



Kingston Police

Public Agenda Recommendation Report

To: Kingston Police Service Board

From: Lillian Murdock, Acting Deputy Chief

Subject: Kingston Police Awards Ceremony & Board Commendations of Merit

Date: July 11, 2024

Recommendation:

That the Kingston Police Service Board pass a motion issuing a Board Commendation of Merit in accordance with section 2(c) of Appendix D of the Board Policy Manual to Shanna Stas, Acting Staff Sergeant Clement Nesanayagam, Constable Valerie Hurding, Sergeant James Veltman, and Detective Constables Stacey Alarie, Stephen Rines, Alain Lapierre, Adam Slate, Brian Hanwell, Andrew Wilby, and Jonathan Cerutti.

Summary:

On June 19, 2024, the Kingston Police hosted the annual Kingston Police Awards Ceremony. This event recognized the achievements and milestones of Kingston Police officers, civilians, and community members from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023. The ceremony took place in Memorial Hall at City Hall and was attended by approximately 200 guests.

The event began with an opening by our local Town Crier, Chris Whyman, followed by an honourees march led by the Kingston Police Honour Guard and Kingston Police Pipe Major, John McKay. Chief Fraser officially welcomed everyone, and opening remarks were provided by Jarrod Stearns, Chair of the Police Service Board, and Gary Oosterhoff, Deputy Mayor of the City of Kingston. TJ Romaniuk and Matt Price served as Masters of Ceremony, Brianne Lanigan prepared a slideshow, Constable Ash Gutheinz assisted with presentations, and Constable Yves Grenier served as the official photographer.

Recently retired members Staff Sergeant Keith Hill, Sergeant Chris Bracken, Constable Derek Frawley, Constable Darren Lund, and Special Constable Mark Badger were presented with their retirement badge and gift.

Civilian Service Recognition Awards were given to Shanna Stas and Kevin Weir for their dedicated 20 years of service to the Kingston Police. Although Richard Harnden could not attend the ceremony, he was also recognized for 20 years of service.

The Police Exemplary Service Medal, established in 1983 as part of the Canadian honours system, recognizes men and women committed to ensuring public safety in Canada through long and distinguished service. This prestigious award was presented to several of our members. To qualify for this medal, police officers must have completed 20 years of exemplary service with one or more recognized Canadian police agencies. Additionally, officers are acknowledged with a bar for each subsequent 10-year period of service.

Retired Constable Darren Lund received his first bar for 30 years of service. Officers marking 20 years of exemplary service included Acting Inspector Jeff Thompson, Staff Sergeant Cameron Gough, Sergeants Trevor Bethune, Jonas Bonham, Tim Closs, Nadine Legare, Acting Sergeant Graedon Schaule, and Constables Trevor Huffman, Jeffery Huddleston, Alain Lapierre, and Greg Smith. Additionally, Sergeants Jason Alblas, Mark Peterson and Constables Zane Brillinger, Kelly Fawcett, Nancy McDonald, and Paul Robb who could not attend, received their medals at a later time.

Community members were honoured with Kingston Police Commendations of Merit for having performed especially noteworthy acts. Officers or civilian employees nominate members of the community for their assistance or involvement in police calls for service or in our commitment to working with, and in the community to identify and solve problems. This year, 4 incidents were recognized that involved 8 community members. Recipients included James O'Reilly, Chris Neely, Sammi Kerr, Jack Gillis, Kalieb Hayes-Steele, Ashley Feenstra, Lucas Mulder and Kimberly Fitzsimmons.

Since the enactment of the Commendations Policy in 1991, the Kingston Police Service Board has recognized members for meritorious service which goes beyond the norm. In 2014, procedures were amended to present all Commendation recipients with a Certificate of Merit at the Annual Awards Ceremony. We were pleased to present 34 such certificates that evening that represented 11 incidents. Recipients included Acting Staff Sergeant Clement Nesanayagam, Detective Sergeant Jim Veltman, Sergeant Trevor Bethune, Detective Constables Stacey Alarie, Adam Slate, Stephen Rines, Alain Lapierre, Brian Hanwell, Andrew Wilby, Jonathan Cerutti, Anthony Hampton, Dan Attwood, Matt Murphy, Constables Rob Bernardino, James Droppo, Jesse Hearon, Joseph Callery, Logan Rose, Valerie Hurding, Heather Young, Ashley Jackson, Josh Brimble, Phil Mahaffy, Kelsey Collins, Rachel Daggitt, Special Constables Kevin Weir,

Julie Tolles, Michael Scott, Chris Nadeau, John Knight, Ademir Alfaro-Quintanilla, Chad Mandigo, Casey Sands and civilian Shanna Stas.

During our review of nominations for merit awards, a few events emerged as particularly deserving of recognition by the Kingston Police Service Board:

1. Shanna Stas, in recognition of her dedication and commitment to creating a fulsome Communications Operator training curriculum;
2. Acting Staff Sergeant Clement Nesanayagam and Constable Valerie Hurding, in recognition of their dedication and commitment in the logistical planning and execution of the inaugural Kingston Police Community Fair; and
3. Detective Sergeant James Veltman, and Detective Constables Stacey Alarie, Stephen Rines, Alain Lapierre, Adam Slate, Brian Hanwell, Andrew Wilby, and Jonathan Cerutti, in recognition of their exceptional investigative abilities and overall police work in the Sex Assault Unit in 2022 and 2023.

Contact:

Lillian Murdock, Acting Deputy Chief

613-549-4660 ext. 2213