

Greg then noted he believes it has been a relatively successful program in reducing false dispatches.

Rod then questioned if a home with a registered alarm is sold and the new owner re-registers the alarm is it considered a new registration, Greg replying yes, as the alarm has to be registered in the new owner's name. Rod then noted out of 50 alarm registrations per year, 25 may actually be new, Greg replying yes.

Ellen then questioned the cost of the program, Greg replying in the order of \$15,000 including a part-time clerk position. Ellen then questioned program revenue, Greg noting there is a spike every three years when re-registration is required, in the order of \$12,000. Ellen then questioned the cost of registration, Greg replying residential is \$25, commercial \$30, every three years.

Kevin then reviewed the alarm industry response to false dispatch, including the Canadian Security Association recommended response policy.

Kevin then noted the industry recognizes program concerns and some municipalities have programs that contact a private security firm versus police.

Kevin then noted technology is much better at present and sensors are less likely to read false, adding a new program called Enhanced Call Verification Program that allows for less false dispatches with two numbers, premises and cell phone, for the alarm company to contact.

Kevin noted Huronia has tried to track what causes false alarms and reported for the first half of 2012 there have been 55, 11 from improperly closed doors, 6 were user errors, 2 were people on-site, 6 were equipment failure, 4 were environmental issues and 25 were unknown and this is what they are trying to break down.

Kevin further noted the industry is trying to better educate alarm users and Huronia offers seminars and programs to groups, adding Huronia monitors 6,000 systems and the false alarm rate is .108, one every nine years, with one per year being the industry standard.

Kevin then noted The Blue Mountains is close to the industry standard.

Michael Seguin was in attendance and noted from the floor that at the last meeting it was noted there were 200 alarms not registered and questioned if the 459 false alarms recorded for 2011 were only for registered alarms or registered and unregistered, Greg to follow up.

Rod then questioned if there was a false alarm at an unregistered location was there any action taken, Greg replying a letter would be sent with registration forms and fines are also available if registration does not occur.

Ellen then questioned if Huronia does their own installation, Kevin replying yes and Huronia offers complete alarm services, including their own monitoring station, adding the industry is not regulated but they are trying to establish some regulation.

Kevin further noted technology is improving including video imaging which would assist in determining if dispatch is required, adding Huronia uses some sub-contractors that work for them regularly.

Rod then questioned if Huronia directs owners to register new alarms, Kevin replying registration forms are provided to owners following installation.

Charlie then noted the OPP received calls from alarm companies regarding registration and they are directed to the Town website for information.

Larry then thanked Kevin and Greg for their information and they retired from the meeting.

Larry then reviewed status of the Community Watch Programs, noting parts of the community are virtually crime-free, but it is important to note crimes do occur, for example recent theft and vandalism involving kayaks at Lora Bay.

Larry then noted cyber-crime and fraud remain as issues for residents.

Larry then circulated sample letters from members of Council to residents informing them of the Neighbourhood Watch, Rural Watch and Business Watch Programs, with signage installed advising of the Traffic Watch Program.

Larry then described information packages to be circulated to residents, including Share the Road and Short Term Accommodation (STA) information, adding the Community Watch website is continually updated.

Rod then congratulated Larry on the Committee's Community Watch efforts and work to date.

Larry then reviewed STA enforcement, noting the Committee has concerns with the issue, acknowledging STA properties were also an economic development issue, adding the Committee believed there should be an STA registration program as well as increased self-enforcement.

Larry then stated the Committee believes Council should move as quickly as possible to a licencing regime with significant sanctions for non-compliance. Larry further noted Committee members met with Chief Administrative Officer Troy Speck and Director of Planning and Building David Finbow regarding STA issues and it was agreed four areas should be explored, being that stakeholder engagement was required, as well as an education program and availability of integrated resources to respond to STA concerns.

Larry then noted a partnership was discussed between the OPP, Fire Services and By-law Enforcement with information to be shared in a common database.

Larry then noted the fourth item is enhanced enforcement and revised By-law Enforcement hours have been considered. Larry further noted OPP Crime Prevention Officer Pieter Huyssen has offered to meet with OPP shifts to advise of any concerns expressed regarding STA issues.

Ellen then noted appreciation for the time taken to address these matters, Larry noting the Committee is not an advocacy group but rather is attempting to pull all parties together, Larry then asking the Board if there was anything they could do to assist.

Rod then noted the Board supports the Committee efforts to date and questioned what the Committee might expect from the Board.

Larry then proposed the Board invite David Finbow to the next meeting to discuss putting in place an STA registration program, which has been supported by David in the past but not yet accepted at the Council level.

Larry then stated Troy has developed a funding source for a registration program that would not impact taxation.

Ellen then suggested that perhaps Rod could meet with Troy and David and draft a letter to Council on behalf of the Board.

Larry then reviewed the Share the Road program, adding The Blue Mountains is becoming an increasingly attractive destination for cyclists, noting the roads are used by cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.

Larry then noted Charlie, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt and area resident Bill Abbotts are very much involved with the program and it includes an education program.

Larry then noted intersections are a concern with vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians interacting and actions such as positive tickets are a consideration, for example handing out water bottles for examples of lawful activity.

Charlie then reported on a past weekend program where officers were observing cyclists and motorists at intersections and program water bottles and fridge magnets were handed out as a positive ticket incentive.

Bill Abbotts then reported that Constable Huysen met early Saturday with the Collingwood Cycling Club to discuss the Share the Road program, with 80 cyclists in attendance. Bill further noted they then addressed a cycling group in Creemore and later observed cycling groups riding properly and spoke with motorists following cyclist groups to hear their input.

Bill further noted there were also runners and equestrians using the roads, adding he believes the program is beginning to work in a positive manner.

Charlie then noted OPP officers will be out again the coming weekend.

Rod then thanked Larry and Bill for their information and they retired from the meeting.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 Detachment Commander's Report

Charlie then reviewed the Report, noting the Community Policing Committee continues good work within the community and represent a great support group for the OPP.

Charlie then noted the 2012 Centurion Cycling Event routes have been finalized, with Jozo Weider Boulevard not being utilized this year and the 10th Line replacing Grey Road 2, both of which should minimize cyclists encountering vehicular traffic.

Charlie then noted Wakestock would take place in Collingwood on August 10 and 11, with more events schedule at the Great Northern Exhibition site.

Charlie then reported the DARE program graduation will take place at Beaver Valley Community School on June 6, with Detachment officers participating in The Blue Mountains Municipal Works Day on June 1.

Charlie then reported on a Grey County Social Services mock evacuation exercise that took place at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on May 15, adding all involved were very pleased with the BVCC facility.

Charlie then noted there were no public complaints during the reporting period.

Charlie then reviewed 2012 First Quarter Crime Statistics, noting break and enters and motor vehicle accidents were both down significantly from 2011.

Charlie then reviewed Contract Policing Statistics for the first quarter, noting hours worked were 400 plus over the contract requirements, clarifying there were some major crime investigations within The Blue Mountains during this period, including the use of the Emergency Response Unit, a tracking dog and a helicopter but the Town was only responsible for the hours contracted and not the specialized enforcement.

Rod then noted the policing contract will be up for renewal at the end of 2012 and questioned if the extra hours would be an issue, Charlie replying no, the OPP conduct a workload study to determine the hours required and the Detachment is not requesting any enhancements to the existing contract.

