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Coming up at 2:30 pm, it's this month's Guelph Police Services Board meeting. This is what's on the agenda: <https://guelphpolitico.ca/2024/05/14/meeting-preview-guelph-police-services-board-for-may-16-2024/>

If someone from @GuelphPolice is monitoring there's no sound on the YouTube feed for the board meeting. Tried on 3 different devices.

@GuelphPolice I think they're aware of the sound issue. Looks like they're working on it.

@GuelphPolice Okay. Sound on!

@GuelphPolice Closed session resolution: \$1,500 to sponsor a couple of charity gold tournaments. That's approved.

@GuelphPolice First, up a presentation. Inspector Andrew Goody will present what results that the service has seen so far in terms of the additional support they've offered downtown.

@GuelphPolice Strategies they've deployed downtown (some are new, others are mods):  
-2 members from every platoon in zone 4 (that's downtown), 1 to zone 9  
-14 FT resources, plus IMPACT worker. Can have up to 5 DT on any given day.

@GuelphPolice Zone 9 is the very core of downtown, and officers are able to be both reactive and proactive in their tasks. A lot is about building community contacts, over 1,000 in the last month and nearly half in zone 4 alone.

@GuelphPolice 2 DT officers have done 190 alone since Jan 1. They meet regularly with agencies to be proactive on community concerns and they're even using the new ebooks. IMPACT has 320 total visits downtown (w police and otherwise)

@GuelphPolice 85 are community connections, and the IMPACT worker refers them to other agencies. 20 incidents were diverted so that means less time at the hospital for everyone.

@GuelphPolice Questions? Cobey notes that there were about 2,300 total community contacts last year. Goody says that's right, and for 2024 there's already been 1,167. The program is working because it's freeing up time for officers to be more proactive.

@GuelphPolice Cllr Allt says that there are other agencies downtown that working to improve things downtown, but given the numbers DT is not getting preferential service levels. Cobey says that's right, but they want to enhance proactive engagements across city too.

@GuelphPolice Goody agrees, and it shows the benefits with service effectiveness when a sector is staffed properly. Without that, the workload is increased and available officers get pulled in more different directions.

@GuelphPolice Consent agenda approved, but Member Sharma asks to pull 2023 Annual Suspect Apprehension Pursuit (SAP) Report.

@GuelphPolice On this item, Cobey turns to Sgt. Howe to talk about this, especially in the realm of public safety. Howe says they mold training to the legislation, and this week did they had their last police vehicle operation training session, which emphasises not getting into a chase.

@GuelphPolice How notes that the vast majority of pursuits are called off for public safety, but they do have to be trained for all eventualities. Officers are also checking in during a pursuit to make sure that they're thinking safety first.

@GuelphPolice Vice-Chair Armstrong asks about training based on other services. Howe says there's a training networking group that provides best practices and they learn from each other.

@GuelphPolice Next, Operating and Capital Budget Q1 Quarterly Variance Report. Cobey says that there are a number of areas they're monitoring, incl. overtime. There were a lot of special investigations last year, including 4 homicides. There's a strain on budget and emotional resources.

@GuelphPolice Cobey says this is why they're looking to increase help in specialised areas in year 3 and 4 of their plan. A million dollars of overtime is not sustainable on a number of levels. Having said that Q1 is all green.

@GuelphPolice No questions from the board, so we go right into the chief's monthly report.

@GuelphPolice Cobey notes that it's Police Week, and part of that is giving insight into not only what police do but who they are. Hence the release of this video:



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/I0-JO86u0WU>

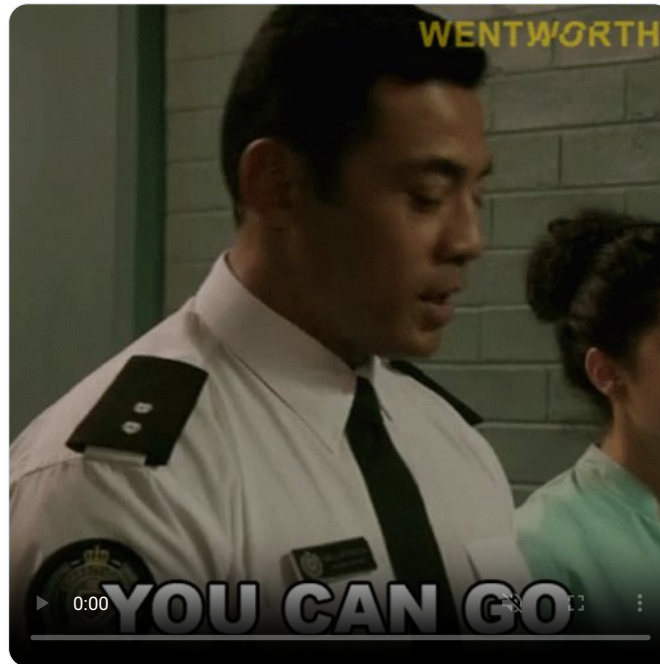
@GuelphPolice Cobey comes back after the video. He notes 75-80 members were involved in the creation of the video, and they look forward to using this for quite some time. He credits the media relations officer Scott Tracey for making it happen.

@GuelphPolice On Police Week, we says important to recognise officers and their families and to thank the community. They've come along way in last five years, and will looking to refine things over the next five years.

@GuelphPolice McSherry thanks Cobey and everyone, he calls the video powerful. He asks about how many people are helped by Project: Lifesaver, which is featured in the vid. Cobey says victims services a big part of it, and they're embedded at HQ.

@GuelphPolice Number of people helped? 45 people register in Guelph/Wellington, it's older tech but highly successful.

@GuelphPolice New business? None.  
Next meeting is June 20, but for now...



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