

Minutes of the Altona Police Board public meeting held on Thursday, November 26th, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. over Zoom.

Present were: Chair Adam Mace, Harv Schroeder, Carol Penner, Archie Heinrichs, Chief Perry Batchelor

Regrets: N/A

1. Call to order at 4:34 p.m. and approval of the agenda

Additions:

5.1 PSA Review Recommendations

MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Carol Penner – seconded – that the agenda be approved as presented with above noted additions.

CARRIED.

2. Approval of the minutes

2.1 Minutes – September 24, 2020

MOTION: Carol Penner – moved – Harv Schroeder – seconded – that the minutes of September 24, 2020, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Chair`s Report

3.1 Board Member Recruitment

Chair Adam Mace reported there hasn't been any applications submitted for the position on the Board. Current Board Members have been encouraged to submit their recommendations to the Chair. Individuals applying will need to have a significant interest within Town of Altona, such as a residence or a business. Deadline to apply is November 30th, 2020.

4. Police Chief

4.1 Monthly Reports – September to October 2020

Chief Perry Batchelor reviewed monthly reports from September to October and reported that the work load is still constant. APS Members dealt with some drug-related files and we are continuing to see a

steady flow of Covid-19 related files as well, in one case where a fine of \$1296 was imposed, for being outside of the Public Health order.

4.2 Covid-19 Report

Altona Police Service continues to be tasked with Covid-19 checks to ensure compliance of the Health Orders. Chief Batchelor identified that there is a gap under PhIA, preventing Members access to sensitive information.

Chief Batchelor also reported that currently there have been 2 Members who tested positive for Covid who have since recovered, with an additional Member awaiting results. The Service was able to carry on with the workload with some overtime. Members continue to be dedicated to their work and the communities.

4.3 Update Council Presentation

Chief Batchelor reported that he met with Council to present on two topics; future of policing in Plum Coulee and body-worn cameras. He discussed the pros and cons of several options for policing in Plum Coulee, one being that APS could police the RM in its entirety. A meeting to further discuss some of these details with the Province is taking place on Friday, November 27th, with details to follow. As for body-worn cameras, the presentation was well-received and believed to be a beneficial tool of APS Members.

4.4 Police Budget to Council

Chief Batchelor reported that a 2% salary increase was anticipated but was approved at 0.5%.

MOTION: Carol Penner – moved – Archie Heinrichs – seconded – the approval of the monthly reports as presented.

CARRIED.

5. New Business

5.1 PSA Review Recommendations

Chief Batchelor highlighted 14 recommendations that would apply to the Police Board, in the latest PSA Review Recommendations document. Chief Batchelor advised that if any of these recommendations were to be implemented, it would take a couple of years.

Additionally, the Board agreed that the PSA review should be a permanent agenda item.

Adjournment at 5:16 pm

MOTION: Harv Schroeder – moved – Carol Penner – seconded – that the meeting be adjourned and next meeting be held on dates specified.