

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

POLICE SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday March 13, 2012

CHAIR:

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 provided its annual report to council on February 13th. Larry Hall asked council for it's continuing financial support which was approved at that meeting. The CPC have done a town wide mailing to all households asking for membership in the Community Watch Program. Larry also reported that the CPC was very interested in the Share the Road campaign that is rolling out in several local communities.

DETACHMENT COMMANDERS UPDATE:

Planning is underway for the 2012 Centurion Bike Race with new routes being approved on February 23rd. There had been some issues with the use of a road in Clearview Township and that has now been corrected by changing the route for the 25 mile race. Some changes were also made to the start/finish line to remove the race from Jozo Weider blvd to allow for traffic movement in the area.

The County of Grey had also advised they would not support the use of Scenic Caves hill for the return to Blue Mountain so the routes were modified to have the return on Grey Rd 19. The routes also no longer travel through Clarksburg and use the 10th line rather than Grey Rd 2 which will no longer interfere with the movement of apples to the processing plants.

The TBM By-law department had put forth a request for further staffing to support the STA licencing and enforcement that was not approved in the recent budget process. The town has asked the by-law department for a further review of by-law enforcement.

Recently TBM officers arrested a male who was wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant originating from B.C. The male managed to escape custody and fled from the officers. Central Region ERT, the OPP helicopter and K9 officers responded along with officers from the Collingwood detachment. The suspect was captured and back in custody within 5 hours.

The AGCO continues to review occupancy loads and LLA compliance in conjunction with the street crimes unit at the restaurants and bars in the Blue Mountain Village.

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.

Crime Prevention Officer, Piet Huyssen, is currently working with the CPC to implement the Community Watch Program. Piet will also be involved with the Town's Health and Safety Committee to provide some education/training for employees dealing with confrontational members of the public.

OPERATIONS UPDATES:

The Festive RIDE program funds have been used and the final billing has been submitted to the Ministry.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS:

None for this reporting period.