

# Chatsworth Police Services Board

August 26, 2004 - 7:00 pm

## MINUTES

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

**Present:** Board Members Bob Elliot, Cornelius Vlieland, Bill Coke, Detachment Commander Mark Van Landuyt, Officer Ken MacPherson and Teresa Buys, Secretary.

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

### Call to Order

### Adoption of Minutes

022/2004      *Moved by Bill Coke*

*Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland*

*That the minutes of June 24, 2004 be accepted as circulated.*

*Carried.*

### Information Correspondence:

a)      **Grey County OPP Report**

Detachment Commander VanLanduyt presented the Board with the OPP report for the months of June and July, 2004.

Detachment Commander VanLanduyt noted the first two incidences on the report are two different incidences.

Detachment Commander VanLanduyt noted that a number of the incidences are not serious but they are noted for information sake only. He brought a few items to the boards attention. Page 1 – June 8 - sexual assault was investigated and unfounded, page 2 – June 22 – male threatening an investigator, went to court and plead guilty.

Detachment Commander VanLanduyt reported that in the section of Personnel Issues that there was one member on short term sicknesses, there remains one person on maternity leave and one person on a leave of absence without pay – unknown if this member will be returning. The people on maternity and parental leave are to be returning in September.

Top of page 7 –The Chatsworth detachment has a new secretary who is working out favourably.

Secondary Employment – An employee from the Meaford detachment who could patrol the Chatsworth area submitted a request to have a secondary employment, it was approved.

There were 0 complaints for June and July and 7 tributes.

Transportation and Equipment – Steve Star has located a donated vehicle from Toyota for community services. The dealer is looking at donating the lease of a vehicle for two years to the detachment and is hopeful Toyota will donate an additional two year lease. The detachment will pay for upkeep and gas of the vehicle. It runs on gas and electricity.

The detachment had a PT Cruiser from Chrysler that was black and white like the old police cars but headquarters wouldn't accept it unless it was one color, unfortunately Chrysler refused.

Traffic Initiatives - \$3,950.00 RIDE grant to start in fall.

Business Plan Commitments – majority of goals will be met or exceeded. Only a couple of concerns Detachment Commander VanLanduyt has, expects 30,000 driver contacts will not be met also expects 300 arrests for drinking and driving will not be met based on numbers he sees here.

Bike Patrol – will have to put considerable effort into that to meet the goal. There were delays in acquiring the trailer hitches for the cars to tow the bikes around also due to sickness, car accidents and vacations the bikes have not been used as much as they had hoped. Detachment Commander VanLanduyt would like to think with school back in the officers will be using the bikes around the school zones. Officer Ken McPherson noted the bikes have been being used in the village of Chatsworth and at William's Lake. Officers and the marina operators, when activity on the lakes were low, took their bikes and patrolled around the cottages instead and talk to people about marine safety.

Funds are still in the bank account in Chatsworth. The bikes are currently on loan from the RCMP. They have still not decided if they are going to allow us to buy them or not. Once they decide they will purchase them using those monies or if not, they will look at using the money to purchase bikes of their own.

Crime Statistics – Page 2 it was noted that Calls for Service increased up until June. June is the only month they experienced a decrease compared to 2003. Each month the number of incidences is increasing. This is a trend experienced by all the municipalities. Detachment Commander Mark VanLanduyt attributes this to the officers being more attentive to what is going on around them and being more active in the community and looking out for illegal activity and stopping it before a call comes in.

The OPP Detachment exceeded the number of Regular Hours of policing service to Chatsworth by a total of 818.09 hours which almost doubles their commitment. This reflects increased policing service to the Municipality over and above the contracted hours at no cost to the Township. Also they were within their budgeted overtime hours for both months. Overall the Municipality received an exceptionally cost effective two months of policing. Recoverable Expenses are used to reduce policing costs at the end of the year. Detachment Commander Mark VanLanduyt also noted fatalities are drastically down.

This concluded Commander VanLanduyt's OPP report for June and July.

b) OAPSB – Zone 5 – response to the Thomas Report relating to Court Security – how cost should be paid. Did not discuss. Board wants copies of the Thomas Report as no one has seen it. Secretary to get copies for everyone for next meeting.

c) Message from Martin & Stinson – Re: Speed zone change –

023/2004 Moved by Bill Coke

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

**That the speed zone sign change to 80km/hr be moved North of Cedar Rail Camp on the Grey/Bruce line to alleviate the problem of near accidents due to people turning in and out of the camp.** **Carried**

**Board Member Cornelius Vlieland to take this motion to next Township of Chatsworth council meeting. He believes it is already on the agenda.**

**d) Ministry of Transportation – Re: Speed Limit Zones in the Village of Chatsworth and the Hamlet of Holland Centre. Reply from MTO – The Traffic Section has a significant workload and, as a result, this investigation will be completed when resources are available.**

**e) Municipal Alcohol Policy – Draft – The Board requested Holland Centre Baseball Park added to the Facilities for special occasion permits.**

**The Board asked where you go to get the course to serve alcohol. The OPP are going to find out where to get the course.**

**It was noted that section 3.2.1 limiting a person to 4 tickets at a time helps promote responsible drinking.**

**Detachment Commander Mark VanLanduyt made a recommendation that they change 3.1.10 to read that a paid Duty Officer MUST BE HIRED. The goal is prevention. It is not the organizer who pays if there is problem, it is the municipality.**

**If council has the option of waiving this requirement, then they can grant that exemption if a group has proven itself.**

**Detachment Commander Mark VanLanduyt does not see where it says that a staff member of the Municipality must be present at all events. Even if the bar tender from Smart Serve is there on behalf of the Municipality. Not necessarily a staff member.**

**If The Township of Chatsworth is the only Municipality that doesn't have an alcohol policy then all the "bad apples" will come to The Township of Chatsworth for their events.**

**024-2004 Moved by Bill Coke**

**Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland**

**That the Alcohol Policy be accepted as read adding the Holland Centre Baseball Diamond under section 2.1. To be presented to the Township of Chatsworth Council on the recommendation of the board.** **Carried**

**Comments per Detachment Commander Mark VanLanduyt**

**"Mr.Chair on terms of compromise this is clearly better than we have right now because we have nothing. If there was someone at the property to insure that the policy was being followed is much better than we have right now."**

**"And I also suggest if this were to be adopted and we find down the road that it isn't good enough it could be amended."**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Chatsworth Police Services Board will be on Thursday October 21, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

025-2004      Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bill Coke

That the Chatsworth PSB adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

No one attended the Open House.