



# Minutes

## Police Services Board Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 12, 2020  
**Meeting Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers  
**Prepared by** Krista Royal, Recording Secretary

### A. Call to Order

Chair Jim Oliver called the meeting to order with all Board Members present.

Also in attendance Detachment Commander Mary Shannon, Staff Sergeant Chris Maecker, and Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt.

Chair Jim Oliver welcomed everyone to the Virtual Meeting and advised that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the Town of The Blue Mountains' website.

#### ▪ Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Alar Soever

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Agenda of August 12, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

#### ▪ Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

None

#### ▪ Previous Minutes

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT the Police Services Board minutes of May 26, 2020 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

### B. Public Meetings/Deputations/Presentations

Under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and in accordance with Ontario's *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA), The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted on the Town's website and or/ made available to the public upon request.

None

## **C. Staff Reports**

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### **C.1 Detachment Commander's Report (verbal)**

Detachment Commander Mary Shannon reviewed the Detachment Commander's Report providing detailed statistics for the second quarter, April, May and June 2020. The report provided an update on marine patrol, foot patrol, street crime unit investigation, mental health response unit, criminal record checks, RIDE initiatives, impaired driving, an update on detachment staffing, auxiliary unit and COVID-19 responses for social distancing providing education in regards to the emergency measures.

Detachment Commander Mary Shannon thanked the Town for being proactive with the hiring of additional By-law officers which has been positive as calls can be dealt with by By-law Enforcement which alleviates the OPP officers having to attend.

Chair Jim Oliver noted that he agrees with Mary's comment as he recently accompanied Constable Colin Watson touring areas within The Blue Mountains and in speaking with Constable Watson, discussions around the increase of the Town hiring new By-law officers definitely has taken the pressure off the calls being received by the OPP Detachment.

Detachment Commander Mary Shannon then reviewed the Motor Vehicle Collisions, Violent, Property and Drug Crimes and Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks completed in the second quarter for April, May and June 2020.

Mayor Soever questioned if there may be a possibility to have police presence along the Beaver River due to concerns with the public consumption of alcohol. Alar noted a recent incident where the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire & Rescue was called out to assist an incident along the Beaver River, but within the municipality of Grey Highlands, which was due to lack of access to a proper vessel within Grey Highlands. Detachment Commander Mary Shannon noted that arrangements can be made to obtain a vessel suitable to navigate the Beaver River and will coordinate having police presence. CAO Shawn Everitt further replied that Sergeant Kevin Cornell has made clear presence in the Slabtown area along with setting up RIDE programs, in addition we also have Town By-law officers in attendance.

The Board members discussed how they could be of assistance with the recruitment process to increase the numbers of volunteers to the OPP Auxiliary Unit. CAO Shawn Everitt advised that the Town advertises for volunteers to join Fire Services and perhaps this can be an opportunity to combine an article advising that the OPP are also seeking volunteers to join their Auxiliary Unit program. Shawn further advised that if this is something that would be of interest to the OPP to have a combined advertisement, the Town would work with The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment.

The Board agreed to CAO Shawn Everitt's suggestion to have a joint volunteer advertisement and will leave this for Shawn to work with the OPP. Mayor Alar Soever noted that Councillor Bordignon will be bringing a motion forward to Council to recognize community volunteers and perhaps this would also be an opportunity to inform the residents to the various volunteer programs within the municipality, which would include the OPP Auxiliary Unit program.

Detachment Commander Mary Shannon highlighted the Specialty Units and their impact to the recovery of property with the recent seizure of money, drugs, weapons along with charges being laid. Board Member Gail Ardiel noted this report emphasizes what great work is being completed by the OPP, which is to fight crime, and for the residents to understand the importance of having local OPP presence.

Moved by: Alar Soever

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report be received as presented this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020, Carried.

**C.2 Ontario Provincial Police – Memorandum to Detachment Commanders  
Re: OPP 2020-2022 Strategic Plan**

Detachment Commander Mary Shannon advised the Board members that the 2020-2022 OPP Strategic Plan is now completed. Mary noted the new strategic plan focuses on officer's well-being with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and staffing impact in certain locations, which is a significant change from the last plan. Mary further noted to the local OPP Action Plan, which will have a component to engage with the residents within the community. Mary advised that the process will be more into September in looking at the local action plan and to reach out to an online engagement with the residents in the community. Board members noted this would be a great opportunity to include in the development of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWP) and to also encourage residents to engage with the local OPP Action Plan as well. CAO Shawn Everitt agreed that the CSWP is not just about policing but perhaps it would be beneficial to conduct a Town survey in regards to the municipality's policing priorities and to coordinate, mid to late September with the possibility of creating a survey outside of the public consultation of the CSWP, and to work with the OPP and Town Communications Staff.

Board Members agreed of the importance to engage with the community for both the CSWP and the local OPP Action Plan and suggested to have the OPP and staff provide an update at the next PSB meeting in October on the status of the public engagement process within both the CSWP and the local OPP Action Plan.

## **D. Correspondence**

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### **Author**

### **Recommendation**

**D.1** Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.  
Re: Request for Support

For Board Consideration

Board members reviewed the correspondence received by Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. in their request for financial support and concluded that the Board would like to have details of what financial support has been provided to their organization from The Blue Mountains in the past and if there is money available in the budget should the Board consider to provide financial support.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board (PSB) receives for information the May 28, 2020 correspondence of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc;

AND THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board directs staff to prepare a report back to the October 21, 2020 Police Services Board Meeting regarding the status of the Unclaimed Property received by The Blue Mountains in 2017, Carried.

Board member Gail Ardiel questioned Mayor Alar Soever if Grey County Council received a similar request from the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. and if so, whether financial support was provided. Mayor Soever advised that he will speak with the CAO of Grey County to find out if support was given at the County level and he will then provide an update to the PSB members at the next scheduled meeting.

## **E. Other Business**

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### **E.1 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update (verbal)**

CAO Shawn Everitt noted that the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee will be meeting virtually on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September to discuss next steps moving forward and the community consultation component within the plan. Shawn further noted the new implementation date has not yet been provided by the Province.

### **E.2 Proceeds of Crime (POC) Front-Line Policing (FLP) Grant Program (verbal)**

Detective Sergeant/Area Crime Supervisor Terry Paddon joined The Blue Mountains Police Services Board meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Detective Sergeant/Area Crime Supervisor Terry Paddon provided an update to the Board members with the good news of receiving the Proceeds of Crime Front Line Policing Grant Program and to date, the Child Advocacy Centre has hired a part-time advocate for the purpose of being the mobile unit.

Terry advised that new advocate is a recently retired OPP officer that was previously responsible for the OPP Central Region Abuse Issues Coordination Unit and has developed trust and relationships in this area in the past, which will support the success of this mobile unit program. Terry further advised that a service dog is also being provided and that currently employees are in training for two weeks to learn to handle the service dog for this program.

Terry noted that an SUV has been leased for a 3 year-term with Georgian Chevrolet, as the vehicle that will be utilized for this program. Terry further noted that he is in the process of acquiring audio/video recording equipment as part of the grant program as well as, being in negotiation to acquire another service dog from an organization located in Barrie. Terry also identified that he is researching locations to conduct interviews of the victims but there has been a delay due to the COVID-19.

Chair Jim Oliver questioned the status of the agreement as the Town has currently not received a signed agreement back from the Province regarding the grant funding. Terry advised that he will look into the status of the agreement, but he is not concerned with not receiving the signed agreement at this time and with regards to any purchases to date, they can be covered by the Child Advocacy Center until such time the grant funding is released in October.

## **F. Adjournment**

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Moved by: Alar Soever

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT this Police Services Board Meeting does now adjourn at 9:50 a.m. to meet again October 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., Town Hall Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair.