

SAANICH POLICE BOARD

Public Meeting Minutes

Saanich Police Department · Kirby Room
Tuesday October 1st, 2024

PRESENT:

Chair:

Mayor Murdock

Board Members:

L. Murray, G. Beckett, J. Cambridge, C. Morton, S. Allan

Staff:

Chief Constable D. Duthie, Deputy Chiefs R. Warren and P. Douglas,

Inspectors, D. Underwood, D. Robertson, T. Stevens, P. Smith, and

D. Kowalewich and J. Ko

Recording Secretary:

A. De Medeiros

Regrets:

S. Edwards

The meeting was called to order at 1433 hours.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Morton read the prepared Territorial Acknowledgment.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF OCTOBER 1ST, 2024

MOVED by Mr. Cambridge and SECONDED by Mr. Morton: "That the agenda of the October 1st, 2024, Police Board Public Meeting be approved as circulated."

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2024

MOVED by Mr. Morton and SECONDED by Ms. Murray: "That the minutes of the September 3rd, 2024, Police Board Public meeting be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

5. NEW BUSINESS ARISING

No items.

6. DIVISIONAL UPDATES

6.1 Community Engagement Division

Inspector Kowalewich gave a presentation on the division's sections, priorities, strategies, and structure. Staff members from various sections also shared brief overviews of their portfolios:

 Constable Alex Omoding discussed the Youth Section and Community Liaison Officers, focusing on their work with youth and schools.

- Ms. Melissa Scherrens updated on her role as Coordinator of Volunteers and Crime Prevention, highlighting the Community Safety Office and the Block Watch program.
- Constable Berle Zwaan shared her extensive experience in presenting on frauds affecting seniors in the community.
- Sergeant Corey Volk spoke about the Reserve Police Program

The Board thanked the staff from the Community Engagement Division for the informative presentation and their exceptional work in the community of Saanich.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

7.1 Finance

Mr. Morton mentioned that the committee convened to discuss the 2025 budget and that a comprehensive update would be provided during the in-camera session of the meeting.

7.2 Governance and Strategic Planning

No updates.

7.3 Stakeholder Outreach

No updates.

7.4 Human Resources

Mr. Cambridge advised that the committee gathered before the Board meeting to receive updates on recruitment, training, and staff development initiatives for Q3 2024. He added that Inspector Underwood's Staff Development report would be distributed to the rest of the board for their information.

7.5 BCAPB

7.5.1 September 20th, 2024, meeting update

Ms. Murray attended the meeting on Mr. Cambridge's behalf and highlighted the following topics discussed:

- 2025 Conference scheduled for May 7th 9th
- A meeting was held between the executive and PSSG staff to discuss governance reforms, including topics such as terms of appointments and the Board's code of conduct.
- Part 2 of the Police Act amendments will be implemented soon, with some changes impacting the Boards.

7.6 CAPG

No updates.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No items.

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024
 MOVED by Mr. Morton and SECONDED by Ms. Beckett: "That the October 1st, 2024, Police
 Board Public Meeting is adjourned at 1514 hours and that the Board move to an in-camera
 meeting.

CARRIED