

# Chatsworth Police Services Board

August 21, 2003

## MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board was held on the above date.

**Present:** Chairman Bill Coke, Vice-Chairman Bob Elliot, PSB Member Howard Greig, Inspector Mark Van Landuyt, Officer Bill Heerschap Operations Manager of the Grey County O.P.P., Municipal Contract Policing - Western Region Headquarters Sgt. Rick Sinnamon and Secretary Grace Nayler.

### Call to Order

### Adoption of Previous Minutes

*Moved by Howard Greig*

*Seconded by Bob Elliot*

*THAT the Chatsworth PSB minutes of June 26, 2003 be accepted as presented. Carried*

### Disclosure of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest

### Presentations/Delegations

### Financial Report:

#### July 2003 Vouchers

*Moved by Howard Greig*

*Seconded by Bob Elliot*

*THAT the vouchers in the amount of \$392.50 be approved. Carried.*

### Information Correspondence:

*Moved by Howard Greig*

*Seconded by Bob Elliot*

*That the Board congratulates Inspector Mark Van Landuyt on his new appointment as Commander of the Grey County O.P.P. Detachment. Carried.*

**Information Items:** a) OAPSB Newsletter, Item b) OAPSB membership highlights, Item c) OAPSB Zone 5 information and e) Chatsworth PSB letter were noted and filed.

The Board enquired if the transfer of the Gun Control Program from the Department of Justice Canada to the Solicitor General of Canada would impact the O.P.P. with further costs once the transfer of this program occurred. Inspector Van Landuyt felt that no further impact of costs would be shifted to the O.P.P.

Item d) Western Regional Headquarters Flow Chart was noted and filed.

**Item f) E-mail from Inspector Van Landuyt regarding Bike patrol fundraising brought forward a discussion on the financing of bikes. The Board was informed that Inspector Van Landuyt has the opportunity to purchase these expensive bikes from the R.C.M.P. for a significantly reduced price. Chairman, Bill Coke is going to approach the Chatsworth Legion for funding toward the bikes. The benefits of the bike program were highlighted informing the Board of the ability to reach the Community (especially the youth), covering larger areas more quickly than on foot, and that in some circumstances will provide access for the O.P.P. force that would otherwise be difficult or not possible.**

**Item g) Joint Police Services Board meeting – it was decided that all members are to attend the meeting on September 15, 2003 and that the secretary inform Lynn Silverton of the members attendance.**

**Item h) June and July 2003 Grey County OPP Report**

**Inspector Van Landuyt explained that Pages 1 to 3 of the report itemized Extraordinary Calls for service by municipality. This is not the regular Reporting format. Inspector Van Landuyt felt that for this reporting period, the format should reflect the impact that occurs that leaves areas vulnerable of the Department's ability to deliver services when resources are called to a certain geographical area due to severe incident calls.**

**Inspector Van Landuyt reported that there were two incidents in which investigations were mandated by the SIU. The SIU department must be called in when a death occurs while there is involvement by O.P.P. officers to ensure that they are clearly without fault. One incident is still under investigation and has not yet been cleared. The other incident which occurred in the Township of Chatsworth has been investigated and the officer has been cleared of any suspicion of responsibility.**

**Discussion took place regarding the cost of Firefighters directing traffic instead of the O.P.P. at some incidents. It was noted that when an accident occurs on a Provincial Roadway, the costs to the O.P.P. Department are directed to the Province. The Municipality also charges all costs of Firefighters to the Province. The O.P.P. indicated however, that as soon as possible, the Firefighters are relieved of their services so that they are available should a Fire call come in, but that their presence during difficult incidents frees the O.P.P. officers to fully concentrate on the actual incident instead of having to use resources to direct traffic, etc.**

**Inspector Van Landuyt touched on the Personnel issues for the reporting period. He noted that there is one Sergeant who continues to be assigned to the Sauble Beach area for the summer. The Chatsworth detachment has two officers that are on maternity leave, one to be returning in August, and the other in October and he noted two members were off for a short period of time on WSIB claims.**

**Inspector Van Landuyt reported that the Marine Program has been extremely successful and that the officers and boat will be extremely busy during the Salmon Derby which is about to commence. The Board informed the O.P.P. that a storage area is being made ready at the Holland Roads Depo to house the boat and snowmobiles.**

**Inspector Van Landuyt pointed out that a complaint was received regarding the conduct of an officer. He informed the Board that these complaints must be made in writing before they are considered and must then be investigated. The complaint was classified as unfounded.**

Inspector Van Landuyt reported on the excessive Regular hours that occurred in June and July. He noted that any regular hours over the contracted commitment are not charged to the municipality and are therefore a bonus to the municipality. Overtime hours were reported as under the Contract commitment amount in June and slightly over in July noting that they try and keep the overtime hours under the Contract amount to avoid charges above the Contract amount at year end.

The Board discussed the potential cost to Municipalities for the service of security officers at the Provincial Court Building in Owen Sound and the concern it is causing. Inspector Van Landuyt reported that the OPP and the City of Owen Sound Police forces are trying to work out the opportunity of only one Police Officer attending hearings who is fully versed on the case instead of several officers attending to testify and having their time tied up in court. He reported that so far it is working well and hopes it can continue. Although Police Officers from the O.P.P. Department do not attend Court to be “security officers” of the Court, they are armed while in the Court building and will act when needed.

Inspector Van Landuyt informed the Board that there was a total of 23 hours of Patrol Time, 26 charges and 6 warnings issued during a concentrated enforcement by the O.P.P. on the Bruce County Line as requested by the Board at the last meeting. It was reported by both Board members and the Officers present that the increased Policing on this road over the past couple of months received a very positive response by local residents.

Inspector Van Landuyt was pleased to inform the Board that the O.P.P. Detachment has been able to achieve a rate of achievement higher than the Target amounts so far this year in most areas of the Business Plan Target amounts. He reported that although this is not always possible, he is very pleased that with the efforts of staff in making this happen.

#### New Business

Inspector Van Landuyt reported on the difficult situation the Department is facing where computer hardware is concerned. He informed the Board that the Detachment is in need of another computer station that is not allowed in their Provincial budget. He appealed to the Board for funding to lease a computer station for a three year term.

*Moved by Howard Greig*

*Seconded by Bob Elliot*

*That the Chatsworth Police Services Board lease a computer over a 3 year contract for the Chatsworth Detachment.*

*Carried.*

#### Next Meeting:

*Thursday October 16, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.*

#### Adjournment

*Moved by Howard Greig*

*Seconded by Bob Elliot*

*THAT the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:45 am.*

*Carried.*

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Mr. Bill Coke, Chair

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Grace Nayler, Secretary