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Coming up at 2:30 pm, it's the May Guelph Police Services Board meeting. This what's on the agenda:



**MEETING PREVIEW: Guelph Police Services Board for May 18, 2023**

This month at the Guelph Police Services Board, it's about the money. Between the usual reports about correspondences and promotions and Chief Gord Cobey's monthly insights, the other n...

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Open meeting is underway.

Guthrie and Allt just put forward a motion to allocate some money to community causes\* including Special Olympics. That came out of closed session, and it's passed unanimously.

\*Missed the groups and the amount due to a tech glitch.

Consent agenda passed unanimously.

7.1	Human Resources Report – Member Appointments	Decision
7.2	Property and Surplus Goods (Auction) Annual Report	Information
7.3	Board Correspondence Report	Information
7.4	Budget Signing Authorities	Information
7.5	Budget Calendar Report	Information

Chief Cobey's monthly report. He notes that on May 7 members of the GPS attended the annual service for fallen officers in Toronto. Also notes that today was the day of OPP Sgt Eric Mueller's funeral.

Cobey notes that there have been 10 police officers across Canada that have died in the line of duty in recent months, or, as he put it, died while they were on the job.

For background:



Cobey says that we have to remember that police officers are human beings doing difficult jobs. They're always there to support citizens when no one else is and often navigating tragic circumstances. It's collective responsibility to make sure they have resources they need.

Next, Cobey notes that hundreds came to the police open house last Saturday, part of police week. Cobey says it was great to be able to welcome people to police HQ after years of not being able to.

Also, on the downtown staff initiative, Cobey says in April alone there were 130 proactive dedicated patrols, a 90% increase from 2022. In the first 2 weeks of May there have been 85 (they vary in length). Since April 20, there's only been one day where there were no cops DT.

Cobey says there have been a lot of positive feedback having more visible police downtown, which he admits is anecdotal. They're now developing a survey for residents and business downtown about the initiative.

Mayor Guthrie asks Cobey to repeat the numbers for May. May patrols went up 254% for the first two weeks versus last year.

Guthrie says he has never heard more people and businesses downtown more thrilled to see the proactive patrol of police. He says it's been a major change in atmosphere.

To wrap up, Cobey says that they're continuing to develop strategy out of the KPMG review, and those will start coming back to the board at next month's meeting.

Guthrie asks if there have been any data in terms of arrests and charges from the increased patrols. Cobey says he doesn't have that info on hand right now, but says again the primary role is proactive engagement.

New Business? None.

That's the end of the meeting, but before I wrap up the thread there are a couple of things to catch up on...

1) The Operating and Capital Budget Q1 Quarterly Variance Report. There were no questions stemming from the report, and it was taken for information. As of March 31, the Service has spent 27.4% of the full budget, which is slightly above the quarterly target of 25%.

That's owed mainly to the timing of purchases. Total salaries and benefits, the biggest portion of the budget, is presently under budget at 22.3%. This is owed to banked overtime and vacancies including 2 officer and 10 full-time equivalency positions in the civilian side.

2) That resolution at the top of the meeting.

Motion to allocate \$500 to Michael House and \$1,000 to Special Olympics.

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