

Chatsworth Police Services Board

December 14, 2006

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, Commander Mark VanLanduyt, Sgt. Tom Kennedy and Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes

014/2006 *Moved by Bill Coke*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the minutes of October 19, 2006 be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

Financial Reports:

a) **October and November 2006**

Commander Van Landuyt's review of the OPP Reports with the Board members began with a notation that the month of November was extremely quiet with no real incidents of significance. October, however, contained an incident of a break and entry at the local ESSO station at Highway 6 and 10. Upon initial investigation of the premises for search and seizure the OPP discovered a grow operation occurring on the said property which resulted in numerous charges being laid. Due to the significance of this incident requiring hours of investigation and follow up of the attempted murder case which is ongoing, there was a considerable increase in the amount of overtime hours than usual.

Next activity of note was in the Summary of Complaints where several items were noted. First an officer was regarded as making inappropriate comments to a driver who had been pulled over for speeding. The officer was made aware of the indiscretion that may have occurred and the matter was dealt with to everyone's satisfaction. Secondly, there was an incident where children were endangered an officer who responded to the call was viewed as being intimidating. The officer was made aware of the concern and spoke with the complainant resolving the issue. Thirdly, a complaint was received regarding an off duty officer who was perceived as behaving in an inappropriate and unprofessional manner. The matter was unable to be resolved to the complainant's satisfaction and is being investigated by the Professional Standards Branch.

In the financial section of the Report, the Commander commented on the October overtime hours, highlighting on the fact that as mentioned earlier, the high number of

overtime was the result of the ESSO break in and also an ongoing investigation regarding an attempted murder.

The Statistical reports showed that there was less motor vehicle collisions in November compared to the previous year, however, October's vehicle collisions were up from 2005. The overall percentage of collisions is up by 5% over 2005. Occurrences were down significantly in November from 2005 and October showed occurrences as basically even from 2005 however, the overall workload for the two months was down about 8%.

Contract Hours over the 11 months show that although there have been significant increased overtime hours in August and October the overtime hours are still under budget and therefore will result in a credit for the 2006 year unless there are significant incidents in December.

Items b, c, d, e, f, and g were all noted and filed.

The floor was opened up for general discussion and one board member inquired about the meeting of the OPP, MTO, County and municipal staff to co-ordinate a plan of detour roads when a major Highway is closed due to accidents. The Commander is going to co-ordinate that effort but has to wait until he getting staffing in place as there are key people retiring in the next few months.

Sgt. Kennedy commented on the seasonal ride duty that is in action currently. They stopped a vehicle that consisted of a male and female both of which had been drinking. The male reported that he had driven because his girlfriend had too many drinks and he did not want her driving, however, when a breath test was done on the male driver he had three times the legal limit and was charged with driving while under the influence.

It was reported to the board that the New Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner has generated a very positive influence. He is making himself available to the public and applying a very encouraging persona to the policing environment.

The reduction in speed limit endeavour is awaiting a letter from MPP Bill Murdoch to support the letters received from the Mayor and the Commander. As soon as the letter from the MPP is received the information being gathered will be presented to MTO.

The Chair took this opportunity to thank the Grey County OPP for their hard and diligent work and work ethics and relayed to them the appreciation the board has for their ongoing work.

The Commander brought forward at this time the bike issue. He reported to the board that the RCMP who were lending bikes to the OPP have called them back in. The Commander knowing that the Chatsworth PSB has funding available to purchase a bike are willing to finance the difference in what is currently being held and the actual price which will be between 100-150.00 difference.

015/2006 *Moved by Bill Coke*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board approves the purchase of a bicycle by the OPP at the board's cost including monies set aside and the difference. Carried.

016/2006 Moved by Bill Coke

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

Carried.