

Minutes of the Altona Police Board public meeting held virtually on Thursday, September 16th, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom

Present were: Chief Perry Batchelor, Chair Adam Mace, Harv Schroeder, Archie Heinrichs, Jeff Peters, Audrey Schmidt

1. Call to order at 12:04 p.m. and approval of the agenda

Additions:

- 3.1 Chair's report – discussions with Andrew Minor
- 5.1 Plum Coulee Contract Update
- 5.2 Resignation of Chair

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

CARRIED.

2. Approval of the minutes

2.1 Minutes – June 17th, 2021

MOTION: Archie Heinrichs – moved – Jeff Peters – seconded – that the minutes of June 17th, 2021, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Chair's Report

3.1 Chair's Report

Chair Adam Mace reported that the end-of-year report has been submitted to the Province and there were no concerns with any items contained within the report. Further, Chair Mace advised that we still don't have a Provincial appointee joining the Police Board but Andrew Minor will work on that.

4. Police Chief

4.1 Monthly Reports: June-August 2021

Chief Batchelor reported that the Service is still busy dealing with calls for service in relation to Covid and expects an increase of calls as we head in to a 4th wave. The Members have made

attempts to educate the public in terms of Public Health orders and we are now under direction to enforce the same.

Chief Batchelor further reported that fraud is on the rise, along with theft and mental health calls.

Chief Batchelor is pleased to see that our Community is mostly doing well in terms of following the Public Health Orders.

4.2 Cst. Dueck Resignation/New Hire

Constable A. Dueck has resigned from the Service and Chief Batchelor reported that we have started a round of hiring. He further reported that the number of applications submitted is lower than previous competitions and contributes that directly to Covid. The competition has now closed and Chief Batchelor reports there have been a few strong candidates.

Chief Batchelor further reported that Altona Police Service was able to sell some of its equipment to Winkler Police Service as the uniform and it's components are very similar, aside from the patches.

MOTION: Archie Heinrichs – moved – Audrey Schmidt – seconded – the approval of Chief's reports as presented.

CARRIED.

5. New Business

5.1 Plum Coulee Contract

Harv Schroeder reported that the contract with Plum Coulee expires at the end of this year and, although not confirmed, contract would be signed for an additional year.

5.2 Resignation of Chair

Chair Adam Mace announced that he is stepping down as Chair of the Police Board and today's meeting would be his last.

MOTION: Official resignation of Chair Adam Mace – tendered and accepted by all Board Members.

MOTION: Adam Mace – moved – Harv Schroeder – seconded – that Audrey Schmidt be named as the new Police Board Chair.

Audrey Schmidt confirmed that her name can stand.

MOTION: Audrey Schmidt unanimously voted as the interim Chair of the Police Board; awaiting final approval by Council.

CARRIED.

Next Police Board Meeting to be held on November 4th, 2021, at noon.
To be determined if it will be in-person or via Zoom

Adjournment at 12:46 pm

MOTION: Archie Heinrichs – moved – Audrey Schmidt – seconded – that the meeting be adjourned and next meeting be held on dates specified.