

Chatsworth Police Services Board

June 21, 2007

MINUTES

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

Present: Board Members Bob Elliot, Cornelius Vlieland, Inspector Mark VanLanduyt, and Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Call to Order

The meeting started with the Chairman thanking the Vice-Chairman, Bill Coke, for his years of service to the Police Services Board. As the Provincial appointee Bill's two terms are now over and the Province will be appointing a new provincial appointee.

The municipal council appointee, Cornelius Vlieland presented Bill with a gift of appreciation from the Chatsworth Council and thanked him for the many hours he has contributed to the board.

Adoption of Minutes

005/2007 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That the minutes of April 18, 2007 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

Item a) OPP Chatsworth Police Services Board reports for February and March. Inspector VanLanduyt started his report by first letting the PSB know that the months of February and March was fairly routine except for a couple of incidents, one on March 12, 2007 where a residential mailbox was damaged and there are not suspects or leads. The Inspector reported that during the RIDE program the Police Cars will be venturing onto the remote back roads as a deterrent for the vandalism that is occurring lately. The other incident resulted in a significant amount of overtime for the OPP. This incident involved two fires that occurred within 30 minutes of each other where two houses were set on fire. The Fire Marshall's office was called in and at the same time the OPP was called in. The damage to the residences will be hundreds of thousands of dollars. This is an ongoing case that has not yet been solved.

The Inspector reported that one of the officers that were injured off duty was recovering better than expected. The officer is even hoping to return to work before his scheduled retirement the end of this year.

The statistical reports showed that there were slightly less occurrences than in 2005 and 2006. Motor vehicle accidents were down slightly from the 2006 year. Contract hours were consistent with the workload and the hours of overtime were reasonable considering the two arson incidents that are being investigated.

It is the implication by the OPP that vehicle passengers are not respecting the seatbelt law the way that they should be, so there is going to be several seatbelt checks within the next couple of months.

Due to road conditions it was noted that the Driver Contacts were down as a result of less traffic for the months of February and March.

Bike patrols will be starting up again soon, and the Inspector reported that the bikes have been purchased and have been ordered and will be arriving sometime in May. The monies that have been collected and any other monies the boards have agreed to pay will be due at that time.

Officer Bob Sewell has been assigned as the Community School and Community Services liaison officer. He is currently in contact with the Principals regarding lock down procedures in case of a school shooting or other related incident occurring. It was noted that the Sullivan school has a procedure in place. The goal of the OPP is to have on hand floor plans of all the schools. The Bluewater Board of Education is also looking into lock down procedures.

One of the Board members questioned the Inspector on why there is so much investigating taking place to apprehend grow-op suspects when the justice system continues to give them such light sentences it hardly seems worth it. The Inspector answered that it is not the place of a police officer to focus on the outcome. A police officer must concentrate their efforts and deterring drugs from getting out to the public. Although the police are frustrated over the lack of penalties, it is their duty as police officers to focus solely on the crime, not the outcome.

Items b and c were noted and filed.

Item d) Bike costs. Inspector Vanlanduyt requested that the funds be released and the additional amount owing be picked up by the boards, or by Council.

006/2007 *Moved by Bill Coke*

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That with the approval of the Township of Chatsworth Council, the payment of \$930.00 to fund (1) Police Bike for the Chatsworth OPP Detachment from funds Raised (\$800.00) and the balance from the PBS budget (\$130.00). Carried.

e) MTO letter was noted and filed.

f) Compassionate fund. This issue was discussed by the Board and Inspector Van Landuyt and it was decided that although this is a positive endeavour, it is up to Council whether they want to fund this program or not.

007/2007 ***Moved by Bill Coke***

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board recommend to Council a one time amount of \$200.00 be given towards a compassionate fund for the County of Grey OPP. Carried.

008/2007 ***Moved by Bill Coke***

Seconded by Bob Elliot

Item g) OPP – regarding Keady Broomball Tournament and dance. It is the opinion of the OPP that the Alcohol Policy is not being adhered to. The Inspector is requesting that the Chatsworth PSB encourage Council to ensure that the police are strictly adhered to. The violations that are occurring should not be happening at all. Alcohol and Gaming got involved with this incident and there is a very good chance that the Keady Community Centre will lose their right to have a liquor license at all.

009/2007 ***Moved by Bill Coke***

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 10:40 am.

New Business

Next Meeting

Thursday June 21, 2007.

004/2007 ***Moved by Bill Coke***

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the PSB adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

Carried.