

Rod then reported the issue came to the Fruit Growers Association where it was noted as an agricultural-related practice.

Charlie then noted agricultural-related noise is not regulated under the Noise By-law and the complainant should have been advised of that by the Police.

Rod then reported on fans similar to wind turbines now being installed in orchards that would only operate during bloom time if there was a threat of frost, adding an Open House will be organized for a fan recently installed in an orchard on Grey Road 2 with a Ministry of Agriculture and Food representative to be in attendance and Rod would contact Charlie when the Open House was confirmed.

Charlie then stated the Agricultural Advisory Committee should contact him directly in the case of any future complaint and he would address the concern as agricultural-related activity generating noise is exempt from the provisions of the Noise By-law.

Rod then noted he would so advise the Committee, adding Committee members may still wish to attend a future Board meeting, adding perhaps a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer should attend the wind turbine Open House.

Mayor Anderson then noted The Blue Mountains is in full support of the Town's agricultural community and any practice to protect apple blooms is positive, adding some newer residents may not be aware of agricultural practices.

Ellen then noted the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers should be invited to the Open House to understand how the fans will work.

B.2 Larry Hall, Community Policing Committee – Update on Committee work and plans moving forward

Larry then reported on the status of the Committee's work to date, noting March is Anti-Fraud Month and on January 22 an anti-fraud presentation was made to the Probus Club. Larry then noted the Chamber of Commerce had supported the anti-fraud program.

Larry then noted the Business Watch program is working very well in the Blue Mountain Village and the Chamber of Commerce and Thornbury BIA are going to review the program as well.

Larry then noted the Committee discussed section 5.1 and 10 policing contract options and came to the conclusion both options should be considered and the Committee would respond after the OPP presentation at the Special Council meeting of April 8.

Larry then noted he is trying to link to Council and advise them of what the Committee is doing.

Larry then noted regarding the Rural Watch program, there has been difficulty in connecting the weekend residents with the agricultural community, adding a set of Committee canvassers have dropped off information brochures at approximately one third of rural residences and this will be an ongoing program.

Larry then reviewed student volunteer recruitment efforts, noting the Library was assisting but there had been no success through Georgian Bay Secondary School as of yet.

Larry then reported the Committee would send a representative to the Town Finance and Administration Committee to request reinstatement of funding assistance.

Larry then noted the major program is Community Watch with cycling safety and education also a concern.

Larry then distributed an article from the Globe and Mail recounting a group of police, academic and government representatives had considered the rising cost of policing and like health care costs, it had been considered the current cost of policing was not sustainable and sometime in the future attention will have to be directed to this and other public services.

Larry then reported that Huronia Alarm had established a Twitter link to the Community Watch program in Tiny Township and he believed the social media may be in the future for public safety.

Chair Knott then thanked Larry for his presentation and good work with the Committee, adding it has been a long process but progress is being made.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 Detachment Commander's Report

Charlie then reviewed the Report, noting Federal-Provincial funding for two additional officers has been terminated and the positions are now vacated.

Charlie then reported the closing of the Bruce-Grey Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals office has caused some concern, noting the OPP will respond if calls are made and would investigate in partnership with other groups.

Chair Knott then questioned if the OSPCA would call the police for assistance anyway, Charlie replying yes if there was a search warrant involved.

Charlie then noted there are no local issues related to the OSPCA function he is aware of and if an investigation was required, the OPP would enlist resources as required.

Rod then questioned if the OSPCA were involved in an investigation would there be a cost to the municipality, Charlie replying he did not know and it may depend on whether an expert opinion was required, adding if officers attended a scene and an animal was starving it should be obvious.

Rod then reported the Cattlemen's Association have a group that are available to conduct inspections, Charlie replying the OPP would reach out to the community for resources if required.

Mayor Anderson then stated the closing of the OSPCA appears to be another Provincial download and the municipality will not be taking it over.

Charlie then noted there has been a canine distemper outbreak this past winter and there has been a tremendous number of calls, adding the OPP have been working with municipal by-law enforcement.

Charlie then reported there are now 26 special events planned in the Town this year, adding policing for these events will be primarily paid duty officers.

Charlie then noted a Special Council meeting has been set for April 8 and four policing options will be presented, adding until a new contract is completed policing is simply costed on a month to month basis in accordance with the previous contract.

Ellen then noted it would be her recommendation that a very public process be implemented following the April 8 presentation.

Charlie advised that if requested he and Inspector Trude would update the Board on the policing options following the April 8 meeting as the contract is officially with the municipality.

Moved by: Ellen Anderson

Seconded by: Cam Kennedy

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board join the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards of Ontario at an annual cost of \$979 plus HST for a total cost of \$1,106.27, Carried.

Regarding D.3, Rod noted the Sustainable Path Steering Committee are requesting crime rate statistics and he believes they are available, Charlie replying crime statistics are available through the Ministry and he will contact Lindsay directly, the Committee concurring.

The Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Ellen Anderson

Seconded by: Cam Kennedy

THAT this Board does hereby receive the Correspondence of March 27, 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

Chair Knott noted it was his intention to attend the Special Council meeting of April 8, Cam noting he had a prior commitment.

F. Next Meeting Date(s)

June 26, 2013 10:30 a.m., OPP Station Boardroom
Special Meeting of Town Council, April 8, Policing

G. Adjournment

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

Moved by: Cam Kennedy

Seconded by: Ellen Anderson

That this meeting does now adjourn at 11:29 am to meet again June 26, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at the OPP Station Boardroom, or at the call of the Acting Chair, Carried.