

**POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair  
Aman Gill  
Sukh Sidhu  
Yvon Dandurand  
Mark Warkentin  
Mike Welte  
Barb Schimnowsky

**MANAGEMENT PRESENT:**

Chief Constable Bob Rich  
Deputy Chief Constable Dave Schmirler – Operations  
Wayne Plamondon – Director Support Services  
Randy Millard – Director Finance

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Sergeant Judy Bird (Acting Public Media Officer)  
Elaine Klassen, Manager of Records  
Karen Wilcox  
Sergeant Monty McInnes  
Inspector Colin Thomson – Patrol Branch  
Inspector Kevin Wright – Criminal Investigation Branch  
Trish Coldrey-Lo  
Margaret Harder

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 1205.

**1. Adoption Of Agenda**

**MOTION:** *That the Agenda for the Open Meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board be approved.*

**Moved:** Aman Gill | **Seconded:** Yvon Dandurand | **CARRIED**

**2. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - October 18, 2016
- b. Financial Statements - September 2016
- c. Financial Statements - October 2016
- d. Operational Crime Overview - Period 11
- e. Policy Amendments
  - II.B. 270 Use of Naloxone for Opioid Overdose - NEW
  - II.F.030 Drug Handling - AMDNED
  - II.K.060 Police Service Dogs - AMENDED
- f. Upcoming Events
- g. 2016/2017 Police Board Bursary Awards

**MOTION:** *That the Consent Agenda be approved.*

**Moved:** Mike Welte | **Seconded:** Aman Gill | **CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes**

CAPG – information request. Aman Gill reported that the CAPG is looking for Board input about the type of training members are interested in and in what format. The Board agreed that the training topics through the CAPG webinars have been

beneficial and any additional training should be incorporated into the annual conference.

#### **4. Presentation – Drivers of Property Crime and the APD Response**

Chief Rich introduced Sgt. Monty McInnes who provided a broad overview of the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) and the drivers of property crime. He noted that there have been improvements in property crime rates over the previous year through various initiatives, including Project Valley Sweep, a partnership with Mission and Chilliwack, to combat property crime in all three jurisdictions. CRU continued the efforts to combat property crime locally through Project Abbotsford Sweep. From 2015 – 2016 Abbotsford has seen a 2% increase which is significantly less than the increase the previous year. He noted that the three big property crime categories are: Break & Enter, Theft of Auto and Theft from Auto and that the latter has seen a pandemic increase across the lower mainland. It was the opinion of Sgt. McInnes that the increase in Property Crime correlates with drug use.

Sgt. McInnes noted that when a prolific offender is released from jail there is little monitoring, and accountability needs to improve. Sukh Sidhu asked a question about how many times an offender needs to be caught before considered 'prolific' and it was noted that they need approximately 12 convictions to be classified 'prolific' which means that they have been in the system anywhere from 20 to 40 times before receiving that classification.

#### **5. Chief's Report**

Chief Rich reported that two members, Cst. Alex Odintsov and Cst. Andre Poulin, were recipients of the Medal for Meritorious Service at the Provincial Police Honours Ceremony in Victoria on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Cst. Odintsov and Cst. Poulin were recognized for their acts of bravery and honour in February 2015 when both officers, despite being in an extremely dangerous situation, performed their duties with distinction, bravery and honour. Immediately upon arriving on a dark street with partial lighting the officers were exposed to gun fire. Despite not knowing if they were the intended targets of the gun shots, both officers exited the police truck and engaged multiple subjects on the front lawn of the target residence, all of whom were fleeing the scene or entering the residence. The location of the shooter was not known. The officers provided valuable updates on the police radio and continued their search for suspects and victims. Despite being in a scene that was not secure, Cst. Odintsov provided lifesaving medical intervention to the victim of the shooting. His actions were confirmed by a respected trauma surgeon as having been lifesaving. Cst. Poulin provided lethal cover and directed other officers until a police supervisor arrived on scene to assume command.

Chief Rich reported on the stabbing at Abbotsford Senior Secondary on November 1<sup>st</sup> where one of the two victims succumbed to her injuries. A debrief on the incident will take place. He praised the response from school staff who were heroic in their actions which likely prevented further victims. He also commented that the work done by the

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School Superintendent in responding to the needs of the students, staff and community has been outstanding. He will be meeting with Superintendent Godden in the next week to discuss next steps.

Mayor Braun commented that from the involvement of Police and School Staff, he does not think the situation could have been handled better and thanked everyone for their efforts. Aman Gill also complimented the Police for their response to this incident.

Chief Rich reported that the Department arranged for employee assistance services to be brought in to help staff with the emotional impact of this incident.

Chief Rich reported that four Operational Support Officers (OSO) were recently sworn in. The OSOs train for six weeks and are deployed to each of the four patrol shifts. The program will be assessed at the end of July 2017.

Chief Rich reported on his trip to Namibia where he spent time working with the City of Windhoek Police, mainly training on supervisory skills. November 18, 2016 marked the Police Department's 10th Anniversary. The MOU between the APD and the City of Windhoek Police Services expired November 14, 2016. Chief Rich will report at the next meeting on future collaboration between the participants.

## **6. BCAPB**

Sukh Sidhu reported that the next meeting is Friday, November 25.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

None raised.

## **8. Questions from the public relating to today's Agenda**

None raised.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *That the Open meeting of the Abbotsford Police Board be adjourned.*

**Moved:** Barb Schimnowsky | **Seconded:** Aman Gill | **CARRIED**

**Meeting Adjourned: 1245**

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Chair – Henry Braun

Certified Correct:

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey



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**ACTIONS FROM THIS MEETING or BRING FORWARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

1. Briefing Report on future continue agreement with Windhoek City Police.  
(Chief Rich)