

Chatsworth Police Services Board

December 15, 2005

MINUTES

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

Present: Board Members Bob Elliot, Cornelius Vlieland, Bill Coke, Officer Ken MacPherson and Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes

023/2005 *Moved by Bill Coke*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the minutes of the December 15, 2005 be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

Information Correspondence:

Item a) Grey County OPP Reports – October and November

Officer Ken MacPherson reviewed the OPP Reports with the Board. He focused his report on several incidents. He reported that there was an incident in Desboro regarding an arrest of an intoxicated male. He was issued a provincial offences ticket.

An incident where there was a break and enter and upon investigation nothing appeared to have been taken, there is now a viable suspect.

A seasonal residence was broken into and an investigation proved that the theft of a firearm occurred. There were also other items stolen.

There was an arrest that occurred in Chatsworth Township after information was received from the City of Owen Sound police department that a male who had breached conditions of his release was now wanted by the Owen Sound police.

An incident in Chatsworth occurred that involved an older man approached a 10 year old male and female and he requested that they kiss. The youths refused and the older man left the area. A suspect has been identified and there is an ongoing investigation.

As a result of observations made and a subsequent traffic stop by patrol officers a 36 year old woman was charged with two counts of driving while disqualified from driving and breach of probation. The woman is pending a court date.

Information regarding a possible sexual assault that was historic in nature led to an investigation. The findings were that the incident was unfounded and closed.

Personnel issues for October and November, Officer MacPherson indicated that there was a new officer hired under a contract basis to replace an officer that has exhausted all of their attendance credits. The officer is now on leave without pay.

An unsubstantiated complaint was reported to the PSB regarding an officer. The complaint was found to be unsubstantiated and a public mischief charge has been laid.

The ride program is in full gear currently. They are averaging 4 hours of ride program a day. The grant monies will all be used up by the end of December.

There was more overtime in November than usual. This is partly due to a case where police officers had to attend court for several different incidents.

Education and Crime prevention initiatives this past two months involved a live presentation with Dave Carr and Constables Steve Starr and Don Fitzgerald. October was focused on drug/marijuana growing operations in Grey/Bruce Counties. Don Fitzgerald is a very knowledgeable officer who has invaluable experience with the drug squad. Crime stoppers were the focus for the month of November.

2005 Business Plan Commitments report shows that the OPP are going to be way over in their RIDE enforcement goals. Bike and Foot patrols continue to be significantly short of the set goals and the OPP are going to try for better hours in the 2006 year. The ability of this to be achieved will also rely on the weather factors.

The ATV Patrol met much higher than expected hours, more than double the target; however, in 2006 the OPP will not have the use of ATVs for this initiative.

b) OPP Estimated 2006 Policing costs reflects the cost for the new year, exempt of the expected salary and wage increases that have not been finalized yet.

c) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – 1000 officers was noted and filed.

D) Georgian Bluffs – Judge Morneau decision.

024/2005 Moved by Bill Coke

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the Chatsworth police services board concur with the Georgian Bluffs Police Services Board regarding their concerns with the Justice system's decisions, and dropping charges based on the applications and interpretation of the law, instead of focusing on the criminal activity. Carried.

025/2005 Moved by Bill Coke

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That Commander VanLanduyt be commended for his attitude towards the Justice System in Grey County and that a letter be forwarded to him and the Regional Commander confirming the Board's support. Carried.

Items e, f, and g were noted and filed.

Jim and Sharon Stirling attended the meeting to discuss the problem of trucks delivering to D & B Country Market and blocking all traffic on Alexander St. in the village of Chatsworth. They reported that between 5 and 6 times a week different trucking companies are making deliveries to D & B.

The concern is that as a result there is no emergency access while the road is being blocked and that there are times when the local residents have to get past to get out to go to work and in the case of Mrs. Stirling, her school bus has to get out or children are left waiting on the sides of the roadways.

Another concern is that when the trucks are parked blocking or partially blocking the roadway, there is no way that a person can see properly to enter onto Highway 6 and it is presenting a real safety hazard.

They reported that if all of the unlicensed vehicles and old freezers etc. were removed from the property there would be more than enough room for delivery vehicles to park property in his parking lot and avoid blocking the road altogether.

The board reported that enforcing the property standards by-law rests on the Township of Chatsworth Council and not with the Police Services Board.

Officer MacPherson reported that unless the municipal parking by-law states differently, the OPP cannot charge a driver while they are loading or unloading, and that you cannot be considered parked at that point. The board will look into the by-laws with Officer MacPherson and see what steps can be taken.

025/2005 Moved by Bill Coke

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the Council of the Township of Chatsworth address the issue of Transport trucks parking on Alexander Street cutting off all vehicles from using the road and issues under the Property Standard's Act be addressed regarding derelict vehicles and other debris on property that need to be removed.

Carried.

026/2005 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bill Coke

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:40 am.

Carried.

Next Meeting I

Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

022/2005 Moved by Bill Coke

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the Chatsworth PSB adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Carried.