**LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**June 17, 2020**

**Session # 3/2020**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19 Virus

**Present: Murray Jackson, Chair**

**Leland Martin, Acting Chair**

**Steve Miller**

**Doug Cook**

**Shirley Durance**

**Dela Horley, Secretary**

**O.P.P. Representative: Inspector Chris Avery**

**Staff Sgt. Ryan Olmstead**

**Acting Staff Sgt. Ross Stewart**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Murray Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Moved by D. Cook, Seconded by S. Durance, THAT** the minutes of Session 2/2020, April 22, 2020 be adopted as submitted.

Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

**DETACHMENT REPORT**

Staff Sgt. Ryan Olmstead gave an abbreviated policing report at this meeting.

* Detachment continues to stagger shifts due to COVID-19
* Using Skype for shift briefings
* Working with other detachments to fill positions and reduce overtime costs due to staffing limits
* School Resource and Community Service Officers are in the platoon while schools are closed
* Domestic assault charges have increased due to COVID-19
* Increase in opioid overdoses and overdose fatalities
* 3 drivers charged with stunt driving in a short period in the area of Marthaville and Lasalle Line
* Assault in Point Edward reported after victim was released from hospital
* Mischief in Petrolia; youth referred to Rebound
* Walpole Island – Intimidation of Justice official charge to a common-law couple
* Robbery report from a youth in Petrolia – false claim; youth charged.
* Retirement – Sgt. Sam Poole

**Moved by S. Miller seconded by L. Martin, THAT** the Detachment Commander’s Report and the Year End Report be accepted.

Carried.

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

**MEMBER’S REPORT**

1. S. Durance asked if there has been an increase in calls due to COVID-19; Staff Sgt. Olmstead advised there has not been a noticeable increase due to the pandemic.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Message from OPP Commissioner Carrique re- Anti-racism Demonstrations
2. Financial Reports to March 2020 (sent electronically)
3. Interest Reports to April 2020 (sent electronically)

**Moved by S. Durance seconded by D. Cook, THAT** the Correspondence as listed be accepted.

Carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

1. **Accounts/Finance**
   1. Policing – Paid Duty $ 15,303.60
   2. Policing Contract – *June 2020* $ 725,203.00
   3. Policing Contract – *July 2020*  $ 725,203.00
   4. Policing Contract – *August 2020* $ 725,203.00
   5. JC Cleaning – *March 2020* $ 734.50
   6. JC Cleaning – *June 2020* $ 1,469.00
   7. JC Cleaning – *July 2020* $ 1,469.00
   8. Eastlink – March 2020 $ 257.61
   9. Eastlink – April 2020 $ 267.66
   10. Eastlink – May 2020 $ 2/62.07

**Moved by S. Miller, seconded by L. Martin, THAT** the accounts as listed be approved for payment.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Moved by D. Cook, seconded by L. Martin, THAT** the 2019 LGPSB Audited Financial Statements, as submitted by BDO, be approved as submitted.

Carried.

1. OAPSB – The Chair outlined the OAPSB virtual AGM/Conference as follows:

* If air travelers are found to be carrying large sums of money, police can be notified to investigate through Transport Canada.

Inspector Avery advised that an individual cannot transport more than $10,000 cash, usually across the border; good investigative tool.

* Adequate and effective OPP policing – concerns that there is not enough policing in the north; not many recruits.

Inspector Avery advised that OPP Headquarters is recruiting regularly. Manpower in flux and partnering to maintain numbers; overtime used when necessary. Looking at some experienced officers transferring to Lambton. New recruits must remain where they are stationed for three (3) years before applying for a lateral transfer.

1. Disbursements from Criminal Records Checks, etc. - Inspector Avery reported that the funds that have been directed to the Board for criminal record checks, etc. will now be directed to the Ministry and will be divided and disbursed from there. No further information is available at this time.

D. Horley advised that these funds make up at least $50,000 per year of income to the Board, which helps cover expenses such as insurance premiums and policing office rent, which keeps the costs to the partner municipalities to policing contract costs only.

1. The Chair reported on his meeting with the OPP regarding cleaning of the emergency satellite office (ESO) in Forest. Background: when the Forest Detachment was closed, the ESO was opened in the County of Lambton’s building. The County offered the space to the OPP (one room and a shared washroom). Once the satellite office was opened, the County requested rent for this space. It was agreed that the Board would pay $100/partner municipality or $900/mo. Arrangements were made to have the space cleaned.

The Chair advised that, due to COVID-19, the space will need to be cleaned daily; the current cleaner has to charge a minimum of 3 hours per day at $25/hr. If this cleaning is not done, the office will have to close temporarily. The Chair advised that he has agreed to keep the office open for one (1) month to be reviewed regularly.

Staff Sgt. Olmstead advised that Infrastructure Ontario can look into funding for the policing offices. There are other Police Services Boards that are not paying policing office costs.

**Moved by L. Martin, seconded by S. Miller, THAT** the the Board request the Lambton OPP initiate a discussion with Infrastructure Ontario in determining why the Lambton Group Police Services Board is required to pay rent and cleaning costs for its Corunna policing office and the Forest Emergency Satellite Office.

Carried.

1. The format of the August 2020 LGPSB meeting will be determined closer to the meeting date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by S. Durance, seconded by L. Martin, THAT** the June 17, 2020 meeting of the Lambton Group Police Services Board be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Next meeting**: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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Murray Jackson, Chair Dela Horley, Secretary