

# **Chatsworth Police Services Board**

**February 16, 2006**

## **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, Commander Mark VanLanduyt, Officer Ken MacPherson, Officer Ron Dedman, and Grace Nayler, Secretary.**

**Cornelius Vlieland took this opportunity to thank the board for the flowers that were sent in honour of the passing of his mother.**

**Commander VanLanduyt introduced Officer Ron Dedman to the board explaining that Officer Dedman was attending the meeting to become more familiar with the board and also to become more familiar with the rolls that the Police Department and Police Service Board plays in the delivering of Policing to the Municipality.**

**The Board welcomed Officer Dedman to the meeting.**

### **Election of Officers**

**The secretary opened nominations for the position of chairperson.**

**Cornelius Vlieland nominated Bob Elliot for Chairperson. Bob Elliot accepted the nomination. Bill Coke seconded the nomination. No other nominations were forthcoming.**

**Bob Elliot was acclaimed to the position of Chairperson.**

### **Election of Vice Chairperson**

**Chairperson Bob Elliot opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson.**

**Bob Elliot nominated Bill Coke. Bill Coke accepted the nomination. The Nomination was seconded by Cornelius Vlieland. No other nominations were forthcoming.**

**Bill Coke was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chairperson.**

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

### **Appointment of Board Secretary**

*001/2006 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

*Seconded by Bill Coke*

**That Grace Nayler be appointed secretary of the Chatsworth Police Services Board. Carried.**

### **Call to Order**

### **Adoption of Minutes**

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

Carried.

**Information Correspondence:**

**a) December 2005 OPP Reports**

Commander VanLanduyt reviewed the OPP Reports with the Board at this time. Highlighted was the December 15<sup>th</sup> incident, a sexual assault complaint with young persons. The Commander wanted the board to know that this case involved the least intrusive and non-intimate action and was therefore only cautioned by the OPP and the Children's Aid Society was notified.

Complaints were received regarding two officers. The complainant who is one of the parties involved in a neighbour's dispute felt that the issues of their complaint were not being properly addressed. The matter was investigated by the Professional Standards Branch and an informal meeting of the officers and parties resulted in the issue being resolved.

The second complaint against an officer in the Meaford detachment where the party maintains that he has not received appropriate police response is under investigation by the Professional Standards Branch.

In the Financial section overtime of 8.25 hours for Domestic Investigation was highlighted.

Review of the December 2005 Statistics followed. Police Occurrences were down slightly in December. The yearly amounts were also down from the 2004 year. This trend is the general consensus throughout the county.

Noted in the Statistics are the motor vehicle collisions for the year. The total for 2005 was up slightly from 2004. The inspector reported that there has been a dramatic increase in the number of car/deer collisions recently. Collisions throughout the county were approximately 457 and 258 of these were car/deer collisions. In Chatsworth the car/deer collisions were approximately 44-47% of the total accidents. As a result of these sizeable car/deer collisions the OPP have organized a meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Transportation, the County of Grey and several insurance company representatives to try and find a solution to this mounting problem.

The 2005 Business Plan Commitments were reviewed. Highlights included that the ride enforcement program was very successful more than doubling the targeted amount. The Vessel Checks and Marine Patrol Hours resulted in a huge success for the year. The Youth initiatives proved also to be very significant. The officers ensured that they were very visible in the schools through the year and also more than met the targeted amounts for the year.

Driver contacts were well below the targeted amount and it was recognized that the target amount was unrealistic and was being looked at for the 2006 Business Plan year. Break and Enter Clearance Rate was 62%. This percentage is very high. The Provincial percentage of achievement is only around 15-16%.

**The Commander and Officer MacPherson recognize that these goals and the significant result of the exceeding of the targets so successfully is a result of the officers of the division and the effective police work and quality police force that the Chatsworth Detachment is fortunate to have. The officers are to be commended for their dedication, their very effective team work and for their thriving ability to share information which can only result in a very effective and quality police detachment.**

**The Commander continued with the January 2006 OPP Reports noting that these reports were experiencing new formats. The final formatting has not yet been finalized and will probably be critiqued as the months go on until they are satisfied that they are presenting the information in the best possible manner. The month of January resulted in a fairly quiet and calm month. There were several incidents but nothing of real significance.**

**One member of the force has applied for Secondary Employment in an equestrian area and the Commander has supported that request deeming it as having no conflict with the duties of a police officer. They are now awaiting approval from General Headquarters.**

**Complains involved that of a neighbour in an ongoing dispute who felt that there was a lack of enforcement being exercised. The Inspector was able to investigate the complaint and respond to the complainant. There was a second complaint against an officer falsely accusing a person of kicking a dog and displaying poor behaviour. The officer will be going through training to reinforce his objectivity and have documentation placed in his file.**

**A new initiative, Victim Services, is now in place. In January there were 19 referrals to this service. The business plan initiative is to enhance relationships in the community and in this area is focusing on victims of crime. Funded by the province this is a very needed initiative that results in victims being visited by officers so there is communication with the victims allowing the officers to help them recover. It is a very welcomed initiative that will ensure that victim services visit these victims.**

**Officer MacPherson reported that the Ride Program used up more than \$4,000 in ride program costs. The 2006/2007 application has been submitted for the new grant.**

**Officer Ron Dedman reported that he welcomed the no parking signs that had been erected by the Township roads department. He reported that there have been several by-law issues unresolved from subjects who would not listen so tickets were the option officers were able to use.**

**Officer VanLanduyt took this opportunity to thank Cornelius Vlieland for his help in orchestrating the obtaining of a much needed vehicle for Officer Steve Starr through several Insurance agencies including Chatsworth Insurance's Doug Grahman. This vehicle will even have lettering on it and the OPP Detachment is very grateful to have this new vehicle.**

**Officer VanLanduyt also took this time to thank Officer Ken MacPherson who will be retiring at the end of March for his invaluable service with the Chatsworth Detachment. He will be greatly missed. The Board also thanked Officer MacPherson and commended him for his hard work and the great service that he has provided the board.**

**The Chair then thanked member Bill Coke for his hard work and efforts in achieving the Community Safety Zone that has been established in front of the Holland Chatsworth Central School.**

**New Business**

**Next Meeting**

**Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 10:00 am**

**Adjournment**

***003/2006 Moved by Bill Coke***

***Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland***

**That the Chatsworth PSB adjourn at 11:15 a.m.**

**Carried.**