



## Central Saanich Police Service

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# CENTRAL SAANICH POLICE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 4:30pm  
Central Saanich Council Chambers

## PRESENT:

A/Board Chair:

Renee Johansson

## REGRETS:

## Board Members:

Mike McKay  
Mark Roman  
John Wilson  
Jim Rondeau  
Sarah Riddell

## Chief Constable:

Ian Lawson

## Deputy Chief:

Kevin Hackett

## Police Board Admin:

Emmalee Gray

## Guest:

S/Sgt. Smallwood

## 1. STANDING ITEMS

### a. Territorial Land Acknowledgment

We gratefully acknowledge that the ancestral land on which we work are within the traditional territories of the WSÁNEĆ peoples: WJOLÉLP (Tsartlip), BOKEĆEN (Pauquachin), SxÁUTW (Tsawout), WSIKEM (Tseycum) and MÁLEXET (Malahat) Nations.

### b. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

### c. Approval: Regular Meeting Agenda of February 13, 2025

06.25

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*That the agenda be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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### d. Approval: Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2025

07.25

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*That the minutes of the Police Board Meeting held January 9, 2025 be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### e. General Service Update

Chief Lawson updated the Board on the development of a new Police facility with three potential building sites. The Chief has met with the architects to determine the needs of the Service.

The Chief advised of diminishing service levels from Integrated Units (RDVU, MYST and IMCRT) without joint management teams or MOUs. The Area Chiefs are now in review of the MOUs of other integrated units.

Police Camp will occur again this year in March with Cst. Gentile as a Team Leader. Response to this event was very well received with over 200 applicants for 50-60 spots.

Cpl. Bryant has raised \$11,000 for Wounded Warriors in his fund raising efforts.

At this time, the Service has received 25 applicants for a new recruit for a May intake. A professional recruitment video is currently being developed and filming will begin in early spring 2025.

The CSPS boat is being shipped to Richmond for pick up, the Service hopes to have it in the water in the Spring.

GGVAF funding is currently being secured for 2025.

Board Member Riddell asked about the potential increased funding for the MYST integrated, Chief Lawson advised that funding/cost was not the only reason for the Service's departure from the unit. He had not heard anything about federal funding for the unit.

Deputy Chief Hackett presented the monthly stats.

### f. Financial Update

No updates at this time. The next update will likely be expected in April. The CFO, Troy Ziegler, has left his post with Central Saanich and the position is currently vacant.



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### g. Policy Review

The Chief presented the Social Media policy for the Board's review. The group engaged in discussion regarding the process of Policy development versus procedures. S/Sgt. Smallwood updated the Board on the history of the Service's Social Media use, and the present day partnership with the District of Central Saanich Communications department.

- 08.25            **MOVED AND SECONDED**  
*That the Board receives and approves the Social Media policy as presented, with the addition of "contractors and volunteers" to section 2 Scope.*  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 09.25            **MOVED AND SECONDED**  
*That the Chief prepare a briefing note of the purpose of future policy reviews including background.*  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### h. Committee Reporting

The Governance Committee would like to propose that the planned ongoing learning for Board members take place after the regular monthly meeting. There is 4-6 hours of training prepared.

The Board discussed the commitments to existing Committees.

Board Member Joanne Taylor has stepped down from the Board.

### i. EComm Update

Deputy Chief Hackett presented an official letter from EComm detailing their independent review.

### j. Board Vote – Board Chair and Vice Chair

- 10.25            **MOVED AND SECONDED**  
*That the Board elect Rene Johansson as Board Chair and John Wilson as Vice Chair for a term of two years.*  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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### 2. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. MYST Federal Funding

Covered under General Service Update

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

### 4. CLOSED MEETING

Meeting closed at 5:57pm.

#### 11.25 CLOSED POLICE BOARD MEETING

1. *That the Board convene a closed meeting that excludes the public pursuant to the following sub sections of Section 69 of the Police Act, Section 69 (2)(c) - A matter concerning labour contract discussions, labour management relations, layoffs or another personnel matter.*
2. *That the Board continue the In- Camera Meeting in closed session.*

Recess at 6:26pm

### ADJOURNMENT

11.25

#### MOVED AND SECONDED

*That the Meeting be recessed.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2025.

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RENEE JOHANSSON  
CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Emmalee Gray", written over a horizontal line.

EMMALEE GRAY  
RECORDING SECRETARY