

Present: Chair O'Connor  
Chief Zettel  
Inspector Mighton  
Member Divinski  
Janice Stubbs, HR Manager

Vice Chair Huber  
Member Thede  
Member Woodley  
Tracey Guy, Secretary

Members of the Public: Nancy Wyonch and Frances Learmont

1. **Call to Order**  
The Chair called the meeting to order at 1630 hours with a Land Acknowledgement and welcomed everyone.
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Motion 1 – John Woodley/John Divinski**  
**That the Agenda for the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board dated July 26, 2023, be approved**  
**Disposition – Carried**
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**  
No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared, however the Chairman advised that the members could declare at any time in the meeting.
4. **Closed to Public**  
**Motion 2 – Greg Thede/John Woodley**  
**That the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board meet in Closed to Public session to discuss matters in accordance with By-law 1-2011, and the Police Services Act regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual and Police Collective Agreement negotiations.**  
**Disposition – Carried**  
  
The Board rose from Closed to Public at 1728 hours.
5. **Adoption of Minutes**  
**Motion 3 - John Woodley/Diane Huber**  
**That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board #06-2023 dated June 26, 2023, be approved.**  
**Disposition – Carried**
6. **Communications**  
None.
7. **Reports**

**Chief's Report**

**Personnel**

- 1) Officer Spotlight – Constable Erik Luscombe

As highlighted in the Saugeen Shores Police Service 2023-2025 Strategic Plan, Inspector Mighton gave highlights on Constable Erik Luscombe and K9 Officer Ryker.

2) Special Constable Contract Extensions – McCulloch / Vitez  
Special Constable Ken McCulloch and Special Constable Paul Vitez have been given a 1-year contract extension (July 2023-June 2024). Thank you to both Ken and Paul for their assistance, and being such valued members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service.

3) Resignation – Special Constable Terry Varga  
Special Constable Terry Varga advised of his resignation effective July 5<sup>th</sup> 2023. Terry Varga has been a long-standing member of the Saugeen Shores Police Service starting as a jail guard, then Auxiliary Officer, and a Special Constable. We would like to thank Terry for his years of dedicated service to the Saugeen Shores Police Service.

The Board invited Mr. Varga to the next meeting for a presentation and thank you for his service.

4) Member Wellbeing  
Members have been provided with information regarding PSPNET. It is a free, confidential, internet-based Cognitive Behaviour Therapy program that supports the mental health needs of current and former PSP, and is currently offered across New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan and now Ontario. This is another step toward member well-being and options for support.

5) Constable Stacey Gordon – Paddle Safety Video  
Thank you to Cst. Stacey Gordon for participating in a paddling video with Marybeth – Paddle Adventurer. This video helped educate the public on PFDs, tickets, safety, and more.

6) Cadet Recruitment  
The recruitment for a cadet recruit is a lengthy process, and we must ensure that we are confident with the quality of the applicant prior to choosing the successful candidate. Due to changes at the Ontario Police College, the start date for the fall term has been moved up to the last week of August 2023. This timeline is challenging, and the timing is not conducive to a late August start date.

The Board authorized the Chief to delay the hiring process, with the goal of identifying a successful applicant to start mid-December 2023 that will be prepared to attend the Ontario Police College for the January 2024 intake.

7) Thank you – Cst. Michael Cuillerier  
A citizen contacted the police service and left an emotional message thanking Cst. Michael Cuillerier for his compassion and kindness when dealing with a mental health apprehension involving a loved one. Thank you Michael for your compassion.

### Personnel Training

#### 1) Fire Service Training

Frontline members received fire services training on fire dynamics and health and safety concerns during morning briefings in July. The training was completed by Fire Chief Ed Melanson. Thank you to the SSFD for sharing their knowledge to keep our members safe.

#### 2) Frontline Officer Training – Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

Detective Constable Brian Lowerison provided all frontline members with valuable training on Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs during morning briefings. Thank you to Brian for sharing this valuable information.

### Ministry Reports

#### 1) Guidance Note #11 - Water Safety

On July 5<sup>th</sup> 2023, The Chief issued Directive #23-13 updating Procedure LE-035SSPS Waterways Policing (Safety). This updated Procedure incorporates the Ontario Police Health and Safety Committee Guidance Note #11, Water Safety. Further to the updated procedure, all uniformed members have been enrolled in the Canadian Police Knowledge Network course on Water Safety for First Responders.

#### 2) Ministry – Notice of Inspection – Public Order Maintenance

On Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Chief received notice of a Notice of Inspection with regards to Public Order Maintenance. This inspection will be performed under the Police Services Act. He will be preparing the required documents to send to Police Service Advisor from the Inspectorate of Policing – Hank Zehr. He will keep the Police Services Board informed of the process.

### Police Service Reports

#### 1) The following Reports Submitted to the Police Services Board:

- June 2023 Stats Analysis (Hexagon);
- June 2023 Criminal Investigations (CI) Statistics; and
- 2022 Annual Report – to be approved.

#### 2) OPVTA – Ontario Police Video Training Alliance

The OPVTA is a non-profit means of providing professional, cost-effective in-service training to Ontario's law enforcement community. Formed in 1996, our audience has grown to over 27,000 police officers, representing 77 agencies in Ontario and beyond. OPVTA materials are carefully reviewed to ensure they are consistent with both OPC standards and provincial/federal legislation. The Chief renewed the OPVTA contract and membership for our 25 sworn members at a cost of \$800. We are very fortunate to have access to this high-quality training.

3) CROMS – Quarter 2 Statistics

The Collision Reporting and Occurrence Management System has provided Saugeen Shores with the Quarter 2 report for 2023 encompassing January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

4) DEMS – Digital Evidence Management System

The Memorandum of Understanding has been completed, signed, and implemented effective July 4<sup>th</sup> 2023. Training is currently underway for our frontline officers and administrative support service members.

5) Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce – Summer 2023 Tipster Magazine

The Summer 2023 edition of the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce TIPSTER quarterly magazine was provided for information, featuring articles related to metal thefts, regional unsolved crimes, CS successful June 1<sup>st</sup> golf tournament, and Seniors Month fraud awareness.

6) Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce – Q2 Report (April – June 2023)

The Q2 Report from Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce which contains detail of the program's statistics and activities up to and including June 2023, was provided for information.

7) Shared Services Memorandum of Understanding

The finalized Memorandum of Understanding is complete and filed with the Town.

8) 2022 Saugeen Shores Police Service Annual Report

The 2022 Saugeen Shores Police Service Annual Report was provided for review and approval. Upon approval, it will be reported to Council and uploaded to our SSPS website.

The Board deferred until the next meeting, to allow time to review.

9) Property in the Possession of the Police Service

The Chief outlined the legislation that relates to property in possession of the Police Services. The sale of bicycles and other abandoned property sold at Bailey Auction online between May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 totaled \$1,906.87. This amount will be deposited to the Proceeds for Public Interest Account for future use.

10) Major Initiative Reporting presented to Council – Q2

The Chief indicated that the major initiative Q2 update summary that was presented to Council in July 2023, as follows:

- The Saugeen Shores Police Service has recognized a 32% increase in incidents over the same period in 2022. The volume, severity, and complexity of calls are increasing, while demand for services remain high. There has been a 47.5% increase in charges over the same period in 2022, approaching 2000 charges to date in 2023.

- The Saugeen Shores Police Service has launched the bicycle patrol program, and currently has 5 members trained under the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association. When staffing allows, these members will be deployed on bicycles to provide additional coverage to trails, parks, and beaches, that are not commonly accessed through vehicle patrols. Thank you to the Southampton Rotary and Martin's Bicycle Shop for the generous donation and making this program a success!
- Though our Problem Oriented Policing (POP) initiative, members are being deployed to a variety of dedicated patrols to assist with identified concerns in Saugeen Shores when staffing and calls for service allow. This includes beach patrol, by-law enforcement, commercial motor vehicle enforcement, offender management, RIDE programs, and community response and engagement.
- To keep pace with growth and call volume, the Saugeen Shores Police Service is currently in the process of hiring a cadet recruit that will attend the Ontario Police College in August of 2023.

#### 11) Request for Protocol

Under section 32 of Regulation 3/99 of the Police Services Act, the Police Services Board must have a Protocol with the Municipality that addresses sharing of information with Town Council.

The Board deferred until the next meeting.

#### Events / Committees

##### 1) Rotary Huron Shores Run

Members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service assisted and participated in the Huron Shores Run event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023. The event promotes active living, inspires the community to get involved, and raises money for the community. This was the first opportunity to deploy our bicycle unit to assist with the event.

#### Other

##### 1) Station Video System

The tender for the station video system has been awarded to the Owen Sound Police Service and work is underway. The funding for this project will be coming from the Police Building Reserve fund. If additional funds are required (in excess of the funds in the Police Building Reserve), it will be expensed to 2024 future capital.

#### 8. **Accounts/Statistics**

##### 1) Occurrence Statistics

Inspector Mighton presented the statistics as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Occurrences (01APR23 – 30JUN23):

2018: 1,996	2019: 2,823
2020: 2,772	2021: 3,125
2022: 2,760	2023: 3,493

This represents an increase of 26.6% in call volume 2022 vs 2023

This represents an increase of 75% in call volume 2018 vs 2023

Year-to-date Occurrences (as of June 30, 2023):

2018: 3,707	2019: 5,066
2020: 5,285	2021: 5,799
2022: 5,062	2023: 6,629

This represents an increase of 40% in call volume 2022 vs 2023

This represents an increase of 78.8% in call volume 2018 vs 2022

Charges

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Charges (01APR23 – 30JUN23)

2018: 628	2019: 899
2020: 671	2021: 865
2022: 684	2023: 1,072

This represents an increase of 56.7% in charges 2022 vs 2023

This represents an increase of 70.7% in charges 2018 vs 2023

Year to Date charges (as of June 30, 2023)

2018 – 1,255	2019 – 1,683
2020 – 1,483	2021 – 1,682
2022 – 1,417	2023 - 2,076

This represents an increase of 46.5% in charges year-to-date 2022 vs 2023

This represents an increase of 65.4% in charges year-to-date 2018 vs 2023

9. **Unfinished Business**

None.

10. **Next Meeting**

August 16, 2023 at 16:00

11. **Adjournment**

**Motion 5 – John Woodley/Greg Thede**

**That this meeting of the Saugeen Shores Police Service Board do now adjourn at 1854 hours.**

**Disposition – Carried**