

Minutes: The Blue Mountains Police Services Board



MEETING DATE: September 7, 2011

MEETING TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: OPP Station Board Room

PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Board Secretary

A. Call to Order

- Chair Carr called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.
- Also in attendance was Sergeant Charles Watts of Collingwood – The Blue Mountains Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, Inspector Trude unable to attend due to vacation.
- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Ellen Anderson

Seconded by: Rod Knott

THAT the Agenda of September 7, 2011, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda.
- Previous Minutes

Moved by: Rod Knott

Seconded by: Ellen Anderson

THAT the minutes of the May 18, 2011 Police Services Board meeting be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

As the scheduled deputation was not yet in attendance, the Board concurred to proceed with Staff Reports.

C. Staff Reports

C.1 Detachment Commander's Report

Charlie then reviewed the Report, noting the Community Policing Committee was still very active with the Community Watch program, adding the Committee's efforts had finally been successful in reducing the Highway 26 speed limit to 70Km/hr from Thornbury to the Georgian Trail crossing.

Charlie then noted the 2011-12 RIDE Grant Application had been approved for The Blue Mountains.

Charlie then reported the Chili Cookoff and horse show at Cedar Run had been conducted July 8 and 9 with no policing issues or concerns apparent.

Rod then questioned if there were noise complaints, Charlie replying yes but they are not considered a policing matter, rather a By-law enforcement issue, noting the police were more concerned with traffic and parking issues.

Rod then noted the recent rodeo event was less noisy than the Chili Cookoff concerts, adding he could still hear the rodeo event at his residence, Charlie noting organizers have attempted to address stage orientation and sound system issues.

Mayor Anderson then noted the Town views Cedar Run as an economic development initiative and it should be realize there may be occasional concerts.

Charlie then reported the Wakestock event took place August 5 through 7 and there were no major incidents.

Charlie then reported the Centurion Cycling event would take place September 16 through 18 with two hillclimb events, adding the owner of Scenic Caves is aware of the hillclimbs and had no objection to one land of the road being closed to traffic.

Charlie noted organizers expect in excess of 2,000 riders.

Charlie then noted the DARE program continues at Beaver Valley Community School, together with an internet safety program for Grade 7 and a youth drug awareness program for Grade 8.

Charlie then reviewed Labour Day Weekend enforcement blitz statistics.

Charlie then noted there no public complaints for the reporting period.

Charlie then reviewed 2010 April to 2011 April activity statistics, noting fortunately Criminal Code statistics were down, with Highway Traffic Act statistics increasing.

Charlie then reviewed Contract Policing Statistics for July, 2011. Charlie noted the statistics show a shortage of hours worked in the amount of 361.55, clarifying that the hours worked by Federally funded officers at no cost to the Town are not shown in the contract reporting, adding the reporting form should be reviewed to reflect the additional Federally funded hours.

Mayor Anderson then reported on Council Martins concern that per capita policing costs in The Blue Mountains was higher than in other areas, Charlie replying he was unaware that costs were higher but he would research the matter and report back to Councillor Martin.

Rod then noted a per capita cost based on permanent residents would not reflect the weekend and seasonal influx of population.

The Board then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Rod Knott

Seconded by:

Ellen Anderson

misconduct by the Chief or Deputy Chief or any matter the Chief feels should be dealt with as a formal complaint, then forwarded to the OIPRD.

Natalia then noted a Complaint Form may be e-filed through the OIPRD website and Forms are available at any police service office and Service Ontario offices.

Natalia then reviewed who may make a complaint, including the person directly involved, a witness or a person who has knowledge of the conduct, adding there is a screening process to ensure complaints comply with requirements.

Natalia then reviewed the process by which the OIPRD determines whether to refer a complaint to the police service for investigation or whether the OIPRD would conduct an investigation.

Natalia then noted where a complaint is received by the Police Services Board, the Board must forward the complaint to the OIPRD within three business days.

Mayor Anderson then questioned with regard to privacy issues, would the Board advise the officer of a complaint received, Natalia noting the complaint must be sent to the OIPRD first and they would advise as part of the process.

Regarding policy and service complaint reviews, Natalia noted a person may request a review of any decision made by a Chief or detachment Commander to a Police Services Board within 30 days of receiving the decision, with the Board to review the complaint and take any action or not action, as considered appropriate and notify the Chief and the OIPRD of the response with reasons.

Rod then questioned what would happen if the complainant was not satisfied with the Board decision, Natalia replying local policy would be the responsibility of the Board.

Charlie then gave then example if the detachment had a policy and a complaint was received, the complaint would go to the Board and the Board would consider the matter and whether or not the policy would be modified.

Rod then questioned how many complaints the OIPRD would receive in a year, Natalia replying the annual report would be released in the near future, adding since the inception of the OIPRD in 2009, there had been an intake of 4,000 complaints with the screening process then applied to all complaints.

Rod then questioned if there was any cost to an individual or a Board in the case of a complaint made to the OIPRD, Natalia noting if there was an investigation there would be a cost to the Board.

Charlie then questioned the cost if the OIPRD investigated or if another police service investigated, Natalia noting she would investigate the matter and report back with more information as to costs.

Charlie then noted a process flow chart would be helpful to understand the process, Natalie noting that was a good suggestion.

Rod then noted he would appreciate a breakdown of any investigative costs that the Board might be subject to in the case of a complaint, Cliff adding including any lawyer involvement.

Natalie then thanked the Board for hearing the OIPRD presentation, Cliff thanking Natalia for the information presented as well as additional information as to costs.

E. Other Business

Rod then referred to the May 18, 2011 Board meeting minutes and the Board Resolution deferring receipt of Staff Report B.11.18, Police Services Board Resolution – Municipal By-law Enforcement Weekend and After Hours, pending further report from Town Council, questioning if there had been any further consideration of the matter by Council.

Mayor Anderson noted she was absent from that meeting, Charlie noting historically the OPP had been asked to assist the former Municipal Law Enforcement Officer in responding to noise complaints in the resort area, adding at the OMB Hearing on Short Term Accommodation it was questioned why MLEO's were not attending noise complaints.

Charlie further noted noise complaints often involve a hot tub and music or a family situation which an MLEO could attend to, and if a large party or gathering was involved, the MLEO could call in the OPP for assistance.

Rod then clarified the Board had questioned whether the MLEO's could work more weekend hours to assist the OPP efforts.

Ellen then noted the MLEO's are busy and Council is now examining an enforcement response following the recent OMB Decision which supported Town efforts, Rod noting if the Town is looking for OPP assistance we might be looking at an expanded officer complement.

Charlie then noted the Town would be looking at a licencing and enforcement response following the OMB Decision, adding there is now consideration in Collingwood to have four MLEO's working in shifts with the OPP, adding The Blue Mountains may be able to share some MLEO's with Collingwood so there is an MLEO working with each OPP platoon.

Charlie clarified the MLEO's could patrol and respond initially to complaints with the OPP available on-call for assistance if required.

Ellen then noted the 2012 Budget discussions represented a very difficult task for Council, Charlie noting parking and noise by-law enforcement is usually done by Municipal Law Enforcement Officers.

Ellen then questioned if there was a written agreement between the Town and the OPP, Charlie noting Section 10 of the OPP Contract Executive Summary notes the OPP is not intended to be the lead in by-law enforcement but rather to provide supplementary enforcement.

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

POLICE SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday September 7, 2011

CHAIR: Mr. Cliff Carr

MEMBERS: Mr. Rod Knott, Mayor Ellen Anderson

Secretary: Stephen Keast

**Prepared by: Sergeant Charles Watts – Dedicated Liaison Sergeant to The Blue Mountains
Inspector John Trude – Detachment Commander
Collingwood and The Blue Mountains Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police**



COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY:

The Community Policing Committee continues its efforts towards building a successful Community Watch program and is currently involved with expanding the Business Watch program to the Thornbury/Clarksburg area along with Neighbourhood Watch. The Committee continues its search for volunteers to organize and run the Community Watch.

The MTO have erected the speed signs on Hwy 26 creating a 70km zone from the Indian River bridge to the east end of Thornbury.

DETACHMENT COMMANDERS UPDATE:

The 2011/2012 RIDE Grant funding has been approved for \$9,080.99 in The Blue Mountains and we have already commenced using the Grant money.

The Chili Cookoff & Ribfest took place at the Cedar Run Horse Park July 8th and 9th along with a horse show the same weekend. There were no policing issues or concerns that arose from this event.

Wakesstock took place August 5, 6, 7 and attendance at the event was approximately 12,000 to 15,000 over the weekend. Daytime events took place in Collingwood and the evening entertainment was at The Village at Blue and the GNE grounds. The events were well staffed by police and security guards and there were no major incidents that resulted from this event.

The Centurion Bike Race Events will occur September 16, 17, 18 this year. There will be a Hill Climb event, up Scenic Caves hill, on the Friday night. There are two Kids Rides scheduled for Saturday morning along with the 25 mile race, then on Saturday afternoon there will be an Elimination Hill Climb. The 50 and 100 mile races both take place on Sunday finishing the events around 4:30 in the afternoon.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/SERVICE.

DARE continues at BVCS along with a Cyber Cops program (internet safety) for grade 7 students and Youth Drug Awareness for grade 8 students.

OPERATIONS UPDATES:

We have just completed the Labour Day Weekend blitz that resulted in the following stats:

Corporate		
HOLIDAY WEEKEND STATISTICS		
Speeding Charges	52	52
Racing Charges	1	1
Seatbelt Charges	2	2
Distracted Driving Charges	1	1
Moving Violations	13	13
Other HTA Charges	26	26
LLA Charges	17	17
CAIA Charges	2	2
Impaired-Over 80 Charges	1	1
Other CC-Driving Charges		0
Warn Range Suspensions		0
Marine Offences - SVR		0
ATV - OFVA Offences		0
Other Prov Statutes Charges	5	5
Drug Offences	3	3
Number of Driver-Operator Contacts	519	519

Hwy - Total Hours Dedicated to Initiative
Marine - Total Hours Dedicated to Initiative
Trails - Total Hours Dedicated to Initiative

	64	64
		0
		0

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS:

None for this reporting period.

Category	April 2010	April 2011	Change	%%%
Compliance Checks	64	144	+ 80	+125%
Breach Charges	24	20	- 4	- 16%
SOCO calls	11	11	same	same
Street Checks	11	58	+47	+400%
Drinking/Driving Charges	11	11	same	same
Other CC Traffic	3	1	same	same
Seatbelt Charges	37	87	+50	+135%
Speeding/Aggressive Driving	159	189	+40	+25%
Other HTA	90	184	+94	+104%
LLA Charges	14	25	+11	+78%
Other Prov. Statutes	17	45	+28	+164%
Criminal Code Charges	142	132	-10	-7%
Municipal By-Laws	12	25	+13	+108%
ASD Tests	11	29	+18	+163%
Warn Range Suspensions	4	6	+2	+50%
Seat Belt Hours	100.5	189.25	+88.75	+88%
Total Calls for Service	888	921	+33	+3.7%

OPP CONTRACT POLICING - CONTRACT STATISTICS

MUNICIPALITY OF:	The Blue Mountains						Contract Complement By Rank	# of Contract Complement (Column A)	Minimum # of Monthly Hours Based on Officer Availability 1467 hrs / 12 mths x Column A
DETACHMENT / REGION:	Central								
FOR THE MONTH OF:	July			Year		2011			
Rank/Level	Total Regular Hours Worked	Total Calculated O/T Hours	ERT/ PORF TOTAL Regular Hours	ERT / PORF TOTAL Calculated O/T Hours	Net Regular Hours Worked	Net Calculated O/T Hours	Comments (Please Identify ERT/PORF officer(s) Including Name, WIN and Badge Numbers)		
UNIFORM							Insp	0.25	30.56
Inspector	26.31				26.31	0.00	S/Sgt DC	0.00	0.00
SSDC02 (Choose appropriate level)							S/Sgt	0.25	30.56
Level 1 (24 mos+) PRI 3 (23+ Yrs)					0.00	0.00	Sgt	2.00	244.50
SSDC01 (Choose appropriate level)							Const	15.44	1,887.54
Level 1 (24 mos+) PRI 3 (23+ Yrs)					0.00	0.00	TOTAL	17.94	2,193.17
SS01 (Choose appropriate level)							Difference (Total Regular Hrs Worked Less Minimum Hrs) (361.55)		
SS01 (S/Sgt 23+ Yrs)	22.00	7.50			22.00	7.50	NOTE: Actual hours short should read 361.55 minus 215 hours worked by Federally funded officers who are not paid by the Town and are not part of the policing contract, representing a total hours short in contract policing of 146.55 hours.		
SS01 (S/Sgt 17-23 Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SS02 (Choose appropriate level)									
SS02 (S/Sgt 23+ Yrs)	4.00				4.00	0.00			
SS02 (S/Sgt 17-23 Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SS03 (Choose appropriate level)									
SS03 (S/Sgt 23+ Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SS03 (S/Sgt 17-23 Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SG01 (Choose appropriate level)									
SG01 (Sgt 23+ Yrs)	114.50	0.50			114.50	0.50			
SG01 (Sgt 23+ Yrs)	78.75	5.43			78.75	5.43			
SG01 (Sgt 17-23 Yrs)	29.56				29.56	0.00			
SG01 (Sgt 8-17 Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SG01 (Sgt 1-8 Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SG02 (Choose appropriate level)									
SG02 (Sgt 23+ Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SG02 (Sgt 17-23 Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SG02 (Sgt 8-17 Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
SG02 (Sgt 1-8 Yrs)					0.00	0.00			
CS01 (Const 23+ Years)	363.75		82.50		281.25	0.00	Please enter the regular and calculated overtime hours worked by the ERT and Federally Funded Officers in "PORF" columns. These hours will automatically deduct from Total Hours to obtain NET HOURS.		
CS01 (Const 17-23 Years)	307.50	25.50			307.50	25.50			
CS01 (Const 8-17 Years)	244.75	24.00			244.75	24.00			
CS01 (Const <8 Years)	485.75	52.50	54.50	12.00	431.25	40.50			
CS02 (Const 2-3 Years)	178.00	0.75	160.50		17.50	0.75			
CS03 (Const 1½ - 2 Years)	113.25	15.75			113.25	15.75			
CS04 (Const < 1½ Year)	105.00				105.00	0.00			
Part Time Const.	56.00				56.00	0.00			
TOTAL HOURS	2,129.12	131.93	297.50	12.00	1,831.62	119.93			

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