

**SAINT JOHN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
OPEN SESSION – MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.
WEBEX MEETING**

PRESENT

Commissioners

Edward Keyes, Chair
Douglas Jones, Vice Chair
Michael Costello, Secretary
Gary Sullivan
Maik White
Katelin Dean
Tamara Kelly

Staff

Chief Stephan Drolet
Deputy Chief Tony Hayes
Craig Lavigne, Asst. Comptroller Finance, CSJ
Doug Evans, Legal Counsel
Daphne Waye, Recording Secretary

Media

Nathalie Sturgeon, Brunswick News
Brad Perry, CHSJ / Wave News

1. Call to Order

The Chair welcomed everyone to the February 9, 2021 Open Session meeting and called the meeting to order. The Chair mentioned that this meeting would be Chief Drolet's last before leaving the Saint John Police Force, and he thanked him very much for his dedicated service and wished him all the best in the future.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.01 Minutes of January 12, 2021

On motion of Commissioner Dean
Seconded by Commissioner Sullivan

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Open Session meetings of the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners, be approved. (O2102-01)

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

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3. Adoption of Agenda – February 9, 2021

On motion of Commissioner Kelly
Seconded by Commissioner Dean

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the February 9, 2021 meeting of the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners be adopted. (O2102-02)

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

4.01 There were no members in conflict of interest with any item on the Agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

5.01 There were no items on the February 9, 2021 Consent Agenda.

6. Delegations and Presentations

6.01 Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Team (iMCR) – Chief Stephan Drolet

Chief Drolet mentioned that Dr. Mary Ann Campbell and Sue Haley presented the Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Team (iMCR) to the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners on October 6, 2020.

At the January 12, 2021 Open Session meeting, Commissioner Sullivan asked the Chief how things were working out, and Chief Drolet responded that Dr. Campbell would be invited to attend the next meeting to provide an update.

Chief Drolet went through the slides, and there was a question period following the presentation and he mentioned that the board should invite Dr. Campbell back in three months for a more in-depth view on what is going on.

Vice Chair Jones commented that since COVID-19 there has been a huge demand on mental health issues in general and maybe it is coincidental but it is good timing that they have this team in place as they may not have been gathering the statistics before the iMCR was in place and it is great timing and is a good news story for the team, the Chief and the Citizens they serve as the demand is escalating.

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*Mobile Crisis Response Team
presentation to the SJBPC*

February 9th, 2021



Mobile Crisis Response Team

Background

- Partnership between Horizon Health and Saint John Police Force
- The pilot project has been funded and staffed for 3 years.
- The M.C.R.T. was first deployed operationally on October 19th, 2020. The team is on duty 7 days a week from 1100-2300 hours.
- MCRT Members:
 - Gail Luft, R.N. Kendra Fudge R.N. Eric Henderson R.N.
 - Constable Mary Gellatly Constable Emily Hobbs



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Statistical data for 2020

- October 19th to October 31st
 - 65 calls for service
 - November 2020
 - 227 calls for service
 - December 2020
 - 228 calls for service
 - January 2021
 - 248 calls for service
- Since it's inception 874 calls for services were received from the Mobile Crisis Response Team

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Mobile Crisis Response Team

M.C.R.T. 2020 highlights

- iMCRT received a call dispatched from Police for an on-site assessment. Upon arrival the homeless individual reported to have a history of mental illness and felt that homelessness was contributing to his overall mental decline. iMCRT Nursing staff provided an on-site mental health assessment. No immediate safety concerns were identified. Following the assessment, the individual was agreeable to problem solving strategies by connecting with community Addiction & Mental Health Services as well as re-engaging with Outflow Men's Shelter for immediate support.

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M.C.R.T. 2020 highlights

- iMCRT received a call dispatched from Police for an on-site assessment. Upon on-site arrival the individual was witnessed to be tearful, avoiding eye contact while their friend was expressing fears that self-harm was a possibility. Nursing staff from iMCRT provided an on-site mental health assessment (exploring mood, safety risks, medication use etc..). The individual was responsive to this dialogue and began discussing various options to achieve and maintain positive motivation in her life (social engagement, hobbies she enjoyed but had not engaged in for months, physical exercise etc...) among other things.

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7. Consideration of issues Separated from Consent Agenda

7.01 There were no issues separated from the Consent Agenda.

8. General Correspondence

8.01 Internal Monthly Report / November and December 2020

Chief Drolet reported that during the months of November and December 2020 there were two (2) complaints, one (1) complimentary correspondence and zero (0) grievances. He mentioned that the total numbers for the year were eleven (11) complaints, thirty-three (33) complimentary correspondences and zero (0) grievances.

8.02 Internal Monthly Report / January 2021

Chief Drolet reported that during the month of January 2021 there were zero (0) complaints, two (2) complimentary correspondences and zero (0) grievances.

8.03 Highlights of Monthly Activity Report

Due to the significant IT cyber-attack on the City of Saint John the report was unavailable.

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8.04 Police Commission Budget Financial Results

Due to the significant IT cyber-attack on the City of Saint John the report was unavailable.

8.05 Overview of SJPF Financial Results

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8.06 Overview of PSCC Financial Results

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On motion of Vice Chair Jones
Seconded by Secretary Costello

RESOLVED, that Items 8.01 to 8.06 be received and filed. (O2102-02)

Question being taken, the motion was carried.

Chief Drolet stated that this was one of the most rewarding and challenging years of his policing career. He wanted to thank the members of the Saint John Police force as they welcomed him with open arms and with his new ideas. He stated that the City of Saint John is a great community and he wished that he could have stayed longer. He has a lot of respect for the member of the SJPF and for the people who live and work here and thanked the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners for their support for all that they have accomplished together.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Chair Edward W. Keyes, Q.C.

Vice Chair Douglas Jones