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Coming up at 2:30 pm, it's the January edition of the Guelph Police Board meeting. Here's what's on the agenda:



MEETING PREVIEW: Guelph Police Services Board for January 19, 2023

The Guelph Police Services Board will get together this Thursday for the first meeting of 2023; most of the items are pretty straightforward and will be remanded to the consent agenda. In terms of ...

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Chair McSherry opens the meeting with a moment of silence in honour of OPP Const. Grzegorz Pierzchala and former City Councillor Bob Bell.

No Declarations of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. No business from under the closed session.

Motion to approve the agenda passes unanimously.

Motion to approve the consent agenda passes unanimously.

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.

6.1	Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 2022	Decision
6.2	Human Resources Report – Member Appointments	Decision
6.3	Budget Signing Authorities	Information
6.4	Acting Chief and Deputy Chief of Police appointment	Information
6.5	Professional Standards Q4 Report (2022)	Information
6.6	Board Correspondence Report	Information
6.7	Microsoft Office M365 Licensing Contract Award	Information

6.8	Membership Renewals for 2023	Decision
6.8.1	Zone 5 and Ontario Association of Police Services Boards	Decision

Next, the appointment of chair and vice chair. Member Armstrong moves that McSherry appointed chair, Allt seconds and McSherry accepts. No other noms, so McSherry is unanimously voted chair for the board.

Vice-chair? Guthrie nominates Armstrong, and Allt seconds. Armstrong accepts the nomination, and there are no others. Armstrong is unanimously voted vice-chair.

Next, Chief Cobey will present his monthly report. He begins by thanking the board for acknowledging the passing of Const. Pierzchala and applauds the call of the premiers to reform the bail system saying the members have the right to be protected from violent people.

Cobey adds that it's important to note that addressing the root causes of crime is equally important and that the justice system is one piece of a the greater systems of society.

Cobey says that the board and community will get several updates in the next several months as 2022 data comes in. Last year, GPS responded to 77,933 calls - 5,000 more than the previous year.

He says people think about the work police do while in uniform, but police also do a lot of community work in off hours. Police officers helped raise \$185k+ for various community endeavours, including the annual Children's Foundation campaign.

No further updates from the chief.

Allt asks Cobey says the Chief's stats is about 400 calls per member of the service, will there be a break down of what kind of calls they're responding to? Cobey says in the annual report, they'll break down the calls to a "granule level" so stay tuned.

No new business. Next meeting is Thursday February 16 at 2:30 pm. But more now...



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