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**PEEL POLICE SERVICES BOARD
PUBLIC MINUTES
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Public meeting of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Service Board commenced at 10:16 a.m. via ZOOM CONFERENCING.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: A. Attia, Chair
R. Chatha, Vice Chair
N. Iannicca
B. Crombie
A. Boughton
L. Howell

Members Absent: M. Medeiros

Others Present: N. Duraiappah, Chief, Peel Regional Police
M. Andrews, Deputy Chief, Community Policing Operations
N. Milinovich, Deputy Chief, Investigative and Emergency Services
A. Odoardi, Deputy Chief, Innovation and Technology
R. Shearer, Acting Deputy Chief, Corporate Services
M. Ottaway, Superintendent, Executive Officer
S. Wilmot, Legal Services
C.L. Holmes, Director of Finance
B. Mullins, Associate Administrator
B. Ford, Inspector, OIC, Professional Standards
R. Serpe, Executive Director to the Board
L. Perkins, Board Manager
A. Suri, Executive Assistant

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair A. Attia read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL

CHIEF'S UPDATE

Chief N. Duraiappah announced that Peel Regional Police concluded their search for a new Director of Government Relations and Public & Corporate Affairs; this is a newly created position and Mr. Charles Payette was selected as the successful candidate.

Chief N. Duraiappah stated that Sunday, September 26th marks the 44th Canadian Police and Peach Officers Memorial service, this event is a tribute to the lives lost in the police sector across the country.

DC N. Milinovich provided a brief update on recent gun violence in the region. On September 17th, two groups became involved in a disturbance in Mississauga, as a result, gun shots were fired, and one person succumbed to their injuries. An eighteen-year-old Mississauga man has been arrested in relation to this crime. On September 22nd, police responded to reports of gunshots and upon arrival they found a man and woman suffering from gunshot wounds. The man has since succumbed to his injuries and the woman is recovering from her injuries and is expected to survive. The offense is being investigated and the suspects in the case are believed to have fled the area in a gray Hyundai Tucson. Peel Regional Police is asking the public to come forward with any information regarding this case. Also, on September 22, police responded to a calls of gun shots fired in Mississauga, upon arrival, police found a twenty-four-year-old suffering from gunshot wounds. Despite the valiant efforts of first responders, the victim later succumbed to his injuries.

In relation to this gun violence, DC N. Milinovich appealed to the community to come forward with any information they may have to help solve these crimes. He stated that police can be reached directly, or information can be provided anonymously via Crime Stoppers. He stated that gun and gang violence will not be tolerated in our community and investigators will be relentless in their pursuit of holding the people involved in this illegal activity responsible for their crimes. He also stated that police will work closely with the community to do everything they can to prevent gun and gang violence within the community. He further stated that investigators and DC M. Andrews' team are working hard on their gun violence reduction strategy. He stated that despite the recent violence, comparing the number of victims from 2020 with current statistics, gun violence is down by 15%. The number of incidents from 2020 versus 2021, is down by 30%. Comparatively, the number of incidents is down almost 40% since 2019.

B. Crombie stated that despite the recent violence, Mississauga continues to be one of safest cities/regions in Canada and that the recent violence is not random but seems to be targeted attacks. She stated that she has full confidence in Peel Regional Police and commented that they have one of the highest crime solvency rates in the country.

DC N. Milinovich confirmed that two of the incidents were targeted attacks and unrelated to one another.

A. Boughton stated that it would be useful to identify the origin of the seized weapons in violent incidents. Chief N. Duraiappah stated that PRP is already working to identify the origins of seized weapons and that in the last year close to 80% of seized firearms are believed to have U.S. origins. He identified this as a complicated issue as firearms can enter Canada from the US via land, water, rail, transport vehicle, domestic vehicles, and pedestrian traffic.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS and/or ANNOUNCEMENTS - NIL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting held Friday, August 27, 2021.

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held Friday, August 27, 2021 be adopted as read.

Moved by: A. Boughton

Seconded by: B. Crombie

CARRIED 01-09-21

DEPUTATIONS

- 2.1 **Mr. Chezlie Alexander** – The Board considered a written submission from Mr. C. Alexander regarding the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding between Peel Regional Police, the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Peel Police Services Board and the establishment of an Anti-Racism Advisory Panel.

Resolution:

That the deputation be received as information.

Moved by: R. Chatha

Seconded by: N. Iannicca

CARRIED 2.1-09-21

- 2.2 Mr. Idris Orughu** – The Board considered a deputation from Mr. I. Orughu on item #3 Youth Engagement Presentation.

Resolution:

That the deputation be received as information.

Moved by: R. Chatha
Seconded by: N. Iannicca

CARRIED 2.2-09-21

PRESENTATIONS

- 3. Youth Engagement Presentation** – The Board considered a presentation on Youth Engagement and Peel Regional Police by Ms. Annette Power and Ms. Umwali Sauter.

DC M. Andrews stated that as part of the structural reorganization and refocusing of the executive team that took place in 2020, the Chief and executive team consulted internally and externally with the community. As a result, one of the concerns that was identified was police interactions with black youth with regards to the School Resource Officer Program (SRO). In response, PRP acknowledged the concern and began a consulting process in partnership with school boards and community stakeholders that were identified by the school boards and various Chief's advisory committees. A committee was formed with an aim to reimagine police and youth engagement, consultations resulted in the pause and eventual suspension of the SRO program. He thanked the presenters for amplifying the voices of black youth and articulating the challenges and opportunities that exist for the community.

Chair A. Attia requested a detailed high-level report on the specifics of the community consultations so the Board can better understand how this information can be translated into meaningful and systemic change.

Chief N. Duraiappah stated that there will be a follow up report to the Board in the future with updates on the progress of youth engagement with PRP.

Resolution:

That the presentation be received as information.

Moved by: N. Iannicca
Seconded by: B. Crombie

CARRIED 03-09-21

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Engine Replacement and Refurbishment of Marine 1** - The Board considered a report dated September 1, 2021 from A/DC R. Shearer, Corporate Services Command, providing the Board with the request for approval of a sole source procurement to replace and refurbish the equipment of Marine 1.

Resolution:

That the Police Services Board (PSB) approve a Sole Source Procurement with Hike Marine of Leamington Ontario to replace the engines, refurbish the hull and helm and upgrade the equipment and electronics of Marine 1. This is required to provide our emergency service on Lake Ontario.

And further, that approval be granted to the Procurement Director to increase the contract if the actual cost exceed the estimates, based on available budget.

Moved by: N. Iannicca
Seconded by: A. Boughton

CARRIED 04-09-21

5. **Body Worn Camera Status Report** – The Board considered a report dated September 7, 2021 from Deputy Chief A. Odoardi, Innovation & Technology Command, providing the Board with the status report for body worn cameras for the period of September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021.

DC A. Odoardi reported that the Body Worn Camera policy is now online and available on the PRP website for the public to view, read and comment on.

Resolution:

That the information be received.

Moved by: R. Chatha
Seconded by: B. Crombie

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ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board public portion of the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



A. Attia, Chair



R. Serpe, Executive Director