

Minutes of the Altona Police Board public meeting held on Thursday, June 25th, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. in the Altona Civic Centre Council Chambers.

Present were: Chair Adam Mace, Vice Chair Don Radford, Harv Schroeder, Carol Penner, Archie Heinrichs, Chief Perry Batchelor  
Regrets: N/A

1. Call to order at 12:07 p.m. and approval of the agenda

Additions:

- 5.1 Plum Coulee Contract
- 5.2 Next Meeting Dates

**MOTION: Archie Heinrichs – moved – Harv Schroeder – seconded** – that the agenda be approved as presented with above noted additions.

**CARRIED.**

2. Approval of the minutes

2.1 Minutes – January 15, 2020

**MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Carol Penner – seconded** – that the minutes of January 15, 2020, be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

3. Chair's Report

3.1 Chair Adam Mace reported that a meeting was held with Andrew Minor; no additional information at this time.

4. Police Chief

4.1 Monthly Reports – January to May 2020

Chief Perry Batchelor reviewed monthly reports from January to May. The meetings were not held due to Covid-19 restrictions thus a higher number of monthly reports to go over.

Chief Batchelor reported that the number of files has decreased over the months but the work load has increased for officers.

Chief Batchelor also reported on an apartment fire that displaced 23 individuals from their homes. Additionally, we have seen an increase of trailer thefts in the last few months.

Budget is reported to be on track, with some of the most recent expenditures being to update all computers to Windows 10 and to replace HVAC.

Chief Batchelor also reported that the training for members has been on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**MOTION: Archie Heinrichs – moved – Don Radford – seconded** – the approval of the monthly reports as presented.

**CARRIED.**

#### 4.2 Covid-19 Report

Altona Police Service has adapted to the evolving changes involving Covid-19 pandemic. All members have been issued personal protective equipment. We have also increased the frequency of sanitization of our work surfaces and vehicles. We currently also have a good supply of N95 masks and gloves. The front office had closed for a period of time in middle of March and we are now open but have installed a lock and doorbell that is now being monitored by members. We are currently only assisting one person at a time or one household.

Chief Batchelor further advised that we have a mutual aid agreement with Winkler and Morden Police Services, in an event that Altona Police Service is short staffed, they would assist.

Chief Batchelor also participated in weekly teleconference meetings with the Province, which included public health members, other police agencies, among others. Weekly reports were also submitted to Manitoba Justice on any Covid-19 occurrences.

Altona Police Service has seen good compliance through warnings for public health orders. We continue to put messages out there for safe practices; such as our superhero and Disney murals on the outside of the building and through our social media.

Members of the Altona Police Service did not miss any work due to Covid-19.

Lastly, all the receipts related to expenditures around Covid-19 have been saved and will be presented if there was to be any reimbursements at a later date.

#### 4.3 Cannabis Funding

Chief Perry Batchelor reported that we are still expecting to receive \$12,000, which we used for training and to purchase testing instrument.

#### 4.4 2020 POCG Update

Due to some recent staffing changes to Criminal Property Forfeiture, the responses have been delayed but will be forthcoming in the near future.

Altona Police Service has applied for a grant to purchase pistols to replace 40 cal. currently issued to members, along with an armoured response vehicle jointly applied for by Altona, Winkler and Morden Police Services for the RSTT team to transport equipment and for safe retrieval of hostages, if necessary.

#### 4.5 Chief Commendations

The event was held on the afternoon of July 12<sup>th</sup>, with over 30 individuals in attendance, including dignitaries and families of officers receiving awards. The ceremony took place in Rhineland Pioneer Centre. Corporal Tarnick received a 20-year service award and Constable Dueck received a 5-year service award. Constable Legal, Giesbrecht, Saindon and former Constable Wiebe all received Chief's Commendations.

#### 4.6 Body Worn Cameras

Altona Police Service is currently negotiating a subscription based trial with a Company that would enable officers to use their Android devices for recording interactions with the public. As an officer's phone is readily available to them, this would save costs in investing additional pieces of equipment to be worn on their person. Additional details to follow.

### 5. New Business

#### 5.1 Plum Coulee Contract

The contract is due to expire in year 2021 and will need to be put back on radar for any future discussions.

#### 5.2 Next Public Meeting Dates

September 24, 2020 at 12:00 pm

November 26, 2020 at 12:00 pm

**MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Carol Penner – seconded** – that the next public meetings to be held as noted.

**CARRIED.**

Closed meeting on November 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm

**MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Archie Heinrichs – seconded** – that the closed meeting be held on date mentioned.

**CARRIED.**

**Adjournment** at 1:09 pm

**MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Don Radford – seconded** – that the meeting be adjourned and next meeting, both public and closed, be held on dates specified.