

Chatsworth Police Services Board
June 15, 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 Staff Sargent Rick Sinnamon, Chief Detective Phil Mann, and Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

05/2011 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That the minutes of April 21, 2011 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

Item a) **OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
April & May 2011
Statistical Reports – April & May 2011**

Staff Sargent Rick Sinnamon presented the reports for this meeting, first reviewing the Detachment Commander’s Report. In April there were two sudden death incidents, both were elderly persons and no foul play was suspected.

An incident involving two persons and a lawnmower rolling over resulted in no serious injury.

A single motor vehicle collision occurred on county Road 3 and County Road 25 where a 16 year old male driver came around two curves and missed the second curve due to speed. The young person had taken a parent’s vehicle without permission. Several charges were laid.

There were two allegations of sexual assault in this two month period, one is with the Children’s Aid, and the other has been cleared.

A father accidentally backed over his five year old son while attempting to back out of his driveway. The child was not hurt badly.

A tractor, which appeared to be similar to one reported stolen the previous day, was spotted by an officer while on patrol. The officer, suspicious of the tractor which was being towed on a trailer by a vehicle, pulled the vehicle over. There was a female driver in the vehicle and two

male passengers. The officer transported the suspects to the Detachment and questioned them, where they admitted to having stolen the tractor. Through further investigation of these individuals, spotted the next day by other officers in a different location, other stolen items were found and further charges were laid clearing several outstanding incidents. The officer on patrol did a commendable job in apprehending the perpetrators.

There were three separate fires at different times on Strathaven Road which lead the Fire Chief to question if they were all related. The OPP have investigated and have found nothing to substantiate that.

A break and enter occurred on Negro Creek Road where a firearm was stolen along with some alcohol.

A missing person report led to a major search by the OPP. An individual with past psychiatric history was reported missing. Investigation led the officers to believe that the individual was in danger of injuring themselves.

The officers deployed the canine unit and completed a massive search within a 2.3 Km circumference of the individual's home. When they were unable to find anything they deployed a helicopter unit to search from the air the next morning, searching the area thoroughly. Throughout the search, a GPS unit was used to track the officers search routes.

After 2 days of searching, the officers decided to search along the Spey River. They found the individual in shallow water, deceased.

The family was kept informed throughout the search and was involved with the OPP from the start of the investigation.

There were four tribute letters to the OPP in the months of April and May. One letter was from the family of the missing person; thanking the OPP for all that they did find their missing family member.

One civilian employee transferred to a vacancy at another detachment. That employee has been replaced by Michelle Hutchinson who started on May 30th.

Detachment initiatives involved seatbelt enforcement in April and Distracted Drivers including texting while driving and Canada Road Safety week.

Statistical information was reviewed. Seatbelt enforcement was up 7.14%. April was the focus month for seatbelt blitzes. Night time ride hours were up slightly by 5.73%. Personal injury MVC's was down. The OPP attributes this to seatbelt compliance and less drivers found drinking while driving during seatbelt and RIDE programs.

Bike patrol has not been very active, but, will be taking place on a regular basis throughout the summer months.

There was a significant increase in motor vehicle collisions, up 14.89%. The OPP reported that this was at least 60% due to car/deer accidents in April and May.

Contract hours overtime was down significantly from 2010. This is due to the shooting that took place last year at this time. The OPP reported at this time that there will be no coroner's inquest for the shooting in May, 2010. The officers who attended the shooting performed admirably and have been cited for awards. The Detective in charge of the operation was extremely pleased with their performance.

There was discussion on the SIU investigations that have taken place in the past year. It was explained that the SIU in its investigations must be totally impartial to all parties and view the entire situation as a completely neutral entity. Their entire focus is based on what the officers have done from the time they got to the scene of the incident. They do not focus on anything that occurred before, or after the incident. They look at training, procedures, actions, etc. all during the time of the incident. Results of their investigation take a significant amount of time before the results are revealed.

b) **Business Plan Review** – The Chairman questioned the number of hours that reflect the Regular Hours in Excess of Contract and voiced his concern that these hours could result in a significant increase in the next contract which is coming up in early 2012.

The Staff Sargent replied that he did not think that it would mean a significant increase, and looking at 2008 and 2009 years, the hours were significantly less than 2010, which again, was due to special circumstances, being the shooting that took place.

c) **OAPSB – Provincial Appointees** – noted and filed.

d) **Office of the Independent Police Review Director** – noted and filed.

New Business

The question was raised about off duty police officers attending Special Occasion Permit functions on township owned properties in the Township of Chatsworth. Do the persons having the event have to use OPP officers, or can they use officers from another Detachment, example West Grey officers. The OPP replied that it would not be in the best interest of the Municipality to do that as it would raise red flags for insurance purposes, WSIB, etc. Where the OPP have Province wide protection, small police forces would only have coverage for their own policing area, not a municipality outside of their jurisdiction. Another concern would be radio contact with other officers for backup support. OPP officers have radio contact with all OPP officers, where another detachment does not. Officers from another jurisdiction would not be able to contact the officers necessary to respond to the scene.

The OPP were asked if they policed alcohol sales at non-charitable, non-municipal functions where the Liquor License Act states that individuals cannot sell alcohol for gain or profit.

They asked if the Township would forward on to them the section of the act being referred to and they would look into it.

06/2011 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Carried.

Next Meeting

Thursday August 18, 2011 7:30 pm
8:00 pm Open House