

Chatsworth Police Services Board
April 21, 2011
MINUTES

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

Present: Board Members Bob Elliot, Frank Beirnes, Cornelius Vlieland, Detachment Commander Bob Mahlberg, and Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

03/2011 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the minutes of February 17, 2011 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

**Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
 February & March 2011
 Statistical Reports – February & March 2011**

Commander Mahlberg was present to review the February and March reports with the board noting that February and March were for the most part mild months. He did focus on an incident March 1, 2011 where there was a sudden death. He wanted the board to be aware that due to the nature of the death, the OPP did have to follow procedures and complete a significant investigation which resulted in a substantial amount of overtime.

An OPP officer was given a renewal for secondary employment, where this member also has a small antique business.

The Commander wanted the board to know that the Detachment had received a letter of Tribute from an individual who was very pleased with the officers. He was so pleased with the way that they conducted themselves that he requested that the letter be distributed to all of the officers in the Detachment for their perusal.

There were no complaints received for February or March.

Training was completed for several officers in February and March. It was noted by the Commander that there is a significant amount of investigations that cannot be handled by officers unless they

have had specialty training. Therefore the ongoing training for officers is critical in their ability to serve as effective and efficient policemen.

Media relations provided twenty-two press releases in February and twenty-three press releases in March. The Commander reported that a new officer is training to take over this position in the next few months.

Community Service had several significant programs in the months of February and March in the schools.

Officer Activities showed that in February 23.6% of hours worked and in March 32% of hours worked were in the Administration Duties. The reason this is higher than normal is because training hours goes into this category and there was a significant amount of training hours especially in March.

The seat belt blitz is currently in effect. The Commander wanted the board to know that compliance is at 97-98% which is a very positive result.

Statistical reports were reviewed showing that occurrences were up by 2.91%. Motor Vehicle collisions were up by 12.12% and it was mostly due to a storm that we experienced after a fairly long mild spell, giving motorists a false sense of security in their driving habits. Contract hours were down by 4.63%, but are way above the minimums required in the contract. Overtime hours were down significantly by 38.64%.

Seat belt enforcement resulted in a reduction of 7.35% which is a positive result, as mentioned earlier in this report. Night time ride program resulted in a 0% variance to the previous year. Driver Contacts was not up by 14.30% showing that more and more vehicles were being stopped, but fewer vehicles were found not wearing seatbelts, nor was there an increase in alcohol consumption infractions. This is very positive overall.

Property Crime statistics were down by 27.85%. A whole rash of mailbox thefts was solved when a 17 year old individual was found and charged.

Foot patrol is up by 8.62%. The OPP are being very proactive in their endeavor to get officers out interacting with the community.

Item b) OPP – Year End Reconciled Contract Policing Costs – OPP

To be noted and filed.

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Item c) OAPSB – PACP Position on Board Governance Training

To be noted and filed.

Item d) Brighton – Policing Costs and OMPF funding

To be noted and filed.

The Commander reported that he has not received the revised amount of the contract for 2011 from the renegotiated 2011 salaries and benefits. He will advise the Township as soon as he receives this information.

New Business

The Commander wished to bring to the board's attention an issue which has been causing his officers a great deal of grief.

They are very disheartened by the negative press that the OPP are receiving in the local newspapers. Items such as reporting budget increases due to rising Policing costs is one area of distress. The OPP are one of the most accountable and transparent entities to the public. They report on every hour of time within one quarter of an hour. They give of their own time to the community and often complete tasks that should be overtime, but, will use their own time so that the overtime is not being driven up and municipalities not ending up paying more for policing costs. When they make this effort and papers report only on negative issues it is discouraging to the officers. In actual fact, in the 2010 year, the OPP saved municipalities between 7.4 and 9.9% of their contract cost for the 2010 year once the year was reconciled.

Williamsford Community Centre Board of Management is housing a reunion function on July 30 and 31, 2011. A board member has requested that the OPP show their colours at this event and asked if on duty officers could even provide a walk-through at the event to show their presence.

The Williamsford Community Centre Board of Management is to get ahold of Officer Dave Roulston to arrange off duty police at this function for the evening dance.

04/2011 Moved by Frank Beirnes

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the PSB adjourn at 10:50 am.

Carried

Next Meeting

Thursday June 16, 2011 10:00 am