**LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**February 17, 2021**

**Session # 1/2021**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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

**Place:** Virtual Meeting

**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. Ross Stuart**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2021**

D. Horley opened the floor to nominations for Chair 2021.

**Moved by L. Martin, Seconded by S. Durrance, THAT** the Murray Jackson be nominated for Chair 2021.

Carried.

M. Jackson accepted nomination.

Second call for nominations made – there were no further nominations brought forward. Nominations were closed.

Murray Jackson was declared 2021 Chair.

D. Horley opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair 2021.

**Moved by S. Miller, Seconded by D. Cook, THAT** Leland Martin be nominated for Vice Chair 2021.

Carried.

L. Martin accepted the nomination.

Second call for nominations made – there were no further nominations brought forward. Nominations were closed.

Leland Martin was declared 201 Vice Chair.

The 2021 Election was declared closed.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Moved by L. Martin, Seconded by D. Cook, THAT** the minutes of Session 6/2020, December 17, 2020 be adopted as submitted.

Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

**DETACHMENT REPORT**

St. Sgt. Ross Stuart reviewed the November/December 2020 policing report:

* Domestic-related homicide in Corunna
* Continuing to investigate 2 homicides in Stony and Kettle Point
* 6 sexual assaults – charges laid in 3, 1 deemed unfounded, 1 dropped, 1 ongoing
* 10 sudden deaths – all but one not suspicious
* Death of child under 5 in St. Clair Township still under investigation
* Robbery in Point Edward pawn shop – pushed clerk and grabbed necklace and left – quickly arrested.
* Ongoing investigation into home invasion in Lambton Shores last year
* Street Crimes Unit – 23 occurrences, 9 charges laid. Unit also assists with front line officers on a regular basis.
* Trafficking investigation – a lot of background work to obtain warrant – drugs and cash found.
* Two break and enters in December near Oil Springs – guns and stolen cheques found. Suspects identified.
* Media outreach – aggressive, distracted and impaired driving, and seat belts.
* Break and enters down significantly (42%) over same period last year
* Property crimes down (19%)
* Focused patrols in problem areas
* Report shows there is still a problem with populating numbers – there were no abductions during this period.

L. Martin enquired about vehicle licence plate validation stickers; St. Sgt. Stuart advised that there is a moratorium on charges for not having a current sticker on your vehicle.

**Moved by D. Cook, seconded by L. Martin, THAT** the Detachment Commander’s 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**

* M. Jackson advised that the documents were completed for the Sexual Assault Diversion Program for young offenders. This funding is in addition to the funding already received re- mental health.

St. Sgt Stuart advised that the program was initiated by a Lambton OPP officer and will be administered by Rebound once the program is in place. A minor offence will be diverted from court which will avoid a criminal record. As officers respond to calls, a determination will be made as to the suitability for the program. Officer Colleen Bressette will review and make a determination to the Detective Sgt.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* 1. Interest Reports to December 2020 *(sent electronically)*
  2. Financial Reports to November 2020 *(sent electronically)*
  3. Update Authorization for Lambton County Finance re- LGPSB Account at CRA

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

Carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

**Accounts/Finance**

1. Contract Policing – *March 2021* $ 751,810.44
2. Contract Policing – *April 2021*  $ 751,810.44
3. Mine & Yours Cleaning *(Forest ESO – December 2020)* $ 2,627.25
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5. Mine & Yours Cleaning *(Corunna – December 2020)* $ 2,034.00
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7. Eastlink *(Forest ESO Office – December 2020)* $ 256.93
8. Eastlink *(Forest ESO Office – January 2021)* $ 267.62
9. Honorarium 2020 – M. Jackson $ 1,430.00

S. Miller $ 1,127.60

D. Cook $ 925.20

D. Horley $ 950.31

1. OAPSB Zone 6 Annual Dues 2021 $ 55.00
2. Canadian Mental Health Assoc – *November* *MHeart Staff* $ 5,503.55
3. Canadian Mental Health Assoc – *MHeart Staff*  $ 99.87
4. Township of St. Clair – *Rent from January to March 2021* $ 24,790.26

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

Carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mandi Pearson, Clerk/Operations Clerk for the Town of Petrolia advised the Board that she will be attending meetings when possible and reporting back to Petrolia Council. Ms, Pearson commended the Board on the good work it is doing.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Update on funding request – the Chair reported that a meeting with the Mayors Group went well. MPP Bob Bailey and MPP Monte McNaughton are looking into possible provincial funding before anything further takes place.
2. S. Durance reported that no responses were received for the Request for Proposals for the cleaning of the Corunna Policing Office. A quote from the current cleaning company will be obtained to establish a benchmark. The Chair advised that, due to the pandemic, stringent cleaning protocols must be maintained; the current contractor will continue for as long as required.

D. Cook advised that, although daily cleaning is required, the cleaning protocols at the Forest ESO differ from the Corunna Policing Office as there is no bio-hazard cleaning requirement (no cells, etc.) Obtaining services from a local cleaning company would eliminate travel expense to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by S. Durance, seconded by S. Miller, THAT** the February 17, 2021 meeting of the Lambton Group Police Services Board be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

**Next meeting**: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

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Murray Jackson, Chair Dela Horley, Secretary