

COBOURG POLICE SERVICES BOARD



Opening Remarks, October 20, 2020

Welcome to the Cobourg Police Services Board Meeting.

September has been a busy month for everyone. As families worked to get back to a new routine, members of the Cobourg Police Service focused on keeping community school zones safe through education and enforcement with a Back to School Blitz. September also saw another successful Walk a Mile campaign. Cobourg Police Service brought awareness to the vital work of Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre through virtual participation in the Walk a Mile and also participation in Orange Shirt day; Cobourg Police Service wore orange to remember survivors and their families of Canada's Indigenous residential school system and promote reconciliation.

As part of our continued commitment to excellence in policing, Cobourg Police Service members participated in a number of training and development opportunities, partnering with other Services and partner organizations locally and around Ontario. Specifically, CPS actively participated in Use of Force training, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design certification training, which educates homeowners and businesses on how to harden their homes and reduce the opportunity for theft and break-ins, Major Incident Command Scribe training, and presentations from the Crown Attorney's Office and Rebound Child and Youth Services on updates to important programs and services. The Cobourg Police Services Board supports the continued expansion of these types of initiatives for all our members.

The V13 Policetech Accelerator continues to drive innovation and entrepreneurship to improve community safety. Throughout the pandemic, collective efforts among Northumberland Community Futures

Development Corporation, Cobourg Police Service

and the V13 Policetech Accelerator maintains a focus on the development and implementation of innovative policing technologies and best practices for community safety. Many exciting projects are in the works. ThermaScans' technology has been installed in the cell block, helping to ensure that individuals at the time of booking are triaged appropriately, preventing further community transmission and protecting the justice system beyond the walls of the Cobourg Police Service.

As we head into the fall season, the Cobourg Police Services Board will be busy setting our goals and objectives in the form of our 2021 annual budget. This budget will focus on key objectives that are consistent with our current Strategic Plan or Business Plan as the Police Act refers to it as. In the budget we will be focusing on 4 areas as the plan refers to. Number one, *A Safe and Secure Community*. Using our tiered policing model, we are able to deploy our personnel in a more efficient manner to focus on criminal activities such as drug enforcement. With our Controlled Drug and Substances Act Search Warrants, we strive to keep these dangerous drugs off our streets. Number two, *A Supportive and healthy Workplace*. Our employees are our best asset. The Cobourg Police Services Board believes that all of its members should have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. By building a diverse police service, and creating an inclusive environment for all members, the Cobourg Police Service can champion the values of equality, diversity and social inclusion. Number three, *Community Engagement and Partnerships*. As we continue to engage our community with Town Hall Meetings and Coffee with Chief, etc., we will gain important feedback through these interactions. As far as partnerships are concerned, the Cobourg Police Service is very fortunate to have a number of valuable partners to help us serve our collective community. Rebound Child & Youth Services, Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre, Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation, and Northumberland Hills Hospital, just to mention a few. And Number 4, *Service Quality & Value*. By focusing on this, we will maintain public trust and satisfaction by delivering quality policing services.

Finally, thank you to our front line members who continue to do tremendous work in the community under this pandemic and all its uncertainties. With shorter days and cooling weather upon us, we wish everyone a safe and healthy month.

Dean Pepper

Chair, Cobourg Police Services Board

