

Gananoque Police Services Board
Friday, May 22, 2020
Regular Minutes
WEB EX Meeting

Board Attendance

Tom Haney
Dave Anderson
Rob Bickerton
Alf Read
Chief Garry Hull

Regrets

Adrian Haird

Meeting called to order.

Motion to accept agenda of Friday, May 22, 2020 with no additions

Moved by: Dave Anderson

Seconded by: Alf Read

All in Favour Carried

Motion to approve the minutes of Friday, January 24, 2020

Moved by: Alf Read

Seconded by: Dave Anderson

All in Favour Carried

No Declarations of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Video surveillance at the waterfront has been in effect for approximately one month. It covers Joel Stone Park, the washrooms and water park. System is installed on the water treatment building. Surveillance at the waterfront is handled by Kari Lambe, Parks and Rec.

Community Concerns – None

COVID – Carveth has been in lockdown and has had no cases of COVID 19. Clients and staff were just recently tested with negative results. GPS staff have been wearing surgical masks, N95 masks, cloth masks and masks with canisters. We have a good supply of hand sanitizer. We are well supplied with Personal Protective Equipment.

Building has been secured. All members have temperature taken upon arrival and departure of shifts.

Statistics – GPS was 32% above last years calls for service but has decreased to 7% above. As a result of the pandemic, there has been a significant reduction in calls for service. Traffic stops have slowed down to due the interaction/pandemic Ministry Representative Graham Wygt is currently on paternity leave and position is being filled again by Dave Tilley. The Service has been inundated with requests with surveys relating to COVID 19

The Records Management System has been updated with new COVID Categories, i.e., Social distancing, businesses not complying, number of persons in businesses. 95% of calls responded to by GPS are Social Distancing.

Isolation Issues have caused some mental health issues. It has a significant affect on the well being. We have not been seeing domestic related issues due to COVID.

During the long weekend we responded to 48 COVID incidents. Mainly social distancing related incidents. GPS has not laid any fines. With the nice weather and marina open this is causing concerns as to a possible outbreak.

OPP Youth Foundation – Not the best time due to the pandemic. Will put on back burner for the time being. Would like to see this brought on a local level.

Cameras – already discussed. They are installed and training was put on hold due to pandemic. Virtual training is now underway.

Statistics – overview provided. Patrol time is consistent.

Budget is in fantastic shape. All members are in excellent health. At the beginning of COVID, 4 officers had to self isolate due to out of the country travel. It was a mandatory quarantine.

Backcheck – numbers are down due to the COVID pandemic.

Vadim – Special Constable account is way down due to closure of courts. There is a COVID testing centre in Brockville in which our Specials work one day a week. This is a county service.

YIPI – Has been cancelled this year only due to the COVID pandemic.

Chief would like to hire an individual 2 -3 days a week for washing the cruisers and sweeping sallyport. Possibly 2 hours daily. Payment and liability issues would have to be cleared with Melanie. Individual will be recommended by Community Living.

Motion to hire candidate from Community Living under the recommendation of Community Living representative.

Moved by: Alf Read
Seconded by: Dave Anderson
All in Favour Carried

Next Meeting June 26, 2020 0900

Next meeting to be posted on social media

Meeting adjourned