

Chatsworth Police Services Board

December 20, 2012

MINUTES

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

Present:

Board Members:

Bob Elliot - Community Member
Cornelius Vlieland - Council Member
Frank Beirnes - Provincial Member

OPP Detachment Members:

Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle
Staff Sergeant Phil Mann

Staff:

Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Adoption of Agenda

16/2012 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the December 20, 2012 meeting be approved as circulated.

Adoption of Minutes

17/2012 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

*Be it resolved that the Minutes of the October 18, 2012 meeting be approved as circulated.
Carried.*

Financial Reports:

None.

Information Correspondence

Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports: Noted and Filed
 October and November, 2012
 Statistical Reports – October and November 2012

Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle reviewed the OPP reports with the Board and highlighted the following incidents.

Noteworthy Occurrences

There were two incidents in October involving stunt driving within two days of each other. In both cases the drivers were charged under the Highway Traffic Act with stunt driving.

The Grey County Detachment was notified by the Owen Sound City Police that they had information regarding a party taking place in Chatsworth where there could be a possible stabbing. The Grey County Detachment deployed officers to attend and shut down the party thus avoiding any possibility of potential serious injury. The Commander highlighted to the board the partnership occurring between the two policing agencies.

Two young persons escaped Pine Hill Youth facility and were later located. They were both charged with escape lawful custody. This incident took a lot of time and resources including the employment of the OPP helicopter. There was a concern for the youths due to the weather conditions at the time. Due to this incident the Township of Chatsworth experienced significant overtime and a significant amount of regular hours over and above the contracted hours for the month.

There were several incidents involving persons being apprehended under the Mental Health Act who were then taken to the hospital for evaluation and further treatment. The Commander highlighted the fact that the ages of these individuals varied from 14 to 52 noting that Mental Health issues are becoming much more prevalent and involving much younger individuals than in the past.

A single motor vehicle collision resulted in the death of a 30 year old male. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and if he had been wearing a seatbelt it was recognized that the accident would in all likelihood not have resulted in a fatality.

Officers were dispatched many times to Participation Lodge due to the ongoing strike that occurred there. The Commander wanted the board to know that during the duration of the strike the OPP spent numerous hours there which resulted in a significant number of overtime hours and a significant increase in regular hours over the contract hours for the month. They provided the Provincial Liaison team to help keep things peaceful. The Provincial Liaison team is non-uniform presences that in this case were also able to help to

ensure that the Supreme Court rules for strikes were being adhered to. An individual who was a local resident was also charged with dangerous driving.

A 17 year old young person was charged with assault. The youth was a resident of Pine Hill Youth Facility.

There was an incident where a female was charged with breaching a court order as per the Dog Owners Liability Act. This individual has already been through the Court system due to a Dog Owners Liability Act infraction and will now be going through the court system again due to this breach.

There have been several incidents of charges due to impaired driving and the Commander noted that the end of November started the Festive Ride program in the Chatsworth area. The Commander reported that the OPP have laid more charges for Drinking and Driving this year than last year overall.

On-Going Investigations

On October 13 officers assisted the Chesley Fire Department with a residential fire. This was another substantial event that resulted in significant resources of officers' time both regular hours and overtime hours. The fire resulted in an investigation in which a 36 year old male was charged with assaulting police officers. The house burnt down and is under investigation by the Fire Marshall.

Copper wire was reported as stolen with no suspects. The Commander noted that in many of these cases it is an organized group of individuals who are the perpetrators committing these crimes. There have been incidents where they have stolen significant amounts of wiring from entities such as Ontario Hydro.

A fraud involving Kijiji was reported to the OPP. This type of incident is much more prevalent now. The OPP are doing a lot of presentations to the public now to make them aware and educate them as to these new types of fraud.

Several unlocked vehicle incidents resulted in entry to the vehicles and articles taken. The Commander stressed the need to keep vehicles locked and that to leave them unlocked is a huge temptation to anyone who has a criminal tendency. Locking your vehicle can be a huge deterrent in keeping thefts from occurring.

Crime Unit Operations

Crime Unit investigations included the Arson investigation resulting in a house being burnt down, a fatal motor vehicle collision, a sudden death, and a reported polygamy, abuse and psychological torture within a secretive sect. The polygamy incident has

resulted in engaging assistance from other outside agencies and a full investigation by the Crime Unit that is ongoing. Several individuals have been interviewed.

Training

October and November are months where training is increased. Training must be kept up to date by all officers. October resulted in 18 officer training sessions and November resulted in 20 officer training sessions.

Community Service Report

Our Liaison Officer is very involved in the Community. In October she was involved in Bus Safety programs, School lockdown drills, Amish liaison visit and setting up fingerprint identification programs.

In November she did a fingerprint identification program with the Kindergarten classes, Amish liaison, Remembrance Day ceremonies, and increased patrols with the Georgian Bay Secondary Schools due to teacher work issues.

Discussion took place regarding the Amish and Mennonite Community and buggy safety while travelling the roadways especially in the dark or at dusk and in the early morning hours when the buggy vehicles cannot be seen. The Commander reported that our Liaison officer is working with several Amish and Mennonite communities and Police forces from the Perth area along with our own area. A meeting is scheduled with this group in January and a copy of the flyer that has been designed to be handed out to those communities was shown to the board.

The Vice Chair requested that a meeting be set up between the OPP and the Mayor of the Township of Chatsworth and the Chair of the Police Services Board. After the fatality that occurred earlier in the year, the Townships and the County have discussed this problem and the Township would like to find some solutions to the problem of making the Amish and Mennonite community more visible while travelling on the roadways to the motorized public, working with the OPP and the Amish and Mennonite communities.

The Commander is going to speak with our liaison officer and then arrange a meeting with the Mayor, the Police Services Board and the OPP but he would like to wait until after the meeting that the liaison officer will be attending in January so that all of the facts from that meeting can also be addressed.

Financial: Overtime

The month of October resulted in several incidents which caused a significant amount of overtime. The Fire which is a suspected arson caused 51.75 hours of overtime. The Unlawfully at Large incident caused 41.25 hours of overtime. The Motor Vehicle Collision

resulting in a fatality caused 14.25 hours of overtime. Traffic Enforcement caused 7.5 hours of overtime.

The month of November showed an insignificant amount of overtime being experienced.

Statistical Reports

Two Statistical reports were reviewed by the Commander. Highlights included the Monthly Contract hours being 18.6% higher than the contract as a result of the Lodge strike, unlawfully at large incident, the fatal accident and the arson fire. These overages will not result in any extra costs for Policing. Overtime overages were also a result of these incidents and the variance showing was 62.53% increase from 2011 to 2012.

Seatbelt enforcement was down 35.75% and Night Time Ride hours were down 13.20%, however officers are out there and the end of November marks the beginning of the Festive Ride program for the season.

Driver Contacts are down 12.66% however, a fair amount of this number is a result of the change in the method of reporting driver contacts from 2011 to 2012 and comparisons going forward from 2012 to 2013 should show a more accurate comparison.

Arrests from drinking and driving are down 25%. The officers are however, mixing things up so that they are not just focusing on major highways and major roadways, but are setting up programs in remote areas to get the message across that they are checking everywhere in the Township.

Personal injury MVC's are down 48.62%. This is a very positive trend. Part of the reason for this is weather that has been exceptionally good for this time of year.

Property Crime investigations are down 1.98% as a result of successes in recovering stolen property and the aid of the Crime Unit in clearing some incidents. Although the activity has gone down, it takes much more officers time to process these crimes due to the increased reporting requirements.

Foot patrol is up 2.91%. At this time of year officers are focusing in on Arenas and are visiting them on a regular basis to make their presence seen and making themselves available to the public.

Item b) OPP 2013 Contract Policing Costs – Noted and Filed

As noted, the Township will experience a slight decrease in the cost of policing for 2013 than for 2012. The Board and OPP discussed the concern brought forward at the London Western Region meeting of per household costs being different between neighbouring

municipalities. The commander noted that different factors enter into every area when calculating their costs. All are unique and some have enhancements, others cannot afford enhancements, while others have different Police Detachments even though they boarder each other.

The Board thanked the Commander and Staff Sergeant for their reports and they left the meeting.

18/2012 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board proceed into Closed session at 11:15 am in order to address financial or personal matters or other matters of such a nature that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public. Carried.

19/2012 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

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

Carried.

20/2012 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:25 am.

Carried.

Next Meeting

Thursday February 21, 2013 - 10:00 am.