

**MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Midland Police Services Board, held Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 11:00 a.m. (in the Midland Council Chambers), 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland, Ontario.**

ATTENDANCE: Chair G. Dixon, S. Strathearn, M. Ross, Chief M. Osborne, S. Cozac (Recording Secretary).

REGRETS: Nil.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Dixon at 11:22 a.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation to past Midland Police Services Board Chair Kathy Willis in honour of her public service on the Board. ó Deferred pending arrival of Ms. Willis.

Chief Osborne presented The Police Exemplary Service Medal to Sergeant Carolynn Patton and Constable Tracy Dunning in recognition of their 20 years of loyal and exemplary service to law enforcement in Canada, and congratulations were extended.

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

MOVED by S. Strathearn to approve the Regular meeting agenda as presented.

SECONDED by M. Ross.

VOTE ó Carried.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST ó Nil.

5. TABLING OF IN-CAMERA AGENDA:

Deferred to Item No. 19.

6. The In-camera meeting was deferred to follow the public portion of the meeting ó Item No. 20.

7. Reconvening of public portion ó Deferred to Item No. 21.

8. In-camera meeting report ó Deferred to item No. 22.

9. PRESENTATIONS ó Refer to Item No. 2.

10. DEPUTATIONS ó Nil.

11. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

In order to more accurately reflect what was stated, it was agreed to amend the wording of the last sentence in the draft minutes of the meeting held January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Item No. 17 ó New Business (Board Agenda & Information Package to Website), to state óthat consideration will be given to this at a future meetingö.

MOVED by M. Ross to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, as amended.

SECONDED by S. Strathearn.

VOTE - Carried

MOVED by M. Ross to adopt the minutes of the öSpecialö meeting held February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, as presented.

SECONDED by S. Strathearn.

VOTE ó Carried.

12. BUSINESS ARISING:

Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

MOVED by S. Strathearn to adopt the minutes of the meeting held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, with the provision that he was not in attendance at that meeting as he was not yet a member of the Board.

SECONDED by M. Ross.

VOTE ó Carried.

Striking of a Board Negotiating Committee

MOVED by S. Strathearn that the Board's Negotiating Committee to establish the 2015 Collective Agreements consists of S. Strathearn and G. Dixon.

SECONDED by M. Ross.

VOTE ó Carried.

Deferred Presentation:

Chief Osborne presented a plaque to Kathy Willis, past Chair of the Midland Police Services Board, in honour of her four plus year tenure on the Board. She provided comments in relation to her time on the Board, and commended the Service, its members, and the Board. The Board extended their thanks and appreciation.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE:

INFORMATION RECEIVED:

The Board reviewed the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Statistical Report of Midland Police Services Board for the Reporting Year 2014. ó Received as information and filed.

NOTICES RECEIVED:

Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) Annual Conference, Ottawa Westin Hotel, May 11-13, 2015. ó File.

Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting, Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre, May 27-30, 2015. Chair Dixon, M. Ross and S. Strathearn indicated that they would be attending the conference. S. Cozac is to make the necessary arrangements.

## 14. CHIEF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Chief's Department Report for the month of January 2015, as presented. Chief Osborne provided highlights of his report, and indicated that there is a downward trend in the statistics over all, and that there has essentially been a downward trend since 2011.

Chief Osborne explained his concerns over the reduction in funding by the Ministry of the Attorney General to support local victim services, which has a significant impact to our local organization, Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Service (VCARS). The *Police Services Act* mandates victim services as the responsibility of the municipality and he has concerns as to whether VCARS will be in a position to continue to provide the service. If they are unable to, then the municipality would be responsible for providing the service in some other way. He explained that he sits on the VCARS Board and is currently involved in consultations with various other stakeholders, and will keep the Board apprised. A suggestion was made to have VCARS provide a presentation to Council and Chief Osborne advised that he would have VCARS reach out to Council to set something up.

(Chief's Department Report for the month of January 2015, is attached to these minutes and inserted in the Midland Police Service Website [www.police.midland.on.ca](http://www.police.midland.on.ca) óFrom the Chief's Desk.)

## 15. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasury Report ó 2014 to end of December 2014

The Board reviewed the Treasury Report to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 (not final).

The overage in the legal fees line this year, which is related to unpredictable circumstances, was discussed and it was suggested that the Board have future

conversations with the Town on perhaps establishing a reserve account to offset legal fees.

Chief Osborne addressed his concerns regarding the background check revenue, which has continued to drop, and the lack of control over how it negatively impacts the budget and a discussion followed. A suggestion was made that perhaps the Board could have a discussion with the Town in the future to determine whether there is a better approach to deal with this.

Cheque Register

MOVED by S. Strathearn that the Cheque Register for the month of January 2015, be approved as distributed.

SECONDED by M. Ross.

VOTE ó Carried.

Remuneration

MOVED by M. Ross that the Remuneration report for the Midland Police Services Board for the month of January 2015, be approved as distributed.

SECONDED by S. Strathearn.

VOTE ó Carried.

National Bank of Canada Police Accounts:

MOVED by M. Ross to adopt Police Property Account and Police Auction Account reports as presented.

SECONDED by S. Strathearn.

VOTE ó Carried.

16. MIDLAND POLICE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE ADDRESS THE BOARD:

No members from the Midland Police Association Executive in attendance at this meeting.

17. NEW BUSINESS ó Nil.

18. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

In the absence of the two Provincial Appointeeø and due to scheduling conflicts, the Board will be unable to reach quorum for the next meeting date of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015; therefore, it was agreed that subject to the pending appointments, the March meeting be deferred to Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

19. TABLING OF IN-CAMERA AGENDA:

Item No. 4 ó Adoption of Minutes

Adoption of minutes of In-camera meetings held January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Item No. 5 ó Business Arising

Adoption of Minutes of In-camera meeting held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Personnel Matter.

20. MOVED to adjourn to the In-camera session made by S. Strathearn at 12:33 p.m.

SECONDED by M. Ross.

VOTE ó Carried.

21. PUBLIC MEETING RECONVENED at 1:10 p.m.

22. IN-CAMERA MEETING REPORT:

The Board met in-camera to adopt the minutes of three previous in-camera sessions; and, the Board has heard from the Chief on a personnel matter and after consideration, the Board has given direction to the Chief and to the Board Chair to proceed in the matter, as proposed.

23. MOVED to adjourn made by M. Ross.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:13 p.m.



George Dixon  
Chair

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015