

Chatsworth Police Services Board
February 17, 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.

Election of Officers

The secretary opened nominations for the position of chairperson.

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

Cornelius Vlieland was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chairperson

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

01/2011 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the minutes December 16, 2010 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Before starting into Information Correspondence the Chairman asked if the Commander could give the board an update on the occurrence of the previous day regarding the seizing of 6 dogs from a property in Chatsworth Township.

The Commander explained that this activity was a result of a court order that had occurred 5 or 6 weeks ago, where the owner was to turn over the dogs. The owner would not comply with the court order which left the OPP with no alternative, but, to enter the property and seize the dogs.

The Commander reported that due to the nature and the difficulties of this particular issue, the OPP had to plan a very detailed and thorough course of action. The Commander felt that all of the police officers involved were very professional and did the job very well.

The Commander went on to explain that this is not a simple process. The OPP also had to consider the other residents in the household. They had to consider the dogs, which were known to be very aggressive and make sure that all of the officers and outside people involved were safe.

The process ended up going very smoothly and the Commander was very pleased with the results.

Information Correspondence

**Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
December 2010 & January 2011
Statistical Reports – December 2010 & January 2011**

Commander Mahlberg reviewed the reports for December 2010 and January 2011. Under noteworthy occurrences the Commander brought to the board's attention, the first item which involved a 30 year old male with an outstanding warrant. The Commander wanted the board to be aware that in order to arrest this individual a lot of resources had to be applied due to the nature of this individual. This was another incident where there was significant planning involved and the final result was that no one was injured or hurt, although there was some confrontation that occurred.

Under on-going investigations, it was noted that the animal complaint that was received was the same individual where the dogs were seized.

The Crime Unit Operations showed that there was one incident in December in Chatsworth and 3 incidents in January in Chatsworth Township. It was noted that there were a significant amount of sudden deaths in the Grey County area and the Commander informed the board that the month of December often results in increased suicides due to the holiday season being very difficult for some.

Personnel issues showed an officer off duty due to an on-duty injury. The Commander reported that the injury was significant and the officer has just now returned to work. Most of the officers listed as being off have now returned to work.

Training efforts are continuing and it is always important to keep the officers up to date in their training.

Media relations showed that there were 19 press releases issued in December. The Commander also informed the board that the officer in charge of the media relations will be retiring in a few months' time and that this individual is a difficult person to replace. As part of their succession planning and having reviewed several options, there is one individual that they felt stood out as being a good candidate to fill this vacancy. This individual will be completing some training over the next few months and will include some on the job training with the current officer.

The festive ride program resulted in much higher outcomes than expected. The Warn Range suspensions, which replace the old 12 hour suspensions, resulted in 46 individuals being charged, as opposed to an estimate of 8. All of the other categories resulted in much higher numbers than anticipated. Drinking and driving is very prevalent in the Grey County area. There are more arrests for drinking and driving in Grey County than in any other detachment in Western Region.

The Community Service Report shows that two officers completed a two week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) course at the Ontario Provincial College. This program is going to be initiated in the schools and takes several weeks to complete. It replaces the Values, Influences, Fears program that was utilized in the past.

Overtime for the months of December 2010 and January 2011 were not significant.

A board member inquired where the investigation for Home Hardware break in was at. The Commander mentioned that there were a large rash of break ins in the Southgate and Georgian Bluffs areas. They had apprehended a suspect and as a result over 40 incidents were cleared. This investigation is ongoing at this time.

Statistical information was then reviewed. The Commander focused on the December 31, 2010 report as it reported on the entire 2010 year. It was noted that Motor Vehicle collisions were down by 27.59% which was a significant reduction. Focusing on the Regular Contract hours it was noted that the contract regular hours were up by 11.53% showing that there were more hours given to the Township for 2010 over and above the contract hours than that of 2009 at no more cost to the Township.

Overtime hours showed that there was an increase in use of overtime hours of 102.35% in 2010 than the hours used in 2009. This was mainly due to two significant incidents that occurred in the township. As a result of this overages, the credit amount normally received for not using the contracted overtime hours will be much smaller than in the previous years.

Moving on to 2010 Business Plan commitments night time ride hours were down by 22.04%. However, the driver contacts were the same for 2010 as for 2009, showing that the same amount of cars was actually stopped.

Property Crime statistics were down by 15.16%, however, the clearance rates vary depending on the timing of clearances, which can be much later, and once a clearance is arrived at, it often means that several other crimes are cleared at the same time. Grey County Detachment is tied with one other detachment for the highest clearance ratings in the Western Region.

Foot Patrol showed an increase of 23.81% where Bike Patrol showed a decrease of 77.80%. This is due to the lack of ability to make use of the bike patrol in this geographic area. The Detachment is moving towards phasing out much of the Bike Patrol and replacing it with Foot Patrol.

Item b) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Frank Beirnes appointment

The Board congratulated Frank on his reappointment for 3 years starting June 20, 2011.

Item c) Ontario Provincial Police – Revised 2011 Salary Rate Estimates

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

02/2011 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the PSB adjourn at 10:55 am.

Carried

Next Meeting

Thursday April 21, 2011 10:00 am