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Coming up at 2:30 it's this month's Guelph Police Service's Board meeting. This is what's on the agenda:



MEETING PREVIEW: Guelph Police Services Board for March 21, 2024

Get ready for an info dump at this month's Guelph Police Services Board meeting. In the aftermath of what turned out to be a not-very busy St. Patrick's Day weekend despite all the pre-...

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Chair McSherry has called the meeting to order.

Declarations of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act? Nope.

Coming out of closed session, a motion to approve \$1,000 from the community account to Torchlight and \$5,000 to the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition. That's approved!

Consent agenda. Looks like no one wants to pull anything, so that's approved!

PART 1 - CONSENT

Items on the Consent Agenda can be approved in one motion. Prior to the motion being voted on, a member of the Board may request that an item be moved to the Discussion Agenda.

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| 7.1 | Board Correspondence Report | Information |
| 7.2 | 2023 Access to Information Report | Information |
| 7.3 | ViCLAS/Major Case Management – 2023 Annual Report | Information |
| 7.4 | Missing Persons Act, 2023 – Annual Report | Information |
| 7.5 | Public Sector Salary Disclosure for 2023 | Information |
| 7.6 | Professional Standards 2023 Year End Report | Information |
| 7.7 | Member Appointments | Decision |

That leaves Chief's monthly report. Cobey begins by noting that last week was the 11th anniversary of the passing of Cst. Jennifer Kovach while on duty. He says her legacy of service and sacrifice will always be remembered and the board takes moment of silence.

Cobey has update on some initiatives. First, the transition from reactionary to proactive posture, and they're starting to implement those changes. He says that GPS wants to hear from residents, even if you think the matter is too small for the police.

Cobey says one key area is the commitment to increase support downtown with an extra officer and a CMHA clinician. Those positions are staffed, and they're already receiving positive feedback. Police is committed to supporting downtown.

Cobey also thanks community for participation in info night on operations centre and are grateful for the feedback. They're also implementing co-management strategy to have more timely and effective calls for service.

Next, Cobey wants to talk about the \$5 million drug bust last week. He wants to acknowledge the work of investigators b/c this is long, dangerous work. He thanks everyone involved in the bust.

Also, Cobey wants the community to be mindful of the trends, seizures like this would have been unheard of a short time ago, and now they're regularly seizing illegal guns; 14 so far in 2024. Wants community know they're working hard to implement all they've talked about.

Cobey notes that there were 5 homicides in Guelph last year, which is unprecedented. These are the types of things that police are trying to implement measures to stop. Again, if community members have concerns about criminal activity, call them. See something, say something, etc

Cobey says they won't get their overnight, but they're making good progress with new investments.

Cllr Allt says its alarming to hear about the number of guns, it's a meter for the board to determine level of crimes against people. Cobey notes crime severity index numbers come out later this spring, so that will give board an idea.

Deputy Chief Gill notes the ties with these sorts of crimes to organised crimes and the idea of that presence in Guelph makes him nervous.

Cobey talks St. Patrick's Day: A plan was in place, it was responsibly managed and he thanks the community for how smooth it went.

New business? None.

Due to some training, it looks like we won't get a Police Board meeting again till May. As for this meeting...



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