



## REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

### PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board commenced at 8:32 am.

#### ROLL CALL

##### PSB MEMBERS:

Mr. K. Gansel, Chair  
Mr. B. Steele, Vice Chair  
Mr. H. D'Angela  
Mr. D. Eke  
Mr. B. Gale  
Mr. K. Gibson  
Ms. T. McKendrick

Ms. D. Reid, Executive Director  
Ms. D. Cichocki, Executive Assistant

##### NRPS MEMBERS:

Chief of Police B. MacCulloch  
Deputy Chief B. Flynn, Operational Support  
Deputy Chief B. Fordy, Support Services  
Ms. W. Shreve, General Counsel  
Superintendent B. Ash, Emergency & Investigative Services  
Superintendent M. Giannico, District Operations  
Superintendent R. Frayne, Operational Support  
Superintendent D. Meade, Executive Services  
Insp. D. Masotti, Executive Officer, Chief of Police  
Mr. G. Holden, Records Manager  
Ms. L. Rullo, Finance Manager  
Ms. S. Sabourin, Media Relations Specialist

#### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**118. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, June 25, 2020.**

Moved by: H. D'Angela  
Seconded by: D. Eke

**That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, June 25, 2020 be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried.**

**119. Minutes of the Public Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday, July 9, 2020.**

Moved by: H. D'Angela  
Seconded by: D. Eke

**That the Minutes of the Public Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday, July 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried.**

**120. Minutes of the Public Information Technology Committee Meeting held Thursday, July 9, 2020.**

Moved by: H. D'Angela  
Seconded by: D. Eke

**That the Minutes of the Public Information Technology Committee Meeting held Thursday, July 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried.**

**REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIR**

**PSB Teleconference Meetings** - Chair Gansel welcomed all participants to the teleconference Board meeting. He advised that during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critically important that the Board is able to continue with its governance and oversight work. Since April, the Board has held its monthly meetings by teleconference and as Niagara moves into Stage 3 of the COVID-19 recovery phase, the Board looks forward to resuming its meetings in-person at the appropriate time. Chair Gansel took the opportunity to thank Chief MacCulloch, his Executive Leadership Team, and the Uniform and Civilian Members of the Niagara Regional Police Service, who have been working under difficult circumstances with rules and processes that are changing daily. He also thanked everyone for joining this meeting: Niagara Region residents, members of the media, and Niagara Regional Police staff for their support and staying connected.

**Tribute to Indigenous Lands** – Although this meeting is taking place on the phone, the Board acknowledges that the land on which the teleconference meeting is held is the traditional territory of First Nations peoples. In particular, the Board recognizes and thanks the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples for their stewardship of these lands over the millennia, as well as the First Nations peoples in Canada for their ongoing and important roles in caretaking of the lands beneath our feet whenever we stand on Turtle Island.

**Police Presentation to Regional Council** – On July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm, Vice-Chair Steele, Member McKendrick and Chief MacCulloch will attend a Special Regional Council Meeting to provide a presentation in response to a request made by Regional Council. The meeting will provide an opportunity for Regional Council and members of the public to hear directly from the Board and Police Service to respond to matters and concerns that have been raised with respect to police accountability, reform, and community safety priorities. Interested participants are able to join the meeting being held virtually on the Niagara Region website at [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)

**K9 Graduation Ceremony** - On July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Service hosted a virtual Canine Graduation Ceremony from the Community Room at Police Headquarters. Chair Gansel attended with Chief MacCulloch to welcome the newest members of the K9 Unit - Constable Robert Viger and Police Service Dog "Ranger" and Constable Dan Campbell and Police Service Dog "Atlas". In keeping with the guidelines of COVID-19 restrictions for social gatherings, there was only a very limited number of attendees at the ceremony; however, the event was live-streamed so that friends, family members and the public could watch the ceremony.

**1 District Facility Project** - On July 24<sup>th</sup>, Chair Gansel and Member Eke will be participating in the virtual Joint Region and Police Facilities Accommodations Steering Committee meeting. There is a full report on the progress made for the 1 District (St. Catharines) facility, which is included on this agenda, listed as Item #122. The Committee is also scheduled to meet on August 25<sup>th</sup> and on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and further updates will be provided as the project advances.

**Upcoming PSB Meetings** - In keeping with meeting schedule practices for Regional Council, local area municipalities and Agencies, Boards and Commissions; as well as other Police Services Boards, there are no Board or Committee meetings scheduled during the month of August. The Board meetings will reconvene in September. The next Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and the next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

## **REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**Continuing COVID-19 Situation** - The Niagara Regional Police Service continues to manage and adapt to the ever-changing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it is having on the Niagara communities. The Government of Ontario has again extended most Emergency Orders currently in force until July 29, 2020 as a result of the enactment of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA). Also, as of July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Government moved many parts of the province to Stage 3 in its framework to recovery plan. Niagara was not included in this Stage 3 easing of restrictions. However on July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Niagara Region will itself enter Stage 3. The introduction of Stage 3 will allow for the easing of various Emergency Order restrictions in place. This will include the permitted increase from a maximum of 10 people at a social gathering to 50 people indoors and 100 people at outdoor settings along with the opening of indoor areas of restaurants, bars, libraries and gyms that will have physical distancing restrictions and requirements in place.

As of July 17, 2020, a new mandatory mask by-law in the City of St. Catharines came into effect. The by-law requires that all persons wear a mask or face covering in enclosed public spaces, and this includes members of the Niagara Regional Police Service. For greater clarity, enclosed public spaces means all, or any portion of a building that is located indoors and where the public is ordinarily invited or permitted access whether or not a fee is charged or a membership is required for entry. As a result of this by-law, there will be signage posted within the 1 District facility in St. Catharines advising members of the public of the mandatory mask requirement as per the by-law. At this time, the NRPS will not be providing masks to members of the public who enter 1 District without one. Since the City of St. Catharines enacted its mask by-law, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has now enacted a similar mask wearing by-law as it pertains to public indoor spaces. The Service will continue to monitor the various mandatory wearing of masks debates within political forums throughout the Region, which is a topic slated for debate by the Regional Council at its July 23, 2020 Council meeting. The Service will adjust accordingly should any further by-laws be enacted.

Life within Niagara Region continues to be far from “normal” and the Province and Public Health authorities continue to stress physical distancing, frequent hand-washing and encouraging people to stay at home when ill. This Service continues to encourage its members to observe these safety measures, both in the workplace, as well as in their personal lives when off-duty. The NRPS Pandemic Business Continuity Committee continues to meet regularly to adapt its methods as needed. A Return to Work Sub-Committee was also created to develop a comprehensive strategy on how to return members safely back to the workplace who have been working remotely from home in the midst of COVID-19. The Service has and continues to be vigilant and methodical in its approach to ensure the safety of all its members. Police staff remain flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances based on a combination of government and public health direction and staff continue to closely monitor what is taking place within the community.

As of July 20, 2020, all sworn members and civilian managers of the Service who were working remotely have returned to the workplace. As of August 17, 2020, the Service will see the return of all identified members who are currently working remotely. Further, all workplaces throughout the Service have been assessed to ensure compliance with physical distancing recommendations and the safety of its members.

Where alterations were identified, those requirements have been/are being put in place prior to the return to work of members. The Service continues to work with stakeholders including all municipalities, the Region and Public Health. Police staff continue to participate in the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to help guide through these evolving times. Included within this cooperation framework, members of the Service continue to assist municipal by-law officers in ensuring the compliance of Emergency Orders through education and in some cases through being present when necessary enforcement action has been taken for offences committed. The Niagara Regional Police Service to date has itself issued five (5) Provincial Offence Notices for failing to comply with Emergency Orders and has received a total of 629 COVID-19 specific calls for service related to EMCPA Emergency Orders.

In terms of calls for service, currently the NRPS is trending at or above pre-pandemic levels. This has been the case for a little over two months. There has been no significant deviation of calls for service in respect of geographical area, as it pertains to any vulnerable group or any serious breaches of the peace related to the pandemic. The Service continues to maintain an adequate supply of personal protection equipment or PPE, including N95 masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and wipes. This supply of PPE's and the supply chains continues to be monitored and assessed to ensure the Service is well positioned for any future possibilities. Since the start of the pandemic back in March of this year, the Service has been able to maintain adequate staffing levels and has not had to cancel any scheduled time off for members. As of this date, the NRPS has not had any confirmed cases of COVID-19 affecting any of its members, which is obviously very good news and a testament its members are adhering to the safety precautions.

In an effort to safeguard and ensure that members have the most current and accurate information, Chief MacCulloch has issued 42 update mass email messages and continues to host virtual Town Hall meetings when necessary as another means to share information and provide an opportunity for members to ask questions related to COVID-19. These updates are forwarded to the Board to ensure its members are made aware of the developments as it pertains to the NRPS operating in the era of COVID-19. Chief MacCulloch stated that all members of the Service, sworn and civilian have done an outstanding job during this unprecedented challenge and he thanked them for their continued dedication and professionalism as they continue to serve the community. Chief MacCulloch reminded that as Niagara Region moves into Stage 3, all individuals must continue to be vigilant in practicing good hygiene, physical distancing and wearing masks when physical distancing is not possible.

**NRPS Evidence Management Unit (EMU) Accreditation** - In Spring of 2018, the Niagara Regional Police Service began the intensive process to be accredited by the International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE). All EMU staff members were trained in accordance with IAPE standards, along with a 16 section checklist that had to be completed in full, with over 800 questions to be addressed. Documentary and photographic evidence of compliance was compiled and forwarded to the IAPE for their consideration.

In February 2020, an on-site accreditation inspection process commenced. Over a one-week period, every facet of EMU operations were scrutinized by the IAPE inspection team. Audits were conducted, the accreditation checklist was reviewed in detail and compliance claims were verified. At the conclusion of the on-site inspection, four (4) areas were identified as 'critical requirements', points to be addressed prior to accreditation being granted. Over the next two months, in addition to their regular duties and in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EMU staff worked diligently to elevate their operations to achieve the required standard.

On June 29, 2020, the IAPE informed that the Niagara Regional Police Service had met the required standard to become the first accredited Police Service in Canada and one of only 12 accredited agencies worldwide. Given the current climate and scrutiny that members and police services across the country face, it is critical that evidence collected throughout the course of an investigation is maintained and stored to the highest of standards of evidence management. As a result of receiving the IAPE accreditation, Niagara's officers, members of the public and the judiciary can have confidence in the professional manner in which evidence at the Niagara Regional Police Service is catalogued, stored and managed throughout the entirety of the investigative and court processes. Chief MacCulloch extended his sincere congratulations to all members of the Evidence Management Unit for their professionalism, dedication and attention to detail.

**K9 Graduation Ceremony** - Further to Chair Gansel's comment on the Canine Graduation Ceremony, Chief MacCulloch recognized the Canine Unit's supervisor, Sergeant Scott Johnstone who is recognized throughout North America as a model in police canine development and deployment. He welcomed Constable Robert Viger, Constable Dan Campbell, Police Service Dog "Ranger" and Police Service Dog "Atlas" to the Unit.

**SIU Case Closure – Incident of December 29, 2019** - On December 29, 2019, a Niagara Regional Police Service officer was flagged down by a citizen who advised that a member of the public had been assaulted at a Tim Horton's located on Welland Avenue in St. Catharines. The suspect, a 32-year-old male, was subsequently located in the area by officers and detained for further investigation. However the victim could not be located and resultantly the suspect was to be released. During his release, he became confrontational and assaulted one of the officers. He was subsequently placed on the ground to affect an arrest for assault police. After the arrest, he complained of leg pain and was transported to the hospital for examination where he was diagnosed with a broken ankle. Given the injury, the SIU was notified and invoked their mandate to investigate. Two officers were designated as Witness Officers and one officer was designated as a Subject Officer. On July 3, 2020, the Service received notification from SIU Director Joseph Martino. In his closure letter he advised that the SIU has concluded their investigation and there are no grounds for criminal charges against any officer. No concerns were expressed by the SIU Director in his notification letter.

#### **Operational Statistics:**

##### *Attempted Homicides*

- *0 for this reporting period with a total of 2 for 2020 to-date compared to year-end totals of 2 in 2019, 7 in 2018, 3 in 2017 and 1 in 2016.*

##### *Homicides*

- *0 for this reporting period with a total of 3 for 2020 to-date compared to year-end totals of 7 in 2019, 2 in 2018, 3 in 2017 and 1 in 2016.*

##### *Life-Threatening Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC)*

- *0 for this reporting period.*

##### *Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC)*

- *5 for this reporting period with a total of 11 for 2020 to-date compared to year-end totals of 13 in 2019, 13 in 2018, 16 in 2017 and 16 in 2016.*

**Fatal MCV - Incident of June 3, 2020** - Police responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Sixteen Road, west of Shaw Road in the Town of West Lincoln. Investigation determined that a 29-year-old male driver was operating a Nissan Maxima at a high rate of speed eastbound on Sixteen Road. Also in the vehicle were two passengers. The driver lost control of the motor vehicle, which entered a field on the north side of the roadway causing the ejection of the driver and one of the passengers. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene. The two passengers were transported to hospital with serious injuries. Both passengers are now out of the hospital recovering at home. The investigation into this matter continues.

**Fatal MVC - Incident of June 7, 2020** - Police responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Stanley Avenue near Livingstone Street in the City of Niagara Falls. Investigation determined that a group of motorcycle riders had been travelling northbound on Stanley Avenue near Livingstone Street when one of the riders lost control of their motorcycle for unknown reasons. The 52-year-old female operator became separated from her motorcycle and struck a sign. She was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased as a result of her injuries. This collision continues to be investigated.

**Fatal MVC - Incident of June 8, 2020** - Police responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision at the Allanburg Bridge in the City of Thorold. Investigation determined that a Jeep Grand Cherokee was being operated eastbound on Regional Road 20 at a high rate of speed when it crossed the centre line and left the roadway from the north side of the road. The vehicle passed through a fence and landed in the Welland Canal.

The 23-year-old male driver was pronounced deceased at the scene, a 28-year-old female passenger survived the collision with minor injuries. Both the vehicle and deceased driver were recovered by the Service's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit. The investigation into this matter continues.

**Fatal MVC – Incident of June 12, 2020** - Police responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision on the North Service Road, near Sann Road in the Town of Lincoln. Investigation determined that a Ford Focus was travelling eastbound on the North Service Road when it travelled onto the south shoulder of the roadway and struck a hydro pole. This collision redirected the vehicle into a chain link fence that separates the QEW and the North Service Road where it came to rest. The 18-year-old female driver was transported to hospital as a precaution, however a 20 year old male passenger was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased at the scene. Speed and alcohol are not considered factors in this collision. The investigation into this matter continues.

**Fatal MVC – Incident of June 20, 2020** - Police responded to a serious injury fatality collision that occurred on Lundy's Lane, west of Beaverdams Road in the City of Niagara Falls. Investigation determined that a 95-year-old female pedestrian was walking across Lundy's Lane northbound. Also at this time, a Mercedes motor vehicle was westbound on Lundy's Lane travelling at a high rate of speed. The pedestrian was struck by the Mercedes that failed to stop. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital by EMS, then to an out of town hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. Further investigation into this matter led to the arrest of the driver of the Mercedes, a 23-year-old male, who has been charged with Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle Causing Death and Failing to Remain at the Scene of an Accident. The investigation into this matter continues.

#### **Enforcement Initiatives:**

**NRPS Investigating St. Catharines Sexual Assault in the Hydro Hill Area – Update 3** - On June 26, 2020, Detectives arrested a male in connection with a violent sexual assault that occurred on June 18, 2020, in the Hydro Hill area of St. Catharines. The 29-year-old male is facing a number of charges including Sexual Assault Causing Bodily Harm, Sexual Assault with a Weapon and Forcible Confinement. The male was also charged in connection with an earlier incident of alleged harassment on June 18, 2020, on Merritt Trail along 12 Mile Creek in St. Catharines.

**Welland Male Facing Numerous Firearms Related Charges** - On June 24, 2020, Welland uniform officers were called to the area of Nelles Road and McNaughton Road in the City of Welland following the report of an armed barricaded male inside a residence. As a result of the information initially received, and out of concern for public safety, the Emergency Task Unit was called for assistance. The situation was de-escalated and the male was taken into custody without incident by officers with the Welland Detective Office. A subsequent search warrant at the home on June 25, 2020, resulted in the seizure of six (6) firearms. A 28-year-old male is facing a number of charges including Uttering Death Threats, Assault with a Weapon and two counts of Careless Storage of a Firearm.

**NRPS Amber Alert Results in Child Being Located Safe and an Arrest in St. Catharines** - At approximately 9:00 am on June 28, 2020, St. Catharines uniform officers were contacted regarding a possible parental abduction. Further investigation by officers with the St. Catharines Detective Office led to concerns regarding the welfare of the 6-year-old child, leading to an Amber Alert. At approximately 1:10 pm, as a direct result of the Amber Alert issued at 12:30 pm, the suspect male and child attended the St. Catharines office of the Niagara Regional Police Service located at 68 Church Street. The suspect surrendered himself to officers and was arrested without incident. The child was safe and uninjured. The 44-year-old male is facing charges in relation to Abduction in Contravention of Custody or Parenting Order and Disobeying Order of the Court.

**Eleven People Arrested in Relation to Drug Investigation in St. Catharines** - In May 2020, members of the Niagara Regional Police Service, Guns, Gangs and Growers Unit and the Opioid Enforcement Unit, began an investigation into a large scale illegal cannabis grow operation in the area of Third Street Louth and Main Street in the City of St. Catharines. The investigation commenced as a result of complaints from members of the public. On June 30, 2020, police executed a search warrant at that address after obtaining authorization from a Justice of the Peace. Police entered the property and immediately observed a well-organized, large-scale cannabis growing operation. Police located 11 persons working and tending to the cannabis plants found within.

Upon searching the property, police found approximately 17,200 plants in various stages of growth. The estimated value of the marijuana is approximately \$34 million. This is the largest marijuana grow operation investigated by the Niagara Regional Police Service. Eleven people were arrested at the scene and charged. Illegal operations such as these pose several concerns and potential issues for the community and nearby residents; including offensive odour and the potential for violence. Should members of the public have questions surrounding cannabis production they can contact the Niagara Regional Police Guns, Gangs and Grows Unit or members of the Provincial Joint Forces Cannabis Enforcement Team.

**Drug Investigation Leads to an Arrest in St. Catharines** - Since March of 2020 members of the Guns, Gangs and Grows Unit and the Opioid Enforcement Unit of the Niagara Regional Police Service have been investigating the sale of cocaine from a St. Catharines residence, in the area of Weiden Street and Linwell Road. The investigation led Detectives to identify a male suspect, which resulted with an arrest on July 16, 2020, through assistance of members of the Emergency Task Unit. As a result, Detectives seized a loaded 40-caliber handgun, additional ammunition for the firearm including hollow point style bullets, powder cocaine, crack cocaine and \$15,840 in currency believed to be the proceeds of drug sales. In addition, a BMW that was part of the drug trafficking operation was seized as offence related property. The controlled substances carry an estimated street value of \$7,365. A 25-year-old male is facing a number of charges including Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, Unauthorized Possession of a Prohibited Firearm and Tampering with Serial Number of a Firearm.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 121. Niagara College – Summary of Police Services Board’s Bursary Fund**  
The Board considered letter dated June 2020 from Erica Walters, Development Officer, Niagara College, providing the Board with a financial summary of the Board’s Bursary Fund for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- 122. NRPS 1 District (St. Catharines) Project Status Report**  
The Board considered memo dated July 6, 2020 from Nicole Menard, Senior Project Manager, Construction, Energy, & Facilities Management, Niagara Region, providing the Board with a Project Status Report on the NRPS 1 District facility for June 2020
- 123. Quarterly Report – Brock University Special Constables – April 1 to June 30, 2020**  
The Board considered report dated July 6, 2020 from Scott Johnstone, Senior Associate Vice President, Infrastructure and Operations, Brock University, providing information relating to the complaints, use of force, discipline and arrests associated to officers designated as Special Constables employed through Brock University Campus Security Services.
- 124. Quarterly Report – Authorized Strength as at July 1, 2020**  
The Board considered Service report dated July 1, 2020 providing a summary of the actual versus authorized strength by rank/salary band of the uniform and civilian complement of the Niagara Regional Police Service.
- 125. Annual Report – Domestic/Family Violence - January 1 to December 31, 2019**  
The Board considered Service report dated July 1, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 336-2013.
- 126. Annual Report – Homicide and Attempted Homicide Investigations - January 1 to December 31, 2019**  
The Board considered Service report dated July 6, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 231-2000.

**127. Annual Report – Response to Emotionally Disturbed, Mental Illness or Developmental Disability - January 1 to December 31, 2019**

The Board considered Service report dated July 8, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 205-2000.

**128. Annual Report – Problem Oriented Policing and Community Patrol - January 1 to December 31, 2019**

The Board considered Service report dated July 9, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-laws 191-2000 and 193-2000.

**129. Annual Report – Victims' Assistance - January 1 to December 31, 2019**

The Board considered Service report dated July 6, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 322-2012.

Moved by: B. Steele  
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the information be received.

**Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**130. Niagara Regional Police Service – 2021 Capital Budget and 9-Year Capital Forecast**

The Board considered Service report dated July 10, 2020 requesting the Board approve the proposed 2021 Police Service Capital Budget and 9-Year Capital Forecast. (A copy of the Chief's PowerPoint presentation is included with the Service report).

Moved by: H. D'Angela  
Seconded by: D. Eke

That, subject to approval by Regional Council of the consolidated Capital Budget, the Niagara Police Services Board approves the following with regards to the 2021 Police Service Capital Budget and Forecast:

1. That the 2021 Capital Budget of the Niagara Regional Police Service of \$8,838,500 as summarized in Appendix 1, be approved.
2. That financing in the amount of \$8,825,000 be initiated upon approval of the 2021 Capital Budget and be allocated to the projects as summarized in Appendix 1. Financing for the 2021 Capital Budget is comprised of transfers from the Police Capital Levy Reserve in the amount of \$1,425,000; from the Vehicles and Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,400,000 and from debenture debt in the amount of \$6,000,000.
3. That the 9-Year Capital Forecast be received as a guideline for the development of future Capital Budgets.

**Carried.**

**131. NRPS 2019 Annual Report – January 1 - December 31, 2019**

The Board considered Service report dated June 24, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 262-2003 providing a "draft" copy of the Niagara Regional Police Service's 2019 Annual Report and further requesting final approval of the 2019 Annual Report.



Moved by: K. Gibson  
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

**That the Board approve the Niagara Regional Police Service's 2019 Annual Report;**

**And further, that the document be posted on the NRPS website and that Regional Council be notified pursuant to Section 32(1) of Ontario Regulation 3/99, the Adequacy & Effectiveness of Police Services, and the Information Sharing Protocol between the Board and the Region.**

**Carried.**

**132. Niagara Region Sexual Violence Advocate Case Review Program – Memorandum of Understanding**

The Board considered Service report dated July 2, 2020 advising the Board of the Service's intention to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the NRPS and the organizations listed as part of the "Niagara Sexual Violence Advocacy Group" to ensure best practice responses to sexual assault reports involving adult suspects.

Moved by: T. McKendrick  
Seconded by: B. Steele

**That the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding respecting the Niagara Region Sexual Violence Advocate Case Review Program between the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre, CARSA Inc.; Centre de Santé Communautaire Hamilton/Niagara; Gillian's Place and Women's Place of South Niagara, collectively known as the "Niagara Sexual Violence Advocacy Group" and the Niagara Regional Police Service;**

**And further, that the Chief of Police be authorized to execute the required documentation.**

**Carried.**

**133. NRPS Records Classification and Retention Schedule**

The Board considered Service report dated July 1, 2020 seeking Board approval for a revised Classification and Retention Schedule, Appendix "A", for Business Activities to Board By-law 291-2009 in compliance with the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Adequacy Standard AI-007.

Moved by: D. Eke  
Seconded by: H. D'Angela

**That the Board approve and append the revised Niagara Regional Police Service's Records Reclassification and Retention Schedule, Appendix "A" for Business Activities to Board By-law 291-2009, as attached to the report.**

**Carried.**

**134. Annual Report – Missing Persons Act**

The Board considered Service report dated July 22, 2020 providing the Board with the Service's Annual Report under Section 8 of the *Missing Persons Act, 2018*.

Moved by: K. Gibson  
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the information be received;

And further, that the report be provided to the Ministry of the Solicitor General and posted on the NRPS website pursuant to Section 8 of the *Missing Persons Act, 2018*.

Carried.

#### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**Ministry of Transportation – Extended Validation Period due to COVID-19** - Member Gale advised receiving inquiries about how police are addressing expired licence plate tags at this time. Chief MacCulloch confirmed that the Ministry of Transportation has extended the validity of government driver, vehicle and carrier products until further notice and that licence plate tags that have surpassed their expiry date continue to remain valid. He also advised that messaging for discretion by officers has been communicated and police will continue to use discretion once the Ministry announces an effective date to ensure everyone is well aware the Ministry's renewal directives. Chief MacCulloch reminded that MTO renewals can be done on-line as well.

#### **IN CAMERA REPORTS**

There were no in-camera reports from the June 25, 2020 Confidential Meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

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Kenneth A.W. Gansel, Chair

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Deb Reid, Executive Director