

**Minutes of the R.M. of Victoria Beach-Police Board (“the Board”)  
Public Meeting held on Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was held virtually due to the rise in COVID 19 numbers. Members of the public could attend the meeting virtually if requested. No requests were received.

Members of the Board in attendance: Mike Bartmanovich, Andrew Smith, Tim Flook, Elizabeth Murray

Also in attendance: Interim Chief Constable Stewart MacPherson

**Welcome and Introduction of Board Members**

As Chair of the Board, Ms. Murray called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum of the Board.

Tim Flook was introduced as a new member of the Board.

**Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022 Meeting**

**Motion:** Mr. Smith motioned to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2022 as circulated prior to the meeting. Mr. Bartmanovich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Mr. Flook motioned to approve the Agenda as circulated prior to the meeting. Mr. Bartmanovich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Report from the Board**

Ms Murray reported the following activity since the public meeting on January 11, 2022:

- 1) On January 31, 2022, Chief Constable Birkett and Patrol Sergeant Boehm resigned from their positions with the Victoria Beach Police Service effective April 1.
- 2) Stewart MacPherson has been hired as Interim Chief Constable.
- 3) In order to assist in our search for a new Chief Constable, Council has approved an increase in salaries for our police service and has agreed to provide housing for our Chief Constable and second full time constable if required.
- 4) The search for a new Chief Constable began in early March. The Board is now in the final stages of the selection process.
- 5) The Board has also been in regular with Mr. Bartmanovich in his role as the Councillor assigned to organizing the Community Safety Officer Program for the municipality.
- 6) We anticipate that we will have a total of three police officers for the summer months: the Chief Constable, a second year round full time constable and a summer constable.

## **Report from Interim Chief Constable MacPherson**

Interim Chief Constable MacPherson reported as follows:

- 1) it has been fairly quiet since he took over as the Interim Chief Constable.
- 2) drugs, particularly crystal meth, are prevalent in the municipality and the situation must be monitored closely.

3) there have been no break-ins have been reported in the municipality in recent months and he has not noticed anything on his rounds to indicate the possibility of break-ins. There was a report of a break-in in Traverse Bay.

### **July 2022 Meeting**

The next public meeting of the Victoria Beach Police Board will be Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Details of the time and location of the meeting to be determined.

### **Termination of Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Elizabeth Murray  
Chair of the Victoria Beach Police Board