Accounts/Finance

i. Accounts

Moved By: Steve Miller

Seconded By: Doug Cook

THAT the accounts as listed be approved for payment.

Carried

ii. Other

Moved By: Doug Cook

Seconded By: Steve Miller

THAT Finance Items listed as 8) ii a) through d) be received and filed.

Carried

iii. 2021 Audited Financial Statement

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Doug Cook

***THAT** the Lambton Group Police Services Board accept the 2021 audited financial statements as prepared and circulated by BDO.*

Carried

10. Public Input

- None

11. Other Business

a) Insp. Chris Avery (defer to August meeting)

- Local Initiatives
- Update on Court Justice concerns
- Provincial Announcement

b) OAPSB survey, was completed and sent in

c) Murray Jackson, Chair

1. LGPSB procedural update and Community Representative update

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Doug Cook

***THAT** based on the update provided by our SOLGEN PSB zone representative during a recent training session noting the new provincial direction for board structure continues to be in the distant future. The Chair with support from the Board Secretary be directed to draft a current procedures document and include structure for appointed incoming community members for succession purposes as attending non-voting members.*

Carried

2. Community Safety Plan presented to County Council

- Endorsed at the County level, next step is to Province for approval

12. Adjournment

Moved By: Steve Miller

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

***THAT** Session #3 of 2022 be adjourned until the next scheduled meeting on August 24, 2022 or at call of the Chair.*

Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 4:57 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.