

Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board

April 11, 2013

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
Admin Sergeant Paul Stevenson

Staff:

Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Adoption of Agenda

06/2013 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the April 11, 2013 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

07/2013 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried.

Information Correspondence

Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:

February and March 2013
Statistical Reports – February and March 2013

Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle reviewed the OPP reports with the Board and highlighted the following incidents noting that occurrences were down just under 5% for the months of Jan. Feb. March 2013 compared to the months of Jan. Feb. March 2012.

Chatsworth Police Services Board Report
Noteworthy Occurrences

A theft investigation resulted in a 17 year old young person being charged with theft. It was noted that with certain offences officers have some discretion as to whether charges will be laid or whether having the incident dealt with by way of diversion as per the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), as in this case, is a better solution. Often this is in the form of apology letters, cleaning up of damage, etc.

Officers were requested to assist paramedics with a young person who was out of control. Due to an increase in incidents involving the Canadian Mental Health Act the Chatsworth Detachment Business Plan now reflects this. Also the OPP in conjunction with the Canadian Mental Health Agency are working on a protocol to better handle situations involving people whose case falls under the Canadian Mental Health Act. The OPP are currently reviewing the risk assessment involving this protocol. They are hoping that something will be in place by May or June for the Officers.

A male charged with break and enter and theft, possession of stolen property and breach of probation at a residence was dealt with and apprehended very quickly due to the occupant being at home at the time. The OPP were able to arrive there swiftly and arrest the suspect.

The Officers were called to the Bluewater Youth and Adult facility with regards to an 18 year old male out of control. The male was arrested and charged with mischief under \$5,000.00 and uttering threats. The OPP received a call from the manager of the facility, who wanted to thank the officers for their professionalism.

A male was arrested and charged with being intoxicated in a public place under the Liquor License Act. The male driving a vehicle ended up in the ditch and then passed out at a residence. The people at that residence did not want him there. The OPP were unable to charge him with drinking and driving, because there was no way to prove he was behind the wheel when they arrived on the scene.

A male resident of Participation Lodge was charged with sexual assault. The victim was a female resident. The male resident was charged with a fairly serious charge. The OPP

wanted to ensure the Board that they investigate everything thoroughly and appropriately before laying charges.

A report of a driver of a motor vehicle continually running a stop sign on purpose on a daily basis resulted in an officer patrolling the area around the time that the driver normally goes through the stop sign. Good proactive work by the OPP officers resulted in the motorist being stopped and charged accordingly before an accident happened.

Officers were required by the Fire Service to stand by and keep the peace while a home inspection was completed. The Fire Department was concerned that the individual might cause difficulty. The OPP are always happy to assist Enforcement Officers when dealing with these types of incidents. It is often a positive influence just having the OPP assist at a private residence and often tends to help keep the visit from becoming more heated.

A male reported a fraud. The fraud occurred when the male was contacted and advised that a family member needed financial help. He then wired the money, \$1,900.00, before realizing the call was actually a scam. The money transfer station was suspicious of the transfer and initiated investigation. The OPP are sending out Media Releases regarding these types of fraud. A seniors meeting has been set up at the Bayshore to help educate seniors about fraud. The OPP feel that the more information that gets out to the public to alert people to this type of activity the better.

Another fraud complaint involving Kijiji was also received by the OPP.

The OPP are diligently working with the Amish community in regards to road safety. They have had several positive meetings with the Amish. Recently the OPP presented them with a lantern. There is an ongoing relationship between the OPP and the Amish and this is going to be a continual long term relationship. The OPP are committed to enhance road safety for this community. They are hoping for some compromises with the Amish community, but it is proving to be a continuing work in progress.

Crime Unit Operations

A bank fraud involving a female who attended the Chatsworth Bank of Montreal and opened an account, depositing a fraudulent cheque for a large amount was reported to the OPP. They worked closely with the Bank of Montreal initiating the aid of the Crime Unit. Investigation showed that the same person has withdrawn money from BMO accounts in Regina and Newfoundland. The Bank is on the alert if she returns to the Chatsworth branch to try and access the funds. There was a lot of OPP officers' time associated with this incident.

Personnel Issues

Personnel Issues were relatively consistent. Detective Constable Andy Bayard retired on March 31, 2013. He was a long time detective. This position will be filled shortly.

Training

Training was back to normal for the months of February and March.

Media Relations

There were 16 Media releases in February regarding Cash Prize Scams and 22 Media releases in March regarding Seatbelt Safety.

Community Service

D.A.R.E. classes were completed and the Commander attended a graduation at the Holland Chatsworth Central School and will be attending another graduation at the Sullivan Central School. The Commander tries diligently to attend all of the graduations as he feels it is very important education for our youth.

Detachment Initiatives

Snowmobile Trail enforcement was an initiative of the OPP that resulted in much more enforcement than in any other year. The OPP reported that this initiative was very successful.

POA Enforcement

POA Enforcement resulted in a significant number of tickets issued over the Easter long weekend.

Financial: (Overtime) was over compared to this time last year. There were several incidents which resulted in significant overtime, one being the ongoing Polygamy investigation, a domestic dispute, and a warrant execution. The Polygamy investigation was a big draw on overtime.

Statistical Reports – January, February, March, 2013

Occurrences were down 4.79 % from this time last year.

Motor Vehicle Collisions show a significant decrease of 21.62% which is a very positive %.

Contract Hours show an increase of 7.17%. Contract hours always meet the minimum and usually exceed it.

Contract Overtime Hours showed a significant increase of 73.49% from this same time in 2012. Overtime is watched very carefully. There is optimism that April will bring this number back down.

Seatbelt Enforcement was up 20%, however the numbers do not take in all of the Easter weekend.

Night Time Ride hours were up 22.47%. Officers did commit a lot of hours to ride and the RIDE program making sure that they used up all of the RIDE Grant monies.

Driver Contacts were up 13.81%. There was an increase in POA charges also. Stopping a number of cars does not always result in enforcement, but involves education.

Arrests – CC Drinking & Driving Offences was down 31.58%. The RIDE activity with cars being stopped resulted in less Drinking and Driving offences.

Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Collisions results showed the same as the previous year with a 0% result.

Property Crime was down 9.85%. The OPP currently have a vacancy in the Crime Unit.

Foot Patrol was down 4.67% however there are still a good number of hours being experienced.

08/2013 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board accept the Detachment Commanders Report for the months of February and March, 2013.

And that the 2013 Business Plan Commitments Progress Reports and the Chatsworth Police Services Board Statistical Reports for January, February and March be accepted.

New Business

The Commander presented the Board with the Year 2012 Reconciled Contract Policing Costs – Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

The report indicated that a total credit of 64,131.00 was experienced by the Township of Chatsworth for the 2012 Year.

The Commander also provided a copy of the Agreement for the Provision of Police Services Under Section 10 of the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15. for the Township's file.

The Commander also wanted to report to the Board that all of the Police Services Boards in Grey County have now been notified at their respective meetings that the OPP will no

longer provide off duty officers to Alcohol related functions. A letter will be forthcoming to each of the boards confirming this.

Next Meeting

Thursday June 20, 2013 - 10:00 am.

09/2013 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 2:15 pm.

Carried.