

# Owen Sound Police Services Board

Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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**Members Present:** J. Thomson (Chair), G. Pierce, S. Kukreja, B. O’Leary

**Members Present:** I. Boddy  
(Via Zoom)

**Management Present:** Chief C. Ambrose, Inspector J. Fluney

**Guests Attending:** M. Gloade- Strategic Analyst, Summer Student Youth in Policing Initiative- Afreen, Alisa, Laine, Teagan, and Tessa, B. Carbert – Manager of Corporate Services City

**Guests Attending:** T. Simmonds – Owen Sound City Manager  
(Via Zoom)

**Minutes:** K. Wardell

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### 2. Land Acknowledgment

I would like to respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional lands of the First Nations and has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. In particular, I acknowledge the history, spirituality, and culture of the Territory of the Anishinabek Nation; the People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nation and further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash, known collectively as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as the traditional keepers of this land. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this area as well as the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples whose ancestors shared these lands and waters. May we live with respect for each other on this land and live in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.

*“Prior to today’s meeting, the Board met in closed session to review and discuss matters that in their opinion fell under Section 35 (4) of the Police Services Act, R.S.O 1990 c. P.15 and as per the Owen Sound Police Services Board BY-LAW NO. 2019-01 Section 19.1 Closed Items.”*

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### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by G. Pierce, seconded by S. Kukreja.**

*“That the agenda dated May 24, 2023, be approved with the addition of two items under item 18. Other Items and New Business d) Appointment of Seven New Auxiliary Constables and item e) Appointment of two new Special Constables be approved.”*  
**CARRIED**

### **4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the Minutes and Matters Listed on the Agenda. HEARING NONE**

### **5. Presentations, Deputations, and Public question period.**

No presentations at this time.

### **6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Public Session held May 24, 2023.**

**Moved by S. Kukreja, seconded by B. O’Leary.**

*“That the minutes dated May 24, 2023, be approved.”* **CARRIED**

### **7. Business arising out of the Public Session Minutes of the May 24, 2023. HEARING NONE**

### **8. Correspondence received.**

- a) Concerned Citizens of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Neighbourhood – for information
- b) Thank you e-mail for our donation of obsolete radios for the efforts in Ukraine

### **9. Chairman’s Report**

From May 30 to June 1, Chair Thomson attended the OAPSB AGM and Spring Conference. During the AGM, directors for 2023 were confirmed by the membership and an election of officers took place. Patrick Weaver was re-elected as Chair, Bill Hagborg as 1st Vice Chair, Jim Maudsley as 2nd Vice Chair and Secretary, and Karen Fisher was re-elected as Treasurer. The Treasurer reported that the OAPSB received a clean audit report and appointed Baker Tilly Trillium LLP as auditors for the 2023 financial statements.

Chair Thomson mentioned that all directors and their BIOs are available on the OAPSB website as well as presentations from the AGM and conference.

The Spring Conference had the highest attendance in the last 5 years. The topics covered a wide spectrum, including police branding, a collaboration between OAPSB

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and OACP, a speech by Ryan Teschner on improving performance and public safety confidence, a case study on strengthening governance in Thunder Bay, and workshops on board evaluation, monitoring performance, and communication and public relations.

Chair Thomson also attended a Zone 5 meeting via Zoom on June 6, where guest speakers from the Inspectorate of Policing discussed their roles. An issue brought up during the meeting was school boards in southern Ontario banning police officers from some schools. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023, in Guelph.

On June 21, Chair Thomson participated in the sunrise ceremony at the Gichi - Wiikewedong Reconciliation Garden at Kelso Beach in recognition of National Indigenous People's Day.

Later, on June 28, Chair Thomson attended the OAPSB's annual strategic planning session in Toronto, where they reviewed the strategic plan, action plans, and budget. The transfer payment agreement for training was flexible due to the delayed CSPA, and new committee members were named for Advocacy, Human Resources, OMERS, and finance committees.

During the session, the structure and administration of zones were revisited, and an ad hoc committee was formed to review this in the coming months. The Labour Conference is the next event on the agenda, scheduled for the fall, with the date and venue yet to be confirmed.

## 10. Governance

- a) Update on progress with By-law/policy review plan

Chair Thomson noted that at the May meeting that the board approved 91 updated policies in the open session. There are still five that require minor updating. The remaining two of the Admin 016 Financial Management Policy and Admin 018 Reimbursement of Expenses have been combined into a new **OSPSB General Policy-010** Financial Management.

Once the remaining seven have been reviewed by the board, they will be officially approved at our September meeting.

## 11. Reports from Inspector D. Bishop

- Inspector Fluney presented the following reports.
  - a) Criminal Investigations Branch and Drug Enforcement/Criminal Intelligence Unit
  - b) Auxiliary Unit Report
  - c) Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit

## **12. Reports from Inspector J. Fluney**

- Inspector Fluney presented the following reports.
  - a) Front Line Patrol and Collision Statistics
  - b) Community Services Office
  - c) Lost Hours and Training

## **13. Reports from Director of Civilian Services K. Fluney**

- Inspector Fluney presented the following reports on behalf of Director Fluney
  - a) Board By-laws
  - b) Court
  - c) Records

## **14. Report from Director of Corporate Services S. Bell-Matheson**

- Chief Ambrose presented the following reports on behalf of Director Bell-Matheson.

## **15. Report from Director of Information Technology Services C. Hill**

- Chief Ambrose presented the following reports on behalf of Director Hill.

## **16. Financial Reports from the Chief of Police**

- a) Financials

Chief Ambrose noted that with the prolonged vacancy of a Financial Coordinator, the invoices had not been sent out but we have continued to pay bills. With the position filled now, the invoicing is being brought up to date. The City was anticipating a deficit of approximately \$285,000. However, upon reviewing their financials, there is revenue of over \$130,000 that has not been invoiced, along with outstanding payments for services provided but not invoiced. Chief Ambrose added that once the financial records were updated, the deficit should be significantly reduced, attributing the remaining excess primarily to court costs.

- b) Approval of Outstanding Accounts for Payment

To be added to September's board meeting for approval of outstanding accounts for payment.

## **17. Operating Reports from the Chief of Police**

- a) Chief's Activity Report

Chief Ambrose will report on his activities at the next meeting. He introduced and welcomed this year's Summer Student Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI students).

## **18. Other Items and New Business**

- a) Second Hand Pawn Shop

The individual was absent during the closed session to appeal the decision in front of the board.

- b) Website Update

There was no update provided during the closed meeting, and it will be presented at the September OSPSB meeting.

- c) Festival of Northern Lights – Design

**Moved by S. Kukreja, seconded by B. O’Leary.**

*“That the design presented to the board from the Festival of Northern Lights be approved.”* **CARRIED**

- d) New Auxiliary Constables

**Moved by G. Pierce, seconded by B. O’Leary.**

*“That the Owen Sound Police Services Board approves the appointments of the following as new Auxiliary Members:*

1. *Jeremy Sanderson*
2. *Megan Bruder*
3. *Nathaniel Dodd*
4. *Logan Porter*
5. *Amber Wilson*
6. *Brayden Rahn*
7. *Jason Helm”*

**CARRIED**

- e) New Special Constables

**Moved by B. O’Leary, Seconded by S. Kukreja.**

*“That the Owen Sound Police Services Board approves the appointments of the following as new Special Constables:*

1. *Jeremy Sanderson*
2. *Kaelan Manning”*

**CARRIED**

f) Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Grant

**Moved by S. Kukreja, seconded by G. Pierce.**

*“That the OSPS complete the Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension application for the possible grant of \$400,000 over 3 years be approved.”*

**CARRIED**

## **19. Termination of the Public Meeting**

As the board had dealt with all of the items on the agenda, and there being no additional business to conduct, the chair declared the open session to be terminated at 11:00 a.m.

**Next Meeting: September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**To:** Aaron Whitney (Grey County manager of facility and operations-housing); Grey County Warden Brian Milne; Grey County Clerk Tara Warder, City Clerk Briana Bloomfield, Owen Sound Mayor Ian Boddy, Owen Sound Deputy Mayor Scott Greig, Owen Sound Police Board Chair John Thompson, City Council police board representative Suneet Kukreja, Owen Sound Police Chief Craig Ambrose.

**From:** Concerned Citizens of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West (representing 16 households as listed below).

June 12, 2023

Good Day,

We are a group of residents along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West (and in the immediate vicinity) from about 12<sup>th</sup> St. West to 14<sup>th</sup> St. West (see map attached) who are proudly committed to our Owen Sound neighbourhood. However, we have become extremely concerned about crime, nuisance behaviour, overdoses, disturbances and other drug-related aberrant behaviour in our neighbourhood over the past year.

We are a close-knit group of homeowners who came together during the first summer of the pandemic to clang pots and pans every Friday night to support frontline health care workers and nursing home residents, and even walked down to the Lutheran Nursing home to clang and sing for the residents. As a neighbourhood, we look out for one another and we keep in regular contact. We all enjoy this neighbourhood and would like to keep it and ourselves safe.

Over the past year, we have all become very alarmed at the increasing lawless behaviour of people wandering the neighbourhood and passing through. There have been people overdosed and unconscious on people's lawns and in the middle of the road, there have been people trespassing, there have been fights on people's front lawns, there has been aggressive and sometimes threatening behaviour from people high out of their tree, there have been "door knocks" from people with very flimsy reasons for wanting to get inside. My house is on the quiet little street of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave "A" W, which is tucked right in behind 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Earlier this spring, three neighbourhood men had to very

aggressively run off a man who was trying to break into a garage, was not making any sense, and who was acting very strangely and confrontationally. THIS IS NOT NORMAL BEHAVIOUR for this neighbourhood (and that is just one example)! Many, in fact most, of these incidents have been occurring during daylight hours. It is very troubling to see residents have to clash with these troublemakers to protect their property and to defend themselves. It is worrisome sometimes even to walk your dog in broad daylight.

We are not unsympathetic to the supports badly needed for addicts and homeless people (the food bank and Parkway Apts subsidized housing are in our neighbourhood and soon the new transitional housing are all meant to support those in need, which we appreciate). But there seems to be a disproportionate amount of problems cropping up here lately, and perhaps more resources are needed to combat the problems that sometimes follow some of the folks who are in need of housing, mental health and addiction supports. I urge you to check the police calls from this area over the past few months to confirm the problems in our neighbourhood. Most of us have recently put up more fencing and added security lights and sometimes cameras. We call police when we see a problem. We talk to one another about what we're seeing. What else are we supposed to do to keep our neighbourhood safe?? What happens to a good neighbourhood when residents get fed up and move out??

Our hunch is that there are a lot of problem tenants in the Parkway Apt building on 14<sup>th</sup> St. West. We see them cutting through the back parking lot of the Parkway building (where there is supposed to be a fence!), which spits them out into a right-of-way off 13<sup>th</sup> St. West. Right off this right-of-way, there has been at least one overdose, a bicycle stolen and other issues.

Actionable items we would like addressed immediately:

**1)** Replace the fence at the back parking lot of the Parkway building (with something impenetrable) that has been in terrible disrepair for decades (see photo attached). Put up lighting back there. It's long past time for Grey County to be a better neighbour! Perhaps there are other things that could be done on that property too... security cameras?



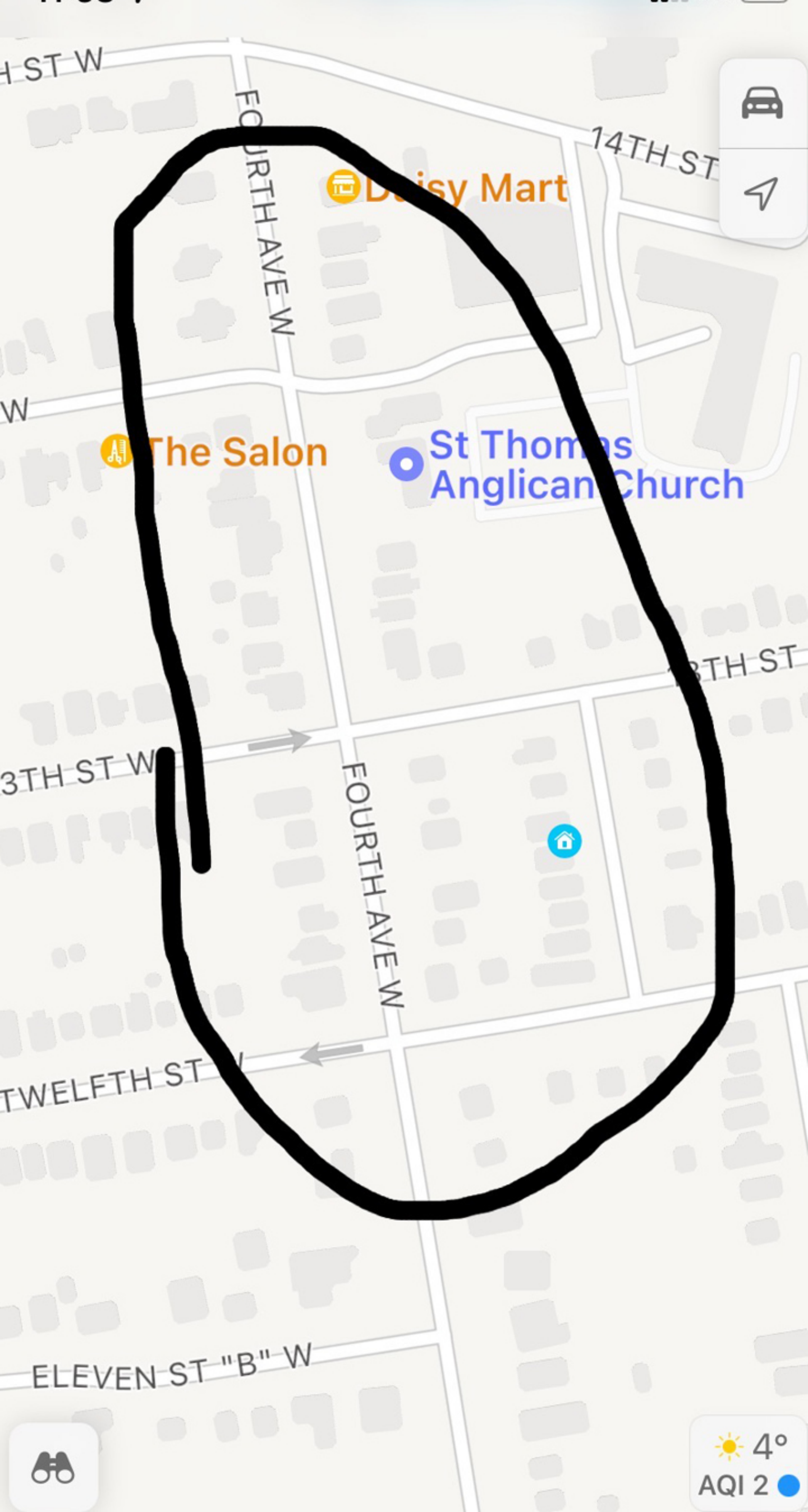
**2)** The police and city/county to crack down on the bad tenants in the area and their behaviour. Who are these people and where are they coming from and going to when they are stumbling through our neighbourhood? Are there other “houses” or buildings besides the Parkway highrise that seem to house problem residents? Is it the same handful of people causing all our problems or is it more? Are these people in breach of conditions?

**3)** We respectfully request that our letter be included in the next (or soon after next) council packages for the city and county and for the next city police board meeting.

We also might remind you that there is a daycare center on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave West (at the old St. Thomas Church) and the children play in the front yard of that facility all day long.

Please feel free to contact or meet with me or any of the homeowners on this list. All of us below are in signature of this letter. We would like an update at some point this summer on what is being done. Thank you.

(on behalf of Concerned Citizens of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. West)



Daisy Mart

The Salon

St Thomas Anglican Church



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----- Original message -----

From: Kelly Best

Date: 2023-06-26 10:38 a.m. (GMT-05:00)

To: "Hill, Christopher" <[chill@owensoundpolice.com](mailto:chill@owensoundpolice.com)>, "Ambrose, Craig" <[cambrose@owensoundpolice.com](mailto:cambrose@owensoundpolice.com)>

Subject: FW: Stand With Ukraine

Thank you Chief Ambrose and Chris Hill for your generous donation of old Kenwood portable radios.

Kelly Best





## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT / CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT – MAY 2023

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

**DATE:** July 5, 2023

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

For Information

### **REPORT:**

#### **Investigations**

**Aggravated Assault** – (May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023) Members of the Criminal Investigations Branch assisted uniform patrol where the victim, a 30-year-old, Sauble Beach man was stabbed multiple times by the accused, a 34-year-old, Owen Sound man. The victim's injuries required surgery and further hospitalization for five days. A residential search warrant was completed on the residence of the accused's parents with the assistance of the Ontario Provincial Police Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU). The accused was not located during that warrant however was arrested by police the following day. The accused remains in custody and has been charged with aggravated assault, assault with a weapon (2 Counts) and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. The victim is expected to make a full recovery.

**Weapons Offences** – (May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023) Members of the Criminal Investigations Branch assisted uniform patrol where the accused, a 31-year-old, Owen Sound man threatened multiple residents in a rooming house he was residing in. The investigation revealed that the accused had also brandished a firearm and pointed it at one of the residents. The accused was arrested by police with respect to the offences: Uttering Threats (2 Counts), Pointing a Firearm, Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm Contrary to a Prohibition Order, Fail to Comply-Release Order and Fail to Comply-Undertaking. The accused remains in custody.

**Extortion and Distribution of Intimate Image** - (October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – UPDATE) Police received a complaint with respect to the distribution of an intimate image. The investigation revealed that the 17-year-old female victim had shared intimate images of herself with an unknown person over a social media application. The unknown person then told the victim if she did not send further images or money, they would share the images they already had, with her friends and family. When the victim did not give in to the demands of the unknown person, they sent her images to numerous people over social media. Multiple production orders were obtained that identified a residence in Burnaby, British Columbia where the unknown person had communicated with the victim from. In January, 2023, Burnaby RCMP – Child Exploitation Unit obtained a search warrant for the Burnaby residence and located devices that contained multiple images and messages from victim's across Canada. In May, 2023 the victim from Owen Sound, was identified on one of the devices seized by police. The investigative package from the Owen Sound Police Service was forwarded to the RCMP and as a result,

an 18-year-old, Burnaby man will be charged with extortion, possession/distribution of child pornography and publication of intimate images.

#### **Uniform Assistance**

- OW23006989 – Identify Male for Shoplifting investigation

#### **Follow Up**

- OW23005641 – Returning Stolen Property to Victims.

#### **MMHART Statistics**

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 8

Follow Up's = 13

Community Support Consultations = 3

Community Support Referrals = 0

Incident Response/Support = 16

STAR cases = 2

#### **Training**

- Annual Fire Arms Requalification's – D/Cst. Houston – Trainer
- Domestic Violence Investigator Course – WRPS – D/Cst. Martin
- Power Case for Investigators – OPC – D/Cst. Martin
- Violence Threat Risk Assessment – Level 1 and 2 Course – Barrie – D/Cst. Bridgeman

#### **Drug Overdose Information**

In May 2023 the city had no suspected drug related deaths.

To date, the city has had six (6) deaths from suspected drug overdoses.

The year 2022 ended with the Owen Sound Police Service having investigated a total of six (6) drug overdoses. A total of fourteen (14) occurred in 2021 and a total of eight (8) occurred in 2020.

#### **FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):**

N/A

#### **OPERATIONS PLAN:**

An investigation this month addressed one of the Board's strategic priorities in relation to Goal CS3 addressing controlled substances, firearms and violent crime, in that there was a focused investigative effort in recovering a firearm.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**

D. Bishop, Inspector



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Auxiliary Board Report – May 2023

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

**DATE:** July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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### REPORT:

The month of May was busy for the Auxiliary Unit with outdoor events gearing up in the warmer weather! A total of 139 volunteer hours were given by the Auxiliary Unit this month.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary attended the “Race for REACH” fundraiser event at Harrison Park where hundreds of participants ran/hiked/walked/biked a 5 km event. Members engaged with the participants and provided some direction and assistance with traffic control for safety purposes.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> members of the Owen Sound Police Service as well as the Auxiliary Unit attended Zehrs Grocery Store for the “Shop with a Cop” event. This event was in partnership with the Optimist Club as a fundraiser for the local Salvation Army. Children from a local elementary school got paired up with an Officer who helps them shop for food items to donate.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Auxiliary members attended a local high school with CSO Jason Cranny for a traffic Safety Blitz to educate young drivers on the dangers of drinking and driving before the May long weekend.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, members further participated in the Hike for Hospice, as a team from OSPS entered the fundraiser hike together in support of the Chapman House in Owen Sound.

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Auxiliary Unit had a scheduled monthly meeting, which this month’s topic was Firearm Familiarization. Training Officer Carlo Obillos presented on different types of firearms, safety practices and brought samples of our Service issued firearms. Cst. Obillos specifically showed the Auxiliary members how to retrieve a carbine from the vehicle mounts, should they ever need to access it for the escorting officer while on patrol. They were also shown how to remove a firearm from an officer’s holster and proper safety techniques should they ever be put in a situation that required them to handle a firearm in an emergency.

In May the new class of Auxiliary Recruits had commenced their training with Sergeant Liz Cranny, Auxiliary Liaison Officer, and assisted by Cst. Obillos. The training program is 6 weeks in length, with 2 sessions per week in the evenings. The new Auxiliary Recruit class consists of 7 new members for the Unit with training scheduled to be complete before the end of June.

**FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):**

None.

**OPERATIONS PLAN:**

The Auxiliary Unit enhances the Strategic Priorities of Community Safety and Community Wellbeing by assisting the Service in improving visibility, and building and fostering relationships with community groups.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

None.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Inspector D. Bishop





## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** July 5, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

<b>FOOT PATROL (Hours)</b>	31.5
<b>CRIMINAL CHARGES</b>	6
<b>WARRANT ARRESTS</b>	2
<b>PROVINCIAL OFFENCES</b>	1
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS</b>	1

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- CORE attended Keystone Event
- CORE attended St Basil's school for multiple events
- CORE attended St Mary's High School Event – Long Weekend Drivers Safety
- Collaboration with Public Health – Assist Public Health with biohazard and naloxone kits distributed to businesses in the River District
- CORE attended the unmuting event at Stonetree hosted by the United Way of Grey Bruce
- CORE attended the Shop with a Cop event in partnership with East Ridge Elementary School

- **FOOT & BIKE PATROL LOCATIONS**

- The River District – including a focus on specific concerns identified by the community
- Grey County Housing – West side apartment complex
- East side businesses

- **ASSIST CIB / DRUG UNIT / MMHART**

- CORE assisted CIB in aggravated assault occurrence for search warrant execution, canvassing and ground search for an Eastside residence.
- CORE assisted CIB with the execution of a search warrant at an Eastside residence in a firearms investigation.

- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**

- Members of the CORE unit assisted with covering for patrol officers during block training. A total of three shifts were covered by CORE officers.
- Assist platoons in locating a wanted party.

- **INVESTIGATIONS**

- CORE made an arrest on a Canada Wide Warrant.
- CORE attended a neighbouring Police Service to arrest a wanted individual on an outstanding warrant.
- A CORE member was the officer in charge of a criminal harassment and assault investigation resulting in two criminal charges being laid and the accused being placed on strict conditions.

- **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**

- Members of CORE received 2 days of block training.
- A CORE member attended the 3-day Basic Mountain Bike Officer Course hosted by the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association between May and June.
- CORE participated in a joint operation for Commercial Motor Vehicle enforcement.
- CORE attended and monitored peaceful protest at an eastside office.
- CORE provided proactive engagement during a Drag Show event at an East Side business.
- CORE attended a Grey County Housing tenant meeting at a Westside apartment complex.

**FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):**

N/A

**OPERATIONS PLAN:**

Some of the focus this month included the Board's strategic priorities in relation to Goal CS2 of improving police visibility in the River District and at other priority areas by completing high visibility foot patrol, attending the Earth Day event at the Owen Sound Farmer's Market, and by attending and presenting at a DIA and Chamber of Commerce meeting for downtown business owners.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:**

D. Bishop Inspector



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Front Line Patrol Report and Collision Statistics – May 2023

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

**DATE:** June 13, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS Front Line Patrol, the RIDE program, and Collision Statistics for May 2023.

#### Front Line Patrol Report:

	Platoon #1-4		Traffic/Part Time Officers	
	May 2023	May 2022	May 2023	May 2022
Highway Traffic Act:	91	136	24	30
Compliance Reports:	50	18		1
Recorded Cautions:	70	46	32	29
Liquor Licence Act:	4	18		2
Criminal Code/ CDSA:	111	156		
Other POA/By-Law:	18	14	3	1
Foot Patrol:	93	107	24	28

#### Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE):

There was a total of 24 on-duty RIDE checks in the month of May with 665 drivers checked and 11 breath tests administered.

The statistics for RIDE were:

- 55 officers
- 22 hours
- 665 vehicle drivers checked
- 23 HTA charges/warnings and 1 licence suspension

Two impaired driving charges were laid during the month.

Collision Statistics:

	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022
<b>Total Collisions:</b>	45	30	50
Collisions - East side	15	14	19
Collisions - West side	9	3	8
Collisions - parking lots	21	13	23
Fail to Remain Collisions	11	4	8
<b>Collisions referred to CRC:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	31
<b>Collisions investigated by OSPS:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	19

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

OPERATIONS PLAN:

“Community Safety” is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. Information in this Board report supports the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan’s goals: to address safety concerns identified by the community; to improve police visibility in the River District and at other priority areas; to address controlled substances, firearms, and violent crime; and, to promote road safety.

SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector Jeff Fluney



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Community Services – May 2023  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** June 14, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

The following report highlights key engagements of the Community Services Officer in May 2023:

Continued with traditional corporate and social media for OSPS;

- Smile Cookie Campaign, Int'l Firefighters Day, Paramedics Week, REACH walk, Heros in Life, Shop with a Cop, Support for family of OPP Officer killed in the line of duty, Special Olympic Torch Run kick off, Police Week, CORE at St. Basil's, Traffic Blitz at both High Schools, Cst. George Suchomel retirement

Community Partnership/Provincial Collaboration & Internal Committee work

- Torch Run Committee- Provincial and Regional
- REACH partnership- support & presentations
- Owen Sound Legion, Branch 6- partnership for senior safety & support for community youth work
- River District- Bike & Street Safety workshop/event preparation meeting
- Owen Sound Special Events- Harbourfest week/Canada Day meeting & prep.
- Local High Schools- Traffic safety, Internet/Social Media Awareness- campaigns for May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend and heading into Prom season
- LEAPPS (Law Enforcement Agencies & Partners to Protect Seniors) monthly Meeting
- Bruce Grey Crime Prevention Action Table- monthly meetings
- Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership- monthly meeting
- Alpha Street Resource Centre- monthly local agency meeting

Trainings and workshops;

- First Aid CPR recertification

Community Presentations & Celebrations;

- East Ridge- Youth advocacy & the law
- Saint Dominique Savio- Bike Safety
- Alexandra School- One on one meeting(s) with students & parents- incidents at school
- St. Mary's & OSDSS- Traffic Safety Blitz
- Hillcrest- Internet Safety grade 8's



(Photo Special Olympic Torch Run Kick Off)

Financial/Risk Implication(s): Nil

#### OPERATIONS PLAN:

“Community Wellbeing” is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. The work of the Community Services Officer is instrumental in progressing the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan’s goal to build and foster relationships with community groups, specifically the following actions: by educating OSPS members and the community on OSPS partnerships; by focusing on preventative youth programming in cooperation with school board and community groups; and, by fostering and building relationships with diverse groups within the community.

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector Jeff Fluney



# REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Lost Hours and Training – May 2023  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** June 14, 2023

## RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

## REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS full time members for May 2023, including lost hours due to leave from sick time, short term disability (STD), and Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), as well as training opportunities.

### Lost Hours:

Month/Year	SICK/STD			WSIB		
	Number of Fulltime Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours	Number of Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours
May 2023	19	34	361	2	46	368
April 2023	7	8	76	3	40	320
May 2022	11	30	285	2	21	169

### Training:

Members attended the following courses:

Law Enforcement Bicycle Association	Powercase
Level II collision Investigator	Domestic Violence Investigator
Forensic Shooting Scene Investigator	Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
Constable Selection System Training Course	Front Line Supervisor

### FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

The loss of scheduled work hours is a potential financial risk and is monitored to ensure a balance with members' physical and mental wellbeing. Financial resources are required to provide ongoing member training which is an essential to updating qualifications, knowledge, and ultimately organizational risk mitigation.

**OPERATIONS PLAN:**

“Our Members” is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. Information in this Board report supports the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan’s goals: to promote members’ mental and physical wellbeing; and, to promote professional development and training opportunities for all members.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Inspector Jeff Fluney





## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Board Bylaw Report – May 2023  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** June 26, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

#### **TAXI**

Total number of Taxi Driver & Private Transportation Company Driver Licences Issued/Renewals	= 4
Total number of Re-Issue Lost Taxi Driver Licences	= 0
Total number of Taxi Driver's Licences Deferred/Denied	= 0
Total number of New/Taxi (transfer) Vehicle Licences Issued	= 0
Total number of Agent Transfers	= 0
Total number of New Agents Registered	= 0

#### **ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**

Total number of Adult Entertainment Licences Issued	= 3
Total number of Adult Entertainment Licences Denied	= 0
Total number of Adult Entertainment Owner Licences Renewed	= 0

#### **ALARMS**

Invoices to be completed for Chief's signature.

#### **SECOND HAND SHOPS**

All have been licenced for 2024.

### FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

### OPERATIONS PLAN:

N/A

### ATTACHMENT(S):

Nil

### SUBMITTED BY:

Director of Civilian Services Krista Fluney



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Court Board Report – May 2023  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** June 26, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

#### **Personnel:**

Nothing to Report

#### **Operational:**

Custodies Transported during the month: OPP - 6, OSPS – 8 **TOTAL – 14**

Video /Audio appearances: 55 OSPS persons in custody appeared by audio (most making numerous video appearances throughout the month)

Meals provided to custodies: 14

Special Constable Total Hours: 1150.25

#### **Issues, Concerns & Comments:**

Ontario and Superior Courts of Justice currently operate as hybrid courts. Trials and some resolution matters are done in-person while set date courts are operated as in-person or virtual appearances. Prisoners are not transported to the courthouse unless they are attending for their trial, Counsel/Judiciary/Crown Attorney has requested an in-person attendance or the correctional facility is unable to accommodate them appearing virtually due to video booth scheduling. All other prisoners are still being done by audio/video from the police services or the correctional facilities.

Special Constables have been assigned at the police station to cover in-custody hearings. When not required for prisoners in custody members have assisted to perform other duties.

### FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

### OPERATIONS PLAN:

Sustainability is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. Court security at the Owen Sound Courthouse is the responsibility of the Owen Sound Police Service. A portion of court security costs are made possible by ministry court security grants. Court security costs must be assessed and reviewed annually in order to advocate for a sustainable police funding model.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Nil

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Director of Civilian Services Krista Fluney



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:**       **Records Board Report – May 2023**

**TO:**             Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

**DATE:**         June 26, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

Local criminal record searches are being completed and sent back to the individuals within 1 to 2 weeks of submitting them. Owen Sound Police Service accepts criminal record check applications in person at the service as well as online.

There was a total of **6509** bulk searches completed in May 2023.

### FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

### OPERATIONS PLAN:

N/A

### ATTACHMENT(S):

Nil

### SUBMITTED BY:

Director of Civilian Services Krista Fluney



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Owen Sound Emergency Communications Centre (OSECC) – May 2023

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

**DATE:** July 5, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

**Human Resources - May 2023:** As shown in the attached May 2023 monthly report, as of the end of May, the OSECC was carrying 1 full-time and 4 part time Communicator vacancies. In May, 6 new part-time Communicators were onboarded, although training was discontinued for 1. A seventh job offer in May was declined. There were 92 hours of sick leave, and 234 hours of mandatory overtime in the OSECC during May.

The OSECC participated in the Fanshawe College Telecommunicators Co-Op Program in May and hosted 2 Co-Op students. The Co-Op students were assigned a mentor for 160 hours and had an opportunity to observe and process all tasks within the Communications Centre.

**911 Calls - May 2023:** There were 7,261 emergency calls from the 911 phone line into the OSECC in May, representing an average rate of 234/day (compared to 204 last month). This is a 25% increase from May 2022, and a 13% year-to date increase from last year. The volume of “No Answer” 911 calls is rising most significantly: 655 in May 2022 compared to 1,074 in May 2023. Year-to-date, the “No Answer” 911 calls have increased by 40%. Correspondingly, the volume and rate of transferred calls and calls dispatched by OSECC are also increasing. There were 1,921 emergency calls from the 911 phone line dispatched in May, representing an average daily call rate of 62 (compared to 51 last month), and a year-to-date increase of 10%.

**Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Events – May 2023:** As shown in the May 2023 report, there were 5,831 calls dispatched in the OSECC this past month, representing an average dispatch rate of 188 per day (compared to 179 last month). This is an 11% increase from May 2022, and a 12% increase year-to-date. The six police services within the OSECC accounted for 92% of dispatched CAD events in May 2023. OSPS’ 1,736 CAD events dispatched in May 2023 represent 30% of the month’s volume, and have increased by 11% year-to-date compared to 2022.

**Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure – May 2023:** The implementation and training required for migration to NG911 later this year is a considerable focus. During the month of May and June, substantial work at the alternate Communications Centre site was undertaken. Incoming transfers and initial calls for NG911 were completed with outbound transfers being finalized.

Work is also being done on a contract for the 7 Public Safety Answer Points (PSAPs) to cover off liability. The document was drafted by IT Director Chris Hill and is currently being reviewed by an Owen Sound Law Firm. This contract will also include a support matrix of responsibilities for each agency involved.

Project design and implementation has begun with OSECC's NG911 partners, with progress on NG911 network installation for these sites confirmed (Bell Canada looks after the NG911 connectivity in Ontario). These installations vary based on location and the services available (construction requirements, geographic limitations, etc.). Additionally, call process design has started for each agency on their customized system requirements.

#### **FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):**

Risk management and contingency planning are integral to the day-to-day operations of a Public Safety Answering Point. While the OSECC continues to grow and evolve, OSPS strives to maintain a balance of staffing that best aligns with workload demands, member wellness, emergency response standards, and contracted client expectations.

#### **OPERATIONS PLAN:**

Within the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan, six unique actions have been identified as important to reach towards the goal of fostering a sustainable emergency communication centre. In addition, monitoring and publishing emergency response times to priority calls is part of the goal to address safety concerns identified by the community.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**


- OSECC Monthly Report – May 2023


#### **SUBMITTED BY:**


Suzanne Bell-Matheson, Director, Corporate Services  
Chris Hill, Director, Information Technology  
Marg Gloade, Strategic Analyst

# OSECC MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2023

## HUMAN RESOURCES

FT Communicator: 

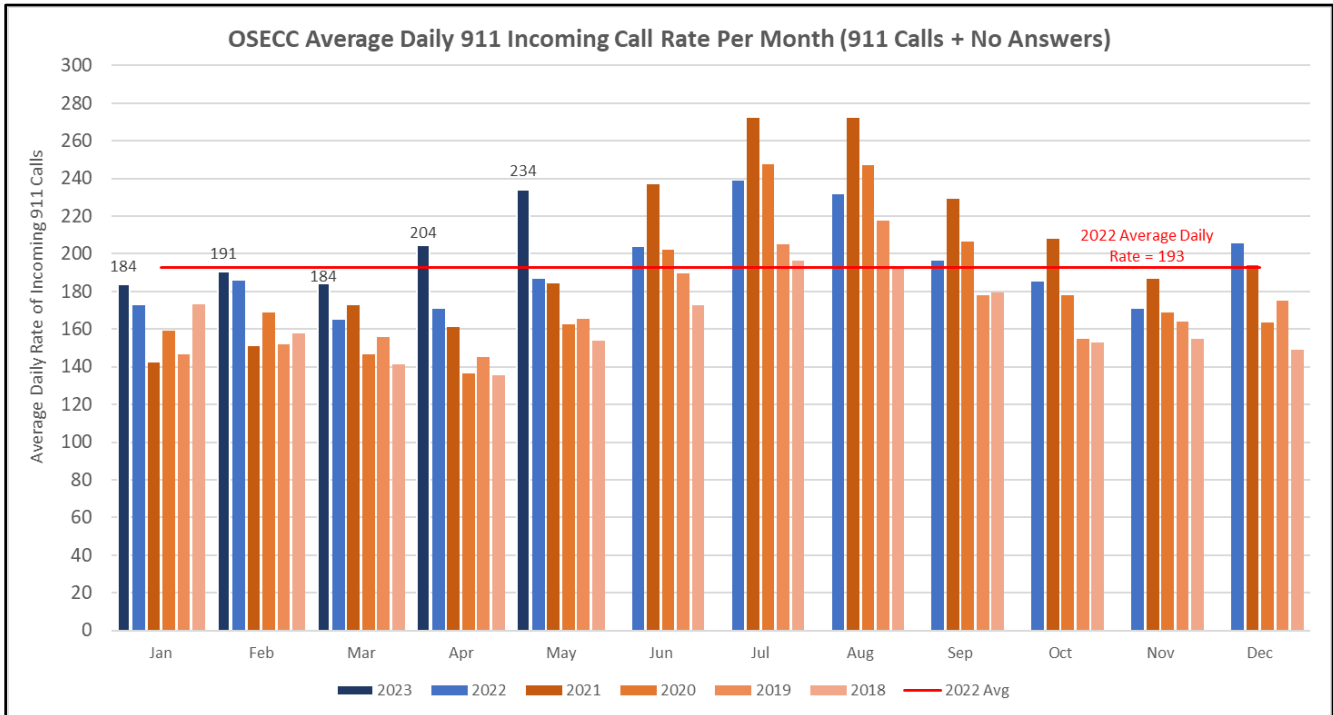
PT Communicator: 

Switchboard Op.: 

	Authorized Positions		Actual People		Hires		Departures (Resignation, Retirement, Discontinued)		Vacancies		Interviews	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
Jan-23	8	17	8	8					0	9		
Feb-23	8	17	8	9		1			0	8		
Mar-23	8	17	8	10		1			0	7		
Apr-23	8	17	7	9			1	1	1	8		17
May-23	8	17	7	13		5		1	1	4		
<b>2023 Year-to-Date</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	--	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>

## 911 CALLS TO OSECC

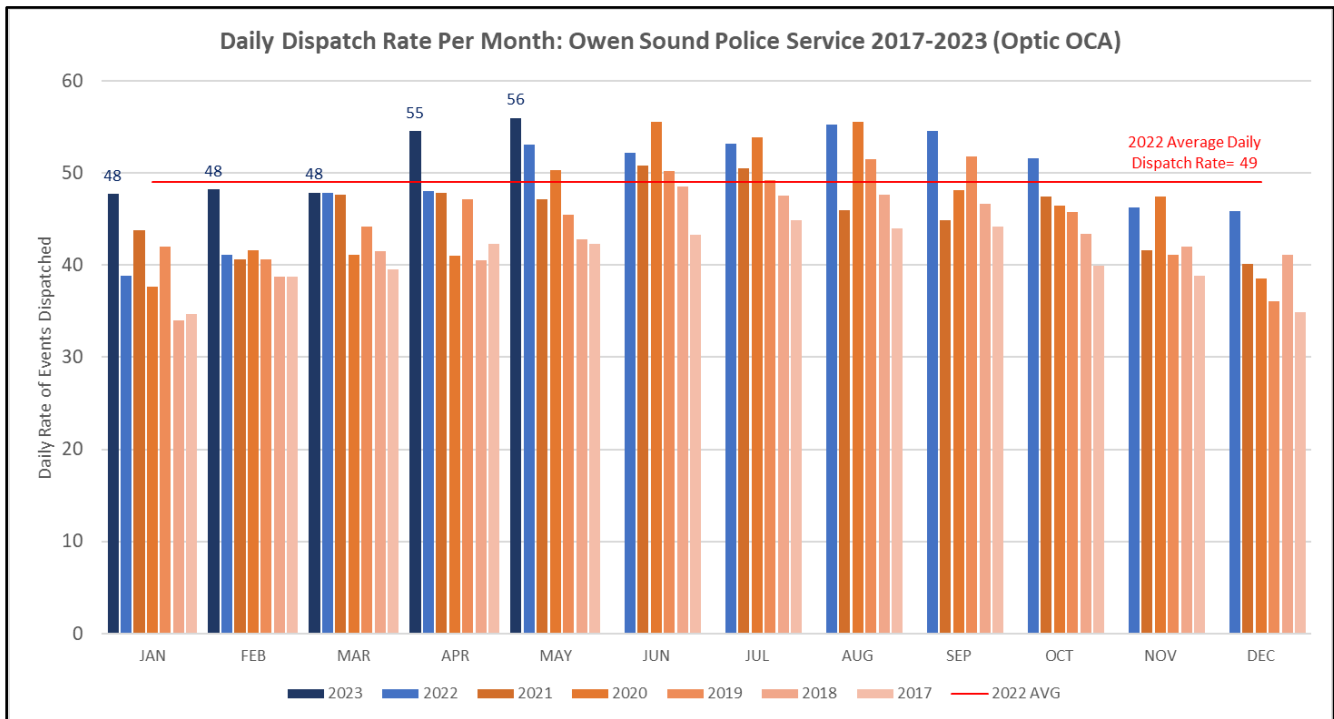
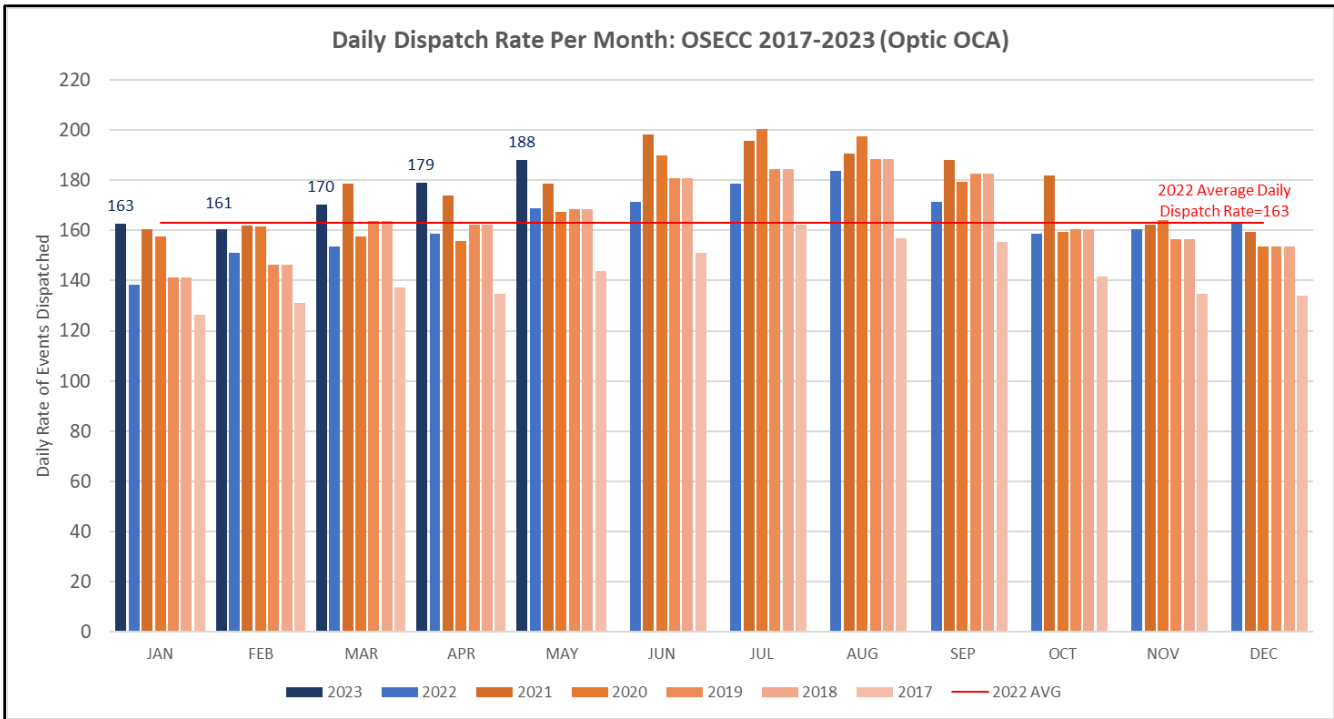
911 Calls		This Month May 2023	Same Month Previous Year May 2022	% Change	Previous Month April 2023	2023 Year-to-Date Jan.1-May.31, 2023	2022 Year-to-Date Jan.1-May.31, 2022	% Change
Source: Bell Flex reports								
All 911 Calls (Number)		7,261	5,784	25.5%	6,132	30,139	26,573	13.4%
Avg Daily Rate		234.2	186.6	25.5%	204.4	199.6	176.0	13.4%
No Answer 911 Calls (Number)		1,074	655	64.0%	934	4,412	3,271	34.9%
Answered 911 Calls (Number)		6,187	5,129	20.6%	5,198	25,727	23,302	10.4%
Avg Daily Rate		199.6	165.5	20.6%	173.3	170.4	154.3	10.4%
Transferred to Secondary PSAP (Number)		4,266	3,658	16.6%	3,658	18,373	16,613	10.6%
Dispatched by OSECC (Number)		1,921	1,471	30.6%	1,540	7,354	6,689	9.9%
Avg Daily Rate		62.0	47.5	30.5%	51.3	48.7	44.3	9.9%



# DISPATCHED CAD EVENTS IN OSECC

CAD Events							
Source: OPTIC's OnCallAnalytics	This Month	Same Month		Previous Month	2023	2022*	
	May 2023	Previous Year	% Change	April 2023	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	% Change
		May 2022			Jan.1-May.31, 2023	Jan.1-May.31, 2022	
<b>All CAD Events in OSECC (Number)</b>	<b>5,831</b>	<b>5,234</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>5,365</b>	<b>26,012</b>	<b>23,276</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	5,349	4,800	11.4%	4,795	23,115	20,594	12.2%
All Fire	473	419	12.9%	494	2,079	1,748	18.9%
Grey County Transport	9	15	-40.0%	76	818	934	-12.4%
OSPS	1,736	1,647	5.4%	1,636	7,688	6,928	11.0%
<b>All CAD Events in OSECC (Avg Daily Rate)</b>	<b>188.1</b>	<b>168.8</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>178.8</b>	<b>172.3</b>	<b>154.1</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	172.5	154.8	11.4%	159.8	153.1	136.4	12.2%
All Fire	15.3	13.5	12.9%	16.5	13.8	11.6	18.9%
Grey County Transport	0.3	0.5	-40.0%	2.5	5.4	6.2	-12.4%
OSPS	56.0	53.1	5.4%	54.5	50.9	45.9	11.0%

\*excludes DrydenPS from Jan&Feb 2022







## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Information Technology (Non-Comm Centre)  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** June 22, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information Purposes

### REPORT:

#### **Grey County Radio System**

During the month of May and parts of June, OSPS IT worked on improvements of the shared Grey County Radio System that it maintains on behalf of the County. Upgrades included network improvements and an additional site in Midland for increased coverage in the Town of Blue Mountains area. This work is completed under a revenue generating contract with the County to administer/maintain their system in co-ordination with original vendor.

#### **Phone System Upgrades**

IT have completed testing of the new phone system for administrative purposes with configurations to allow us to proceed with placing new phones on the desks with no downtime/loss of functionality to clients. New phones will now begun to be installed on desks and preprogrammed for use on migration day to be determined. The new phone system is tied to our NG911 platform and will also allow our staff to have enhanced features on mobile phones and conferencing.

#### **Saugeen Shores Video Recorder**

OSPS was successful in winning a Request for Proposal against several competitors/vendors in providing a reliable and efficient video recording solution for their Police Service. At time of writing, all components have arrived and work is slated to begin very shortly. This work is an additional revenue source for OSPS IT Branch.

#### **Substantial NG911/Dispatch work**

Please see Comm Centre Report for details

**FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):**

Nil currently.

**OPERATIONS PLAN:**

Sustainability Goal 1d) by developing a long-term information technology (IT) plan that anticipates future IT priorities and demands

S 4b) by forecasting long term OSPS budgeting requirements

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Nil

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Christopher Hill, Director of IT

**From:** James Boyle  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2023 5:36 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Festival of Northern Lights - Design

Good Evening Mr Thomson,

The organizer of the Festival of Northern Lights has provided a design for the joint Association-Board light display. Attached is a copy of the design. The following is a more detailed description of the design:

It will be a metal frame with outline in rope light with functioning roof lights, headlights, and front red/blues and a siren. It will be controlled by computer so the lights can be programmed in a sequence of on/off with the siren etc. It will be quite spectacular.

I'm ready to proceed if the design works for you....

As discussed previously the design is free with our commitment to 3 years.

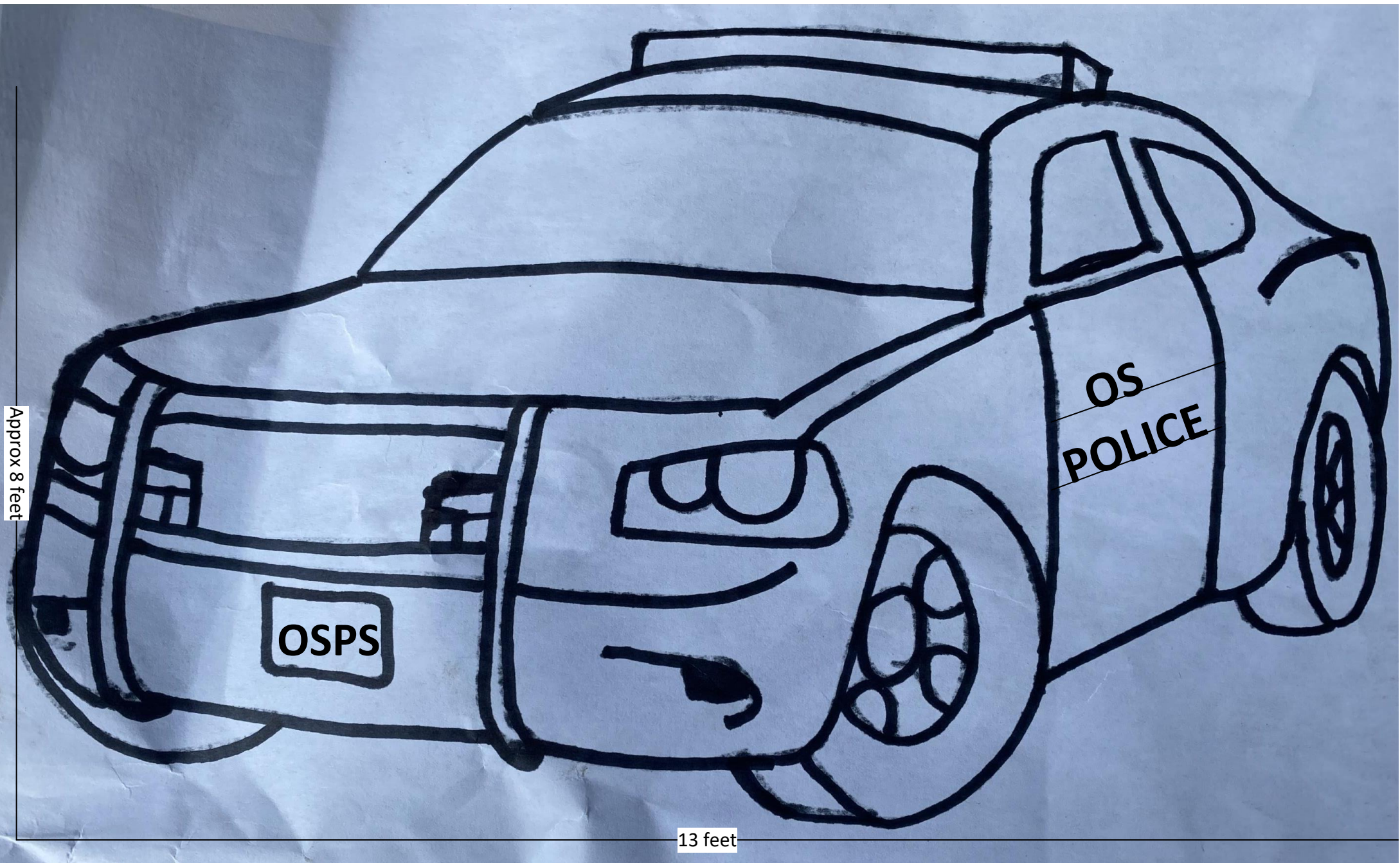
The Association is more than satisfied with the design and the organizer is awaiting final approval. If the Board approves the design then the association will give the organizer the go ahead.

As discussed previously the Association can pay the full sponsorship of \$1000.00 and the Board can reimburse the Association if that is agreeable.

Please let me know me know if you have any concerns or questions.

Kind Regards,

James Boyle  
OSPA President



Approx 8 feet

13 feet



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** New Auxiliary Constables  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** July 5, 2023

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board move to approve and appoint seven new members to the Owen Sound Police Service Auxiliary Unit.

### **REPORT:**

As a result of a recent competition held for Auxiliary Constables, the following persons are the successful candidates and require an appointment to be made by the Board prior to the Ministry approval of the appointment.

The following members successfully completed their training and final exam on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- 1) Jeremy Sanderson
- 2) Megan Bruder
- 3) Nathaniel Dodd
- 4) Logan Porter
- 5) Amber Wilson
- 6) Brayden Rahn
- 7) Jason Helm

I would request that the Board move to approve and appoint these new members as Auxiliary Constables, pending final approval of the Ministry.

### **FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):**

These new members are replacing members of the Auxiliary roster who have exited the Service over the last two years, and will return our Auxiliary to a full complement of 18 active members.

### **OPERATIONS PLAN:**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A

### **SUBMITTED BY:**

D. Bishop Inspector





## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:**        **New Special Constables**

**TO:**             Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

**DATE:**         July 5, 2023

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board move to approve and appoint Jeremy SANDERSON and Kaelan MANNING as Part Time Special Constables for the Owen Sound Police Service.

### **REPORT:**

As a result of a recent competition held for Part Time Special Court Constables, the following persons are the successful candidates and require an appointment to be made by the Board prior to the Ministry approval of the appointment.

The following members are our new Special Constables:

Jeremy SANDERSON

Kaelan MANNING

I would request that the Board move to approve and appoint SANDERSON and MANNING as Special Constables, pending final approval of the Ministry.

### **FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):**

SANDERSON and MANNING are replacing members of the Part Time Special Constable roster who have recently exited the Service.

### **OPERATIONS PLAN:**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A

### **SUBMITTED BY:**

D. Bishop Inspector