

Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board
October 24, 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
Constable Paul Nixon

Staff:

Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Adoption of Agenda

18/2013 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board Agenda for the October 24, 2013 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

Adoption of Minutes

19/2013 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Bob Elliot

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board Minutes of August 15, 2013 be approved as amended.

Carried

Information Correspondence

Item a) Anne Kurita School Bus Safety Study

A conference call was held with Anne Kurita. Anne described to the Board the initiative her organization is pursuing for the possibility of a School Bus Safety Study practice that the Township of Chatsworth Council could adopt when addressing new gravel pit applications.

Anne introduced the Chatsworth Taxpayers for a Safe and Healthy Environment group that is involved in this initiative and described their ideas regarding the hazards of gravel trucks and their risk regarding the safety of school children, school bus drivers and family members that are awaiting school buses with their children.

Discussion took place regarding the roles of the OPP, the Police Services Board and Council regarding gravel pit applications. The Board explained that she needs to deliberate with Township Council and the proponents of the application for a gravel pit regarding this initiative, not the Police Services Board and explained that Council is open to hearing and addressing all concerns of residents regarding gravel pit issues as part of the application process.

The Commander advised that the OPP Detachment would be able and willing to provide statistics for this initiative but could not act as an active member of any committee or group.

Item b) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
 August and September 2013
 Statistical Reports – August and September 2013
 Monthly Crime Analysis Reports – August, September

Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle reviewed the OPP reports with the Board and highlighted the following incidents. The Commander started by identifying that occurrences for August were down by 13.4% and September they were down by 13%. The Commander also reported that a number of these occurrences did take a significant amount of officer's time to process.

Chatsworth Police Services Board Report
Noteworthy Occurrences

The Commander highlighted a 15 year old female that has chronic occurrences involving OPP officers. In September they attended 8 times. Each time an officer has to attend paperwork also has to be completed.

An incident involving a missing boy at Williams Lake which resulted in a fatal drowning involved a significant amount of officers' time. As a result of the incident the Sergeant in charge of the occurrence attended the Township office to recommend additional signage and other points that are risk management suggestions.

An incident involving a garbage dumping complaint spiraled into a large event and resulted in drugs estimated at just under \$11,000.00 being seized. This incident also involved prohibited weapons being located at the residence. This investigation took a great deal of time. The OPP had to enlist the aid of a search warrant which took most of a day to obtain.

The Commander reported that currently there has been an excessive amount of mailbox damage taking place.

Mental Health incidents now have a proper process involving the Canadian Mental Health Association and the CMHA is happy with the OPP officers' deployment of this new process.

On-Going Investigations

Officers received a report of a dog killing a cat which resulted in an Animal Control person being notified.

Crime Unit Operations

There were substantial Crime Unit events in August and September; several of them involved the production of drugs. There were 3 in September and 1 in August. The Drug enforcement unit was deployed in the September 24 incident. Good results were achieved and the perpetrator ended up turning himself in to the OPP and is currently in custody.

Tributes

There were no tributes in the months of August or September.

Personnel Issues

There are no significant Personnel issues and the Detachment is almost up to full compliment.

Training

Training involved Taser Recertification for 4 members. The Commander reported that there is a new policy in place as of yesterday. There are two deployable Tasers with either the Sergeant or an IC or with two IC's at all times.

Media Relations

There were 44 releases on Operation Dry Water in August and 27 releases on Back to School – Student Safety and Combatting Teen Victimization through social media.

Community Service Report

August involved a Bike safety presentation. September involved a Family Health Fair, Blue Water Board of Education Anti Bullying seminar, Bus Patroller Safety Education, and an Anabaptist meeting at the Owen Sound Health Unit.

Auxiliary Unit

Auxiliary Unit hours were very significant in August and September resulting in 156 hours in August and 193 hours in September.

POA Enforcement

POA Enforcement shows a significant decrease in Provincial Highways as a result of the construction on the Highway. Officers time was dedicated to Obligated Duties and patrolling the sideroads that were being utilized by local traffic to detour the construction holdups on the highway.

Officers Activities

Obligated duties reflected a significant increase where Patrol Hours were down. The shift was mainly from occurrences to investigative events.

Statistical Reports – August and September, 2013

Occurrences had a slight reduction of 7.71 % from this time last year.

Motor Vehicle Collisions were down 3.95% from last year.

Contract Hours show a decrease of 8.46%. Contract hours always exceed the minimum monthly obligation as a result of the Detachment being in Chatsworth. It is a benefit.

Contract Overtime Hours showed a decrease of 35.14% which is significantly down from 2012 and 2011.

Seatbelt Enforcement was down 42.18%. The detachment just completed a seatbelt campaign and continues to maintain seatbelt enforcement.

Night Time Ride Hours was up by 1.84%. We now have a new grant for the 2013/2014 year.

Driver Contacts were down 3.13%. The number of driver contacts overall is good.

Arrests – CC Drinking & Driving Offences was down 10.00%. It was reported that drinking and driving is still out there.

Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Collisions results showed a significant increase of 37.25%. Distracted driving is a major reason and seatbelt enforcement is a key to helping police this issue.

Property Crime Clearance Rate was down 1.63%. The detachment currently has a vacancy in this area and has advertised for a new officer.

Bike Patrol is down 91.83%. It is impossible to do bike patrol right now as there is no training available for the officers under the new curriculum.

Foot Patrol was down 10.14%. The Commander has spoken to the sergeants to re-enforce that officers need to get out of their vehicles and circulate.

Monthly Crime Analysis Reports – for all of Grey County show a drop in Assault of 53%, Auto Theft drop of 75%, and Theft Under drop of 29%. This report helps determine where officers should be deployed.

20/2013 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board accept the Detachment Commanders Report, the 2013 Business Plan Commitment Progress Reports, the Chatsworth Police Services Board Statistical Reports and the Monthly Crime Analysis Reports for the months of August and September, 2013.

Carried

c.) OPP 2013 Semi-Annual Contract Policing Cost

To be noted and filed.

d) Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.

21/2013 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board recommend that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth support Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. with a donation of \$100.00. Carried.

e.) OPP R.I.D.E. Allocation 2013/2014

To be noted and filed.

22/2013 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

Be it resolved that the recommendation of Anne Kurita, the OPP 2013 Semi-Annual Contract Policing Cost, the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. and the OPP R.I.D.E. Allocation 2013/2014 reports be noted and filed. Carried.

New Business

The Commander reported to the board that the computer that has been rented on an annual basis for the Grey County OPP Detachment by the Township of Chatsworth at the request of the Police Services Board is has now been deemed an excess computer. The Commander has been able to re-assign a computer from another site to the detachment leaving the rented computer as no longer necessary.

22/2013 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board no longer renew the Contract for a computer for the Chatsworth Detachment as of March 31, 2013 as per the Commander's recommendation. Carried.

Next Meeting

Thursday December 19, 2013 – 10:00

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23/2013 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

*Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:15 a.m.
Carried.*