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Minutes: The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

MEETING DATE: December 4, 2013
MEETING TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Thornbury OPP Station Boardroom
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Secretary

A. Call to Order

- Chair Knott called the meeting to order with Mayor Anderson in attendance.
- Swearing in of the Provincial re-appointment to the Board was then deferred to later in the meeting as quorum was achieved and Town Clerk Corrina Giles was still in attendance at a previously scheduled meeting.
- Also in attendance was Inspector John Trude and Sergeant Charlie Watts of the Collingwood – The Blue Mountains Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, Town CAO Troy Speck having earlier sent his regrets involving a previous commitment.
- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Ellen Anderson Seconded by: Rod Knott

THAT the Agenda of December 4, 2013, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

The Board Secretary then noted correspondence from the OAPSB regarding OPP costing consultation was added to the Agenda as Item D.11.

- 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 October 2, 2013 Police Services Board meeting be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations

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None

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 Detachment Commander's Report

Charlie then reviewed the Report, beginning with current staffing.

Charlie then reported the Community Policing Committee had proposed two information meetings which were then combined into a single meeting at the Craigleith Community Centre on November 2. Charlie noted David Finbow had presented on the STA issue and the feedback from the meeting has been very good.

Charlie then noted it was proposed there would be such a meeting at least once a year.

Charlie then noted the CPC would like to make input to the OPP Business Plan and representatives were scheduled to meet with Inspector Trude and himself.

Charlie then reported that New Year's planning for the resort area is well under way with paid duty officers and extra officers for prisoner transport and care.

Charlie then reported the DARE Program continues at Beaver Valley Community School and is well received throughout the community.

Charlie then reported on Operations Updates, noting the RIDE grant funding will be depleted in December, adding there had been no public complaints during this reporting period.

Mayor Anderson then questioned the RIDE grant funding for 2013, Charlie replying grant funding in the amount of $8,400 had been received and this grant funding was used to supply the program over and above normal detachment operations.

The Board then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Ellen Anderson Seconded by: Rod Knott

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report be received as presented this 4th day of December, 2013, Carried.

As Town Clerk Corrina Giles was then in attendance, Cameron Kennedy was then sworn in as the Provincial re-appointment to the Board.

Cam then questioned how the Blue Mountain New Year's Eve celebrations had gone in the past, Charlie replying things had been fine, noting officers remain in the area until approximately 4:00 a.m. with Blue Mountain security assisting. Charlie further noted attendance of patrons at the Inn area will be reduced this New Year's with approximately 10,000 people expected in the resort area, John noting in previous years there had been up to 14,000 people.

D. Correspondence

The Board then reviewed the correspondence of December 4, 2013.

Author	Recommendation
D.1 Ontario Engaging Municipalities in OPP Billing Model	Receive for information
D.2 Billing Process for OPP Contracts	" "
D.3 OPP Billing Reform	" "
D.4 OPP Billing Model Engagement Sessions	" "
D.5 B.13.34 By-law Enforcement Activity – August 2013	" "
D.6 B.13.35 STA Activity – August 2013	" "
D.7 B.13.38 By-law Enforcement Activity – September 2013	" "
D.8 B.13.37 STA Activity – September 2013	" "
D.9 Provincial Reappointment to the Board	" "
D.10 OAPSB 2014 Membership Renewal	Provide direction
D.11 OPP Billing Consultation – OAPSB	Receive for information

Regarding D.3, Chair Knott noted the contract process is difficult to understand but in our case he believed the Town had a contract, Mayor Anderson clarifying Council had

previously approved a five year extension of the existing contract for operations to remain status quo but the Province had come back by saying a new contract billing model was being developed so Council then approved a one-year status quo contract extension, awaiting the new billing model promised for January 1, 2015. Ellen then cautioned it may be optimistic to expect the Province to complete the new model in one year, adding it was also a Provincial election year.

John then noted the new process began in early March of this year and it was rolled out very quickly. John further noted it was now being found that some small municipalities may be facing significant increases in cost per household, although The Blue Mountains may actually realize a slight decrease in cost, agreeing it may be optimistic for the process to be completed by January, 2015.

Ellen then noted that municipalities had requested the Province to review the contract billing model and should be working with the Province, given they are doing what the municipalities had requested them to do. Ellen further noted she is satisfied with Council approving a one year contract extension and the service provided has been excellent.

John then noted the one year extension is based on the current contract and there is a mechanism in place to extend it in 2015 if required but 2015 would be based on 2014 costing rates, the current contract based on 2003 rates.

Cam then questioned costing changes, John replying as of January, 2015, any contract would update to 2014 costing rates, adding he did not have the exact cost increases.

Michael Seguin was then in attendance and with the Chair's permission questioned if the 2014 costing rates will include salary increases, John replying that was a contractual labour issue with a proposed salary increase of 8.55%. Michael then questioned if the Town would absorb the cost increase, John replying yes.

Regarding D.10, the Board then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Cam Kennedy Seconded by: Ellen Anderson

THAT the Police Services Board does hereby recommend renewal of the Ontario Association of Police Services Board membership for 2014 at a cost of $1,133.39 including HST, Carried.

The Board then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Ellen Anderson Seconded by: Cam Kennedy

THAT this Board does hereby receive the Correspondence of December 4, 2013 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items, including any additional direction given to Staff through discussion, with an appropriate Staff action or response awaited for report back to the Board, a Committee or Council where indicated, Carried.

E. Other Business

E.1 Grey County By-law – Prohibition of Skateboarding on County Roads

Charlie then noted he understood the By-law had been enacted but he had not yet seen a copy of it. Mayor Anderson then reported the By-law had been enacted by County Council in October and she would contact the County to provide a copy to the OPP.

John then noted without short form wording approval a ticket with a set fine could not be issued and enforcement would require a long form process with a summons being sworn by a Justice of the Peace and served and a court appearance required.

Mayor Anderson then reported there had been suggestions from the Community Policing Committee and the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association to move toward a five member Police Services Board, adding she had met with BMRA representatives to discuss the matter and she does not believe there is a need for an increased Board membership, the current Board composition being the choice of Council.

Ellen further noted if the Board membership was to be changed Council must decide on a change and request the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to approve any such change.

Ellen then noted there is currently an application process for the Town appointment following any municipal election.

John then noted a five member Board would have two Council representatives, one municipal appointment and two Provincial appointments.

Ellen then noted the Board to date has had significant input from the BMRA at public meetings, adding if there is appetite to change the Board it can be done but she believes it has been operating effectively.

Cam then noted he had never heard a complaint against the Board, adding the CPC is always looking for members. Cam further noted he believes the status quo is the way to proceed and anyone can apply where there is a vacancy on the Board.

Chair Knott then noted he agrees with the points made and sees no reason to move to a five member Board, adding the OPP contract policing is far different from when the Town had its own police force.

Rod then noted no deputation request to the Board had ever been rejected and there will be a new municipal appointee following the 2014 municipal election.

Ellen then noted once people understand how the Board works and its mandate they seem to be satisfied with it.

The Board then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Ellen Anderson Seconded by: Cam Kennedy

THAT in light of previous questions raised by the Community Policing Committee and the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association it has been determined through Police Services Board discussion that a three member Board at present is satisfactory and to investigate increasing the Board membership is not warranted at this time; and

THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chairs of the Community Policing Committee and the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association, Carried.

F. Next Meeting Date(s)

March 5, 2014, 9:30 a.m., OPP Station Boardroom

G. Adjournment

As there was nothing further before the Chair, the Board dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Rod Knott Seconded by: Cam Kennedy

That this meeting does now adjourn at 10:11 a.m. to meet again March 5, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at the OPP Station Boardroom, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.