

**Chatsworth Police Services Board
February 19, 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, Inspector Mark Van Landuyt, OPP and Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Call to Order

Election of Officers

The secretary opened nominations for the position of chairperson.

Frank Beirnes nominated Bob Elliot for Chairperson. Bob Elliot accepted the nomination. Cornelius Vlieland 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.

Frank Beirnes nominated Cornelius Vlieland. Cornelius Vlieland accepted the nomination. The Nomination was seconded by Bob Elliot. No other nominations were forthcoming.

Cornelius Vlieland was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chairperson.

01/2009 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That Grace Nayler be appointed secretary of the Chatsworth Police Services Board for the 2009 year. Carried

Adoption of Minutes

01/2009 Moved by Frank Beirnes Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the minutes of December 18, 2008 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

**Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
December 2008 and January 2009
Statistical Reports – December 2008 and January 2009**

Inspector Van Landuyt reported on the OPP Police Services Board Reports. The Inspector touched briefly on the Matters of Interest report for December, 2008 and the board noted that the incident of December 7, 2008 where a large piece of equipment had a tracking device on it was very useful when the equipment was stolen, and they were able to recover it based on the tracking device.

Reporting on the December 2008 Business plan, the Inspector noted that this is one of the most complete reports, as it covers the full 12 months of the year. Seatbelt enforcement was up 21.32 % from last year. Night time RIDE was up 22.38%. Driver contacts were down 1.13%, however 16,793 vehicles were stopped and this number does not include ride checks. These are vehicles stopped while officers are on patrol. Drinking and Driving Offences were down 7.09%. Bike Patrol was up 28.95%. Foot Patrol was up 13.56%. Cottage checks were up 13.46%. Victim services were up 45.41%. Person Injury MVC's were down 10.83%. Property Crime was down 1.58%. The results of the 2008 year have proven to be a very successful year overall. The Inspector pointed out that it is not possible to achieve higher and higher results without more manpower, however, these results show that the Police Officers have been very diligent in performing their tasks.

The Statistical Report for 2008 showed occurrences up by 2.61%. Motor Vehicle Collisions were up by 28.43%, and the OPP are developing a new plan in place to try and lower the amounts of incidents. Contract Hours were up by 4.58% which results in the municipality receiving more hours than the contract is charging for, and is an advantage to the municipality. Overtime hours were down 25.57% and the Municipality will be refunded for the amount of unused overtime hours when the 2008 reconciliation is calculated in March.

The January 2009 OPP Police Services Board Report shows officers reporting to a domestic dispute on January 1. This incident resulted in a significant amount of overtime by the Officers, who seized over 70 firearms and laid charges. The charges were later dropped by the spouse, but, the officers had invested a large amount of hours on this case.

Under Summary of Complaints it was noted that the Vault Manager discharged a seized firearm located in the Detachment Vault. This was an accident and no one was hurt. This incident resulted in officers both the Vault Manager and the officers who seized the firearm being briefed in properly checking firearms for safety and accepting informal corrective action. This matter is now closed.

Three letters of tributes were received in the month of January.

The 2009 Business Plan Commitment Report and the Statistical Report showed that Motor Vehicle Collisions were down by 19.05% in January. Contract Hours were up by 52.06% results of the January 1 domestic incident. Seat Belt enforcement was up 32.14% and Night Time Ride was up

65.07%. January, being the first month of the year does not show a very significant comparison, however, the trend appears to be going in the right direction.

The Inspector completed his report by informing the Board that the Grey County Detachment had the 2nd highest property crime clearance in Western Region. There were only 2 formal complaints in the 2008 year, and that the Business Plan Commitments were exceeded significantly. The Inspector was very proud of the manner in which his force achieved these goals.

The Inspector also reported that because of the increase in Motor Vehicle incidents in 2008, the OPP are increasing the Patrols on major roadways. Speed is the cause for collisions, and the OPP are committed to reducing the number of MVC's.

The Inspector informed the Board that there are some new officers that are young and are very enthusiastic with a strong desire to perform well. They are a great asset to the Detachment.

Item b) Mooresburg

The Board discussed the issue of speeding going through Mooresburg. There has been a request that the Board consider a Community Safety Zone for the settlement. The Inspector advised that the process would be the same as was gone through to get the CSZ on Highway 10 at the Holland Chatsworth Central School except for the involvement of MTO.

It was reported that Mooresburg has not had any significant accidents, but, that there are kids there in the summer months because of a local swimming hole. Discussion let to what would be the desired result of pursuing a Community Safety Zone, as there is not a way for excessive speed through the area due to the curves and therefore would not influence the current traffic through the area. As there are few houses, no shopping, no schools, no businesses, no church, etc. it is not certain that the area would be approved for a Community Safety Zone. The Board has asked that the issue be deferred until a study and analysis that will show average speed, number of vehicles, etc can be completed to establish the need first. The Inspector has offered to get the equipment from the County and complete a study.

Item c) OPP – Julian Fantino re: updated municipal Cost Recovery Program

The current contract is based on 2007 costs. This new cost recovery program will not affect our costs until our contract comes due. Any PSB who's contract is coming up for renewal will be affected by this new program.

Item d) OPP – Julian Fantino re: 100th Anniversary – noted and files

Item e) Municipality of West Perth motion regarding sentencing:

02/2009 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board support the motion of West Perth on January 14, 2009 asking the Attorney General to review the system of sentencing of the Provincial's Court System to work together with Ontario Police Services as they try to maintain adequate and effective police services in their communities.

Carried.

Item f) Independent Police Review Director – Introduction

The Commander reported to the Board that this new Board will review all complaints received against OPP Officers. The IPRO (Independent Police Review Office) has sole jurisdiction over complaints of police officers. They will be involved in overseeing the investigative progresses and will have the final comments on any investigation. The Inspector wanted to point out that although the letter states that the costs associated will be borne by the Police Services, as Section 10 Boards, our costs are covered in our contract with the OPP.

Item g) O.A.P.S.B. Zone 5 Board Member Directory – noted and filed

Item h) Friends of the OPP Museum – noted and filed.

Item i) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Victim Safety Project Grant.

Inspector Van Landuyt informed the Board that he was chair of the Victim Services of Bruce Grey & Owen Sound and therefore had the information forwarded to the Chatsworth PSB.

03/2009 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board do now go into closed session. Carried.

04/2009 Moved by Frank Beirnes

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board do now leave closed session. Carried.

Next Business:

Inspector Van Landuyt reported to the Board that the Wellington Regional Commander, Steven Walsh is retiring. Inspector Van Landuyt has agreed to take over that position until such time as a new Inspector can be employed. The Inspector informed the board that Officer John Periversoff is taking over the Chatsworth Detachment for three or four months until Inspector Van Landuyt comes back.

Next Meeting

Thursday April 16th, 2009 10:00 am

05/2009 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

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