

# Chatsworth Police Services Board

October 19, 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 and Grace Nayler, Secretary. Earnie Routenburg and Marvin Wepler, Foremen of the Township of Chatsworth Roads Department also attended.

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

### Call to Order

### Adoption of Minutes

011/2006      *Moved by Bill Coke*

*Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland*

That the minutes of August 23, 2006 be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

### Financial Reports:

a)      **August and September 2006**

Commander Van Landuyt reviewed the OPP Reports with the Board members. The Commander focused on an incident experienced on August 8<sup>th</sup> where four males were arrested while exiting a property suspected of marihuana growth. The extent of this police endeavour resulted in a significant number of overtime hours. The results of this effort were that seven adults were charged with several CDSA and criminal code charges. Again on August 24<sup>th</sup> the OPP attended a marihuana growth location and proceeded to remove the plants. Again this effort resulted in overtime.

There were a several other incidents in August and September, but the ones mentioned above caused the most effected increase in man-hours of the officers.

The Commander noted that under the Summary of Complaints another incident occurred. An officer was reprimanded for his lack of effort during a court proceeding and it resulted in the officer working hours as a penalty.

The OPP received three letters of tribute in September complimenting and thanking various officers for their job performance, understanding, professionalism and courtesy that was experienced.

The Commander proceeded with the Statistical data, noting that the Motor Vehicle Collisions were up 21% in the last two months. The consensus is that the construction on Highway 10 is a lot of the reason that the statistics are up so much.

Police occurrences were down overall about 4%. The Commander clarified that an occurrence is an incident that result in an officer getting involved.

The Commander noted that the Clearance Rates for Break and Entries the month of September resulted in a significant increase. The reason is that when an arrest is made the OPP are then able to solve several cases because it is the same perpetrators that have been committing the B&E's.

Bike patrols were significantly high and achieved a much higher amount than the Business Plan expected. The results of Bike patrol and Foot patrol have been extremely positive.

b) Province Marihuana Grow Operation Protocols was noted and filed.

c) Earnie Routenburg and Marvin Weppler came before the board to discuss possible access routes for traffic on major highways running through the municipality. Both Highway 6 and Highway 10 run through the township and can at anytime have accidents that result in the highway being closed on a section of the highway. The concern is that the routes that traffic are asked to use in a lot of cases are not roads that are able to handle large volumes of traffic, both because the roads are not wide enough in many cases, or because the road cannot carry the weight of the vehicles and often times for both reasons. The foremen presented the board with a map that shows the routes that the traffic should take using the roads that are able to handle the traffic.

The Commander, Board and Roads foremen discussed the responsibility of the OPP, the responsibility of the Roads departments (Municipal and County) and the responsibility of the MTO. The Commander reported that the job of the OPP is to stop the traffic in the area of the accident and then focus on the emergency. The roll of the MTO, County or Municipality depending on the roads jurisdiction involved are then responsible to divert traffic by supplying signage and manpower that will detour the traffic in an orderly fashion so as not to cause more problems.

The Commander recognized the vastness of this problem in the Grey County area and wishes to take this issue to the Highway Traffic Officers to see if they can liaison with all of the Municipalities, the County and MTO to co-ordinate a proper road closure process.

012/2006      *Moved by Bill Coke*

*Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland*

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board recommend that Council look at the problems resulting from Detours off of Highway 6 & 10 resulting from accidents on those Highways and further authorize the Roads Foremen to work with the OPP to establish an appropriate Detour Program and to Budget for the purchase of Detour and other signage for the purpose of this program. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the Roads Foremen for bringing it to the Board's attention. Carried.

d) Dave Hastings complaint regarding Police presence on Concession 2 in old Holland Township was discussed and the Commander clarified the area where this is occurring. He is taking it to his officers to decide what action needs to be taken.

e) OAPSB Strategic Plan and Business Activities 2007 – 2012 was noted and filed.

### New Business

A letter was presented to the Commander from a Concerned Citizen that stated that the citizen witnessed an officer speeding through the Village at high speeds. The Commander commented that there is no reason for any officer to speed excessively through a settlement area. Officers' direction is that they are to arrive at any emergency quickly but not so quickly that they are being unsafe. He will be looking into this further with his staff, however, the letter did not offer any specifics as to a date, time, license number etc.

The speed limit reduction in Williamsford was also discussed.

*013/2006 Moved by Bill Coke  
Vlieland*

*Seconded by Cornelius*

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board strongly recommends a reduction in speed to 50 Km per hour in the hamlet of Williamsford and Council be advised and asked for their support and the OPP be asked for their support. Carried.

### Next Meeting

Thursday December 14<sup>h</sup> , 2006 @ 10:00 am

### Adjournment

*014/2006 Moved by Bill Coke*

*Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland*

That the Chatsworth PSB adjourn at 8:25p.m.

Carried.