

# LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES



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POLICE SERVICES  
BOARD

Location: OPP Headquarters, Petrolia

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Time: **3:00 pm**

Session: **#3/2023**

### **Present:**

Doug Cook, Member (Vice Chair) – Municipal Partner

Pat Brown, Member – Municipal Partner

Shirley Durance, Member – Provincial Appointee

John McCharles, Member – Provincial Appointee

Greg Nemcek, Member – Community Member at Large

### Non Voting Members:

Inspector Chris Avery, O.P.P Representative

Staff Sgt. Erica VanRoyboys, O.P.P Representative

A/Staff Sgt. Rick Mathieson, O.P.P Representative

Mandi Pearson, Secretary

### **Regrets:**

### **Guests:**

- None

### **Members of the Public:**

Mayor Gary Atkinson, Plympton-Wyoming

Terry Bridge, Sarnia Observer

1. Call to Order
  - Greg Nemcek, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
  - None Declared
3. Adoption of the Agenda
  - Session #3, 2023

Moved By: John McCharles  
Seconded By: Doug Cook

*THAT the agenda for Session 3/2023 dated June 21, 2023 be adopted as presented.*

Carried

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
  - Session 2, April 2023

Moved By: John McCharles  
Seconded By: Doug Cook

*THAT the minutes of Session 2/2023 dated April 2023 be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes
  - None
6. Detachment Report

**a)** Staff Sgt. Rick Matheson reviewed the March and April 2023 policing report:

**Major Crime**

- Violent Crime: -6.5% (Mar) -9.3% (April)
- Property Crime: + 1.1% (Mar) -6.0% (April)
- Drug Crime: +20% (Mar) +12.5% (April) more proactive charges laid

**MVC's**

- 77 in March, 45 in April
- Majority being PD, weather or animal related

## **CSO/MEDIA**

- A total of 39 media releases were distributed for the month of March.
- A total of 18 media releases were distributed for the month of April.
- The month of March is designated as Fraud Prevention month and, as such, a social media post was added about home reno frauds.
- The CSO attended Farm Safety Day on March 25th at Podolinsky Farm
- Equipment dealership to speak about cycling, boating and ATV safety.
- The CSO has conducted detachment tours for local cubs/beavers/scouts
- groups in both Petrolia and Corunna.
- The CSO attended Walpole Island Elementary school for a Kids Safety event on April 26th
- The CSO assisted with a well-attended recruiting seminar in Petrolia on Mar 23rd held at the YMCA.

## **Crime Unit**

### March

- Crime Unit members involved in grandparent scam with over \$100 000 lost. Investigation continuing. Grandparent Schemes seem to be ongoing.
- Crime members and OPP Criminal Investigations Branch still investigating Andrew CHUTE homicide at the Marthaville Conservation Area.
- Crime members and CIB actively investigating an unsolved homicide of David Oliver on the Kettle & Stoney Point First Nation.
- Nine non-suspicious death investigations completed.
- Three reported sexual assaults cases investigated.

### April

- Six sexual assaults cases investigated.
- Four sudden deaths investigated, one being a suspected drug overdose death.
- Crime Unit is involved in a multi-jurisdictional homicide. Case files being disclosed to the crown attorney through multiple rounds.
- Crime Unit continues to investigate missing female, Deana Timms.

## **Traffic**

- 117 total charges during the recent seat belt campaign
- 854 self generated occurrences, resulting in 562 total charges and 633 warnings
- 19 impaired driving charges laid in Mar/Apr

Moved By: Pat Brown

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

***THAT S/Sgt. Matheson's detachment report be adopted as presented.***

Carried

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

## 7. Member's Report

- Members Brown, Durance and McCharles provided an update on the recently attended OAPSB conference

Moved By: Pat Brown

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

***THAT*** the board recommend that for future conferences the Inspector or a delegate from Lambton OPP attend.

Carried

Moved By: John McCharles

Seconded By: Pat Brown

***THAT*** the board request that the Board Secretary look into the possibility of having key note speaker Michael Bach at a possible fundraising event in conjunction with LGPSB, OPP and other community agencies.

Carried

- Mandi Pearson, Secretary updated the following information.
  - i. EFT forms
  - ii. Up to June 2023 expense reports
  - iii. Intact Insurance - liability abuse coverage

Moved By: Doug Cook

Seconded By: John McCharles

**THAT** the board direct to not to proceed with the requested liability insurance from Intact, with a request Tony Commisso attend a future board meeting for further explanation.

Carried

8. Correspondence

- CIBC – Interest Allocation Report Apr/May 2023
- OAPSB – Zone 6 meeting information
- Lambton OPP media releases May 2023

Moved By: John McCharles  
Seconded By: Shirley Durance

**THAT** the correspondence items as listed be received and filed.

Carried

9. Accounts/Finance

a) Accounts

Moved By: Doug Cook  
Seconded By: Pat Brown

**THAT** the accounts as listed be approved for payment.

Carried

- b) Detachment revenue Jan - March 2023 report from OPP Finance Unit and County Finance

Moved By: Doug Cook  
Seconded By: John McCharles

**THAT** the Detachment revenue Jan - March 2023 report from OPP Finance Unit and County Finance be received and filed.

Carried

10. Public Input

- None

11. Other Business

Member Doug Cook:

- expressed his gratitude for the additional officers in Grand Bend during the busy summer season.

12. Adjournment

Moved By: Doug Cook

Seconded By: John McCharles

***THAT Session #3 of 2023 be adjourned until the next scheduled meeting on August 23, 2023 or at call of the Chair.***

Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 4:30 pm

**Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

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Chair

Greg Nemcek

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Secretary

Mandi Pearson