



...from the April 9th, 2018 meeting

Randy Wilson, Acting Chair

Given the death of board chair Roger Anderson, the Board's governing bylaw states that the Vice Chair will become the Acting Chair of the Board. Randy Wilson will serve as the Acting Chair until the board elections in January 2019.

It is expected that Regional Council will be appointing a replacement member to the Police Services Board in the near future. Once that takes place, the Board will hold an election for the now vacant Vice Chair position.

At the beginning of today's meeting, a minute of silence was held in memory of Anderson, who died on March 24, 2018. Acting Chair Wilson acknowledged the importance of Chair Anderson's contributions to the board.

Chief Paul Martin praised Anderson, saying "his dedication and commitment to public safety were evident throughout his life, from the time he served with us as a police constable to his many years on our Board."

Collection of Identifying Information

After one year of the new street check regulations, Durham Regional Police yielded similar results as other large police services.

In 2017, a total of 14 people (all males) were stopped in 12 street checks incidents in Durham Region. Of the 14, identifying information was collected from 13 of them. Six of the males were white, two were black and the race of six others was unknown. Of the 12 street check incidents, six took place in Oshawa, two in Ajax and single incidents took place in Clarington, Scugog, Uxbridge and Whitby. Of the 14 individuals involved, two were between the ages of 25 to 29, one was between the ages of 35 to 39 and one was between the ages of 45 to 49. The age of the other 10 is unknown.



Moment of Silence: Members of the Police Services Board held a moment of silence in memory of Roger Anderson, former Chair of the Board who recently died after a lengthy illness.

Of the 12 instances, seven did not comply with the limitations on collections set out in the regulation, so that data will be secured in a restricted database. That means the information will remain unavailable to officers unless permission is granted by the Chief or his designate.

The staff report indicated that the implementation of the regulation has been a challenge for police services across Ontario. Although police officers interact with many citizens every day, very few of these interactions fall within the parameters of the regulations.

A summary report will be included in the 2017 Annual Report of the DRPS, which will be published in June.

The staff report indicated the training and scheduling cost to the DRPS for preparing for the regulation was \$264,400.

Body-worn Camera Update

Training for front-line officers is well underway as the service prepares for the June 14, 2018 start of its body-worn camera pilot project. A report from A/Sgt. Jason Bagg said each officer that will be assigned a camera will receive 28 hours of training before launch begins.

The DRPS has signed a zero-cost contract for the provision of the devices, video management software and data storage with Axon Public Safety Canada. A Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed with Dr. Alana Saulnier of Lakehead University to assist with the evaluation of the pilot project after the one-year time period concludes.

Officers from West Division (Pickering and Ajax) and from Regional Traffic Enforcement will be using the cameras. The pilot project is designed to see if the cameras provide value to the police, partner agencies and the community. Key areas include the accuracy and quality of evidence collection, transparency and trust with the community, and enhancing accountability for both officers and the citizens they serve.

Detailed operating policies are being finalized. The basic rules are that the cameras will be turned on prior to the arrival by an officer at a call for service. Once activated, the officer would record a brief audible statement indicating the BWC has been activated, will advise the person being investigated that they are being recorded and will also advise other police personnel and emergency service workers at the scene that the camera is on and they also be recorded.

Kudos to Front-line Officers

During an update from Chief Paul Martin, the numerous major incidents that occurred in March 2018 were discussed, including a triple homicide in Ajax. Members of the Board praised front-line officers for their professional and compassionate responses to these significant, and often tragic, instances.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., Regional HQ (Council Chambers), 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario. ■