

**Gananoque Police Services Board
Friday, September 11, 2020
Regular Minutes
WEB EX Meeting**

Board Attendance
Tom Haney

Regrets
Dave Anderson

Rob Bickerton
Alf Read
Adrian Haird
Chief Garry Hull

Meeting called to order.

Motion to accept agenda of Friday, September 11, 2020 with addition of SIU Invoice, Civil Rights & Liberty Groups correspondence.

Moved by: Tom Haney
Seconded by: Alf Read
All in Favour Carried

Motion to approve the minutes of Friday, June 26, 2020

Moved by: Adrian Haird
Seconded by: Tom Haney
All in Favour Carried

No Declarations of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Motion to pay Invoice 2020-07 RE: SIU investigation

Moved by: Rob Bickerton
Seconded by: Tom Haney
All in Favour Carried

Civil Rights Correspondence – An internal audit was conducted and there were no findings of any information retained in paper or electronic form. COVID site was only accessed to protect our own personnel. Chair Bickerton will draft letter with response.

Community Concerns – Chief provided an overview on the fentanyl death. Still complaints regarding speeding on Stone North. Chief advises there is high presence of traffic enforcement on Stone North. Patrols are done on a regular basis.

Alf Read spoke on the bullying incident at the Berm. Chief advised that charges were laid as a result of the bullying incident. Youths and adult involved have been trespassed from the Berm. There was a lot of negativity on social media regarding the adult. Special Constables are doing patrols at the Berm. Rob Bickerton has heard positive comments now that the youths have been trespassed from the berm. Parents are feeling safe now while attending.

Staffing Issue – in 2013 GPS staffing was at 15 officers with the Chief reducing it to 14 officers. Then with the succession planning complement increased back to 15 but due to retirement of officer we are now back to 14. With the absence of Sgt. White we are at 13 and as a result have not had anyone in CIB for 2 years. If complement is increased back to 15 it will allow us to do more drug enforcement and street crime. We have budgeted \$65,000 for Special Constable but due to the COVID all court files are being sent electronically to the Courts. We no longer use Part Time Officer. If we hire in 2021 with a start cost of \$37,193 then 2022 to \$62,300 and 2023 \$86,000. PSB Members would like more time to decide. Rob not against hiring under this plan. Rob feels this issue is worthy of further discussion. This will be an agenda item for next meeting. Chief will draft up discussion points.

Statistics – overview provided

Flags are currently at half mast due to September 11.

Chief advised the Board that the Association will be advising the Board of their intention to commence bargaining after October 1, 2020

Next Meeting Thursday, October 22, 2020 0900

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Adrian Haird

Seconded by: Alf Read

All in Favour

Carried

