

Chatsworth Police Services Board
April 16, 2009
MINUTES

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

Present: Board Members Frank Beirnes, Bob Elliot, Cornelius Vlieland, Officer Rick Sinnamon OPP, Officer Christine MacDuffie and Grace Naylor, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes

06/2009 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the minutes of February 19, 2009 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

**Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
February and March 2009
Statistical Reports – February and March 2009**

Officer Sinnamon gave the review of the OPP Police Services Board Reports for February and March. Officer Sinnamon touched briefly on the Matters of Interest report for February and March. He noted that throughout the County there has been an increase of mailbox damage vandalism that has been occurring and that it is difficult to catch the culprits unless there is an eyewitness or someone catches them in the process.

In March an accident on County Road 40 created several hours of overtime for the officers, as the accident was very serious. There was a domestic dispute response that seems to be a continual problem for the officers. They are continually dealing with the same individual.

Officer Sinnamon wanted the Board to be aware that a transient is back and has been using the Bank of Montreal debit machine section to camp out. He likes it there because he can see out. The OPP have informed him that he cannot stay there, and have warned him of other places he cannot stay. The OPP have been proactive in trying to make him aware of boundaries both physical and social, and have gone to the point of finding different places in the area he can camp out. Constable Sue

MacPherson has been monitoring this individual and has been trying to find him some safe spots where he will not be harassed or people won't feel threatened by him. Officer Sinnamon did warn the board that he does have a history of mental illness and that local people should get the OPP involved if they have any problems with him.

Under Personnel issues he wanted to point out that Constable Brad Olsen of the Markdale Detachment graduated from the Ontario Police College in April and was awarded the Colonel A.A. Wallace Award. Brad Olsen graduated with the highest percentage of more than 1,100 students. The OPP are very proud of his achievements.

Sergeant Tom Kennedy, Contract Manager of the Meaford Office retired the end of March, 2009. The vacancy has been posted for competition.

Steve Starr, Bob Sewell and Sue MacPherson have been attending the local schools and Youth programs with Values Influence and Peers classes, Safety/Stranger talks to kindergarden/grade 1 classes, bullying presentations and are continuing to complete school patrols. These efforts have been very effective.

Officer Sinnamon informed the Board that the spring seatbelt program is now on.

The Statistical reports for February and March did not show anything extreme. Motor Vehicle Collisions are down significantly which is always good to see, the % was down 30.23%. Criminal Investigations section shows that Property Crime Clearance is down by 9.37%. Officer Sinnamon noted that the Grey County Detachment has an excellent crimes expert on staff who started in March, 2009.

Item b) 2008 Reconciled Contract

Officer Sinnamon pointed out the significant reduction or credit that has been applied to the 2008 year. This was partially due to the new officer not being hired until late fall, and the reduced overtime hours..

Item c) 2009 Cost Estimate Revision due to New Memorandum of Understanding

Officer Sinnamon reported that this is the settlement for wages and benefits for the OPP employees, and that although it is going up, the Grey County Detachment has hired several new young officers, which means that salaries will be down until these officers start climbing the salary grid over time.

Item d) Police Week Theme

Officer Sinnamon noted that Police week is May 10-16, 2009 and that there were some programs being organized in the Grey County area. Programs for youth and seminars and 55 alert programs are being offered in this area.

Item e) Independent Police Review Office Focused Consultations

This item was noted and filed.

The Board then reviewed the Moorseburg traffic counter situation, and where things were at. Commander VanLanduyt is still looking into Community Safety Zone criteria. Officer Sinnamon will make sure that the traffic counter gets set up. He is going to find someone from the Mooresburg area to look after the sign/counter so that nothing happens to it while it is out there, as it is the property of the County of Grey.

Officer Sinnamon wanted to inform the Chair that Inspector Periversoff is having a luncheon for the Chairmen on May 6, 2009 at the Walters Falls Inn.

Next Business:

Next Meeting

Thursday June 18th, 2009 10:00 am

07/2009 Moved by Frank Beirnes

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the PSB adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

Carried.