



Minutes



Joint Police Services Board Meeting – Town of The Blue Mountains and Town of Collingwood

Meeting Date: December 11, 2019
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by Krista Royal, Recording Secretary

A. Call to Order

Chair Jim Oliver called the meeting to order with The Blue Mountains Board Member Mayor Alar Soever, Town of Collingwood Board Members, Mayor Brian Sanderson, Councillor Kathy Jeffery, Krista Walcroft and Donna Wilson present.

Also in attendance Detachment Commander Mary Shannon, Staff Sergeant Chris Maecker, Sergeant Kevin Cornell, The Blue Mountains Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Town of Collingwood Executive Director, Customer and Corporate Services Sonya Skinner and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Public Health Nurse Mary Kocher.

▪ Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Donna Wilson

THAT the Agenda of December 11, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda being Agenda item C.6 (b) Child Advocacy, Carried.

▪ Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

None

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. New Business

Chair Jim Oliver noted it has been some time since a joint meeting was held, and further noted the unique position of having one police service with two police services boards. Jim noted the purpose of the meeting is to work together, explore areas of commonality and identify joint strategic initiatives with many positive benefits.

C.1 Provincial Appointee Status (verbal) CAO Shawn Everitt

CAO Shawn Everitt advised that it has been at least two years since the vacancy of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Provincial Appointee, and further noted the Town recently received confirmation from the Solicitor General that a new Provincial Appointee has been determined. The Provincial Appointee will be sworn in at The Blue Mountains Police Services Board February 2020 meeting. Mayor Brian Sanderson advised that the Town of Collingwood has not received notification at this time, but will hopefully receive information soon.

C.2 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (verbal) – CAO Shawn Everitt and Executive Director Sonya Skinner

CAO Shawn Everitt briefed the Board members on the status of The Blue Mountains Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, noting a staff report was provided to the December 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting which outlines the collaboration with all municipalities in Grey and Bruce with the exception of Meaford. Shawn noted that it is The Blue Mountains intent to work closely with Collingwood as many service providers on mental health and crisis management come from Simcoe County. Shawn further noted there will be public engagement through an electronic survey in early January 2020, utilizing 211 as a key outlet for information sharing. Shawn advised that Grey Bruce are following the model of the plan used in the Halton Region.

Executive Director, Customer and Corporate Services Sonya Skinner briefed the Board members on the status of the Town of Collingwood's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, noting consultant Karie Warner from Avail Consulting is leading across Simcoe County. Sonya noted that the first step is to confirm which indicators are specific to the Town of Collingwood's draft plan from the 239 indicators received from the Ontario Chief of Police, noting the indicators have been reduced to than 100. Sonya further noted that the plan must be adopted by each local municipality by December 1, 2020 and published by January 1, 2021.

Board members discussed the importance of having the draft plan completed early, to allow municipalities to provide input to the local services specific to the municipality and the required concerns and supports needed to be in place prior to the plan being implemented in January 2021.

C.3 Opioid Strategy Update (verbal) - Executive Director Sonya Skinner

Deputation: Mary Kocher, Public Health Nurse, Substance Use & Injury Prevention Program, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Mary Kocher provided an update to the Board members covering various topics:

- Alberta Family Wellness Initiative's the Brain Story – this program offers the management tool in aligning public policies and practices with the best available science on brain and child development and its links to addiction and mental health outcomes. The health unit is supporting staff in completing this online course which is 35 hours in length.
- Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Services – this is a walk-in clinic offered to ages 16 years and up, for those who struggle with substance use or for family seeking support. Currently there are 4 clinics in the South Georgian Bay area, with the newest one being opened in Wasaga Beach, and the next clinic to open will be in the Muskoka area.
- Safe Consumption Site in Barrie – there is a committee that meets to review potential locations in Barrie, that provide supervised consumption sites (SCS) to help save lives and create a safer community. Mary Kocher noted the City of Barrie's Council is in support of the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy (SMOS) to address the overdose crisis.

Mary Kocher requested Recording Secretary Krista Royal to forward her presentation that she sent by email to the Police Service's Board members and Council for their information. Mary Kocher noted that staff are actively promoting the online Alberta Family Wellness Initiative, as this program offers great benefits for other service providers within the community.

The Chair thanked Mary Kocher for the update of health concerns/services facing the community.

Mary Kocher vacated the meeting at 2:10 pm to attend another commitment in her calendar.

C.4 Collingwood - The Blue Mountains Detachment, Collisions 3 Year Regional Analytical Report – Detachment Commander Mary Shannon

Detachment Commander Mary Shannon reviewed the 3 Year Detachment Traffic Collision report, with the data being useful to scheduling enforcement and identifying priorities and geographic areas for action.

Mary Shannon noted in the report of a creative initiative to alter parking on Hurontario Street to have reverse angle parking, which would have a significant benefit for safety to pedestrians, cyclist and motorists having a clear view when pulling out. CAO Shawn Everitt noted that The Blue Mountains is also considering the opportunity of reverse angle parking.

Mary Shannon reviewed with the Board members the “heatmap” of collisions plotted on streets within Collingwood and The Blue Mountains which indicates the primary causes of incidents that occurred within each municipality. Mary Shannon confirmed she would provide this “heatmap” digitally to Recording Secretary Krista Royal for circulation to all members.

Mayor Brian Sanderson suggested providing this information to the public to inform them of the collision numbers and related factors to further educate the public. CAO Shawn Everitt noted the value of acting regionally in communication on topics like cycling, and jointly educating and marketing.

The Chair thanked the OPP for their informative report.

C.5 Collingwood – The Blue Mountains Detachment, Marine 2019 Year End Report – OPP Staff

Chair Jim Oliver noted that he was fortunate to spend a day with the Marine Unit, covering the water from Thornbury to Collingwood, and encourages the Collingwood Police Services Board to do so as well. Staff Sergeant Chris Maecker agreed and would gladly arrange for members of the Collingwood Police Services Board to join the Marine Unit on patrol. Chris noting the Marine Unit has a full-time officer from May through to October patrolling areas in Collingwood and The Blue Mountains.

Discussions regarding the value of all working together that would include training, mutual assistance agreements, as there are boats owned by both municipalities that can be utilized by the OPP to respond to rescues. Chris Maecker suggested that it only make sense to jointly train with both local Fire Department services. Chair Jim Oliver further suggested that OPP, along with the Mayors of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains and Senior Staff to collaborate together to have joint training in the future.

C.6 Local Policing Needs Differences (verbal) - Collingwood Police Services Board

Board members discussed similarities within the Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains. Detachment Commander Mary Shannon noted to the high volume of calls at the Blue Mountain Village and recently provided to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board with a breakdown of overall calls received versus calls received specific to the Blue Mountain Village.

Board members discussed Highway 26, the proposed by-pass and the high traffic volume throughout the Collingwood -Blue Mountain corridor. Members noting traffic volume will not decrease if a by-pass was created as the high volume of traffic is caused by visitors choosing the Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains as their destination of interest.

C.6 (b) Child Advocacy

Detachment Commander Mary Shannon briefed the Board members of a recent grant funding opportunity and the significant impact it will have on victims, if the application is successful in receiving the grant funding from the Province. The funding would bring a mobile victim services unit to Town for children who have suffered abuse.

Mary Shannon noting the benefit of having this mobile unit will provide a neutral place, close to the victims home, that would be accompanied by a service dog to help put the child at ease when giving his or her victim statement and also having medical professionals around the children to be treated as well if needed. Mary Shannon advised the Board members that the grant funding was time sensitive that required a Police Services Board endorsement for the program. Mary Shannon further advised that The Blue Mountains Police Services Board held a Special Meeting to approve the submission to apply for grant funding which if successful, will be \$100,000 per year over the next three years.

Moved by: Brian Sanderson

Seconded by: Kathy Jeffery

THAT the Collingwood Police Services Board support The Blue Mountains Police Services Board's application to Grants Ontario for grant funding being offered by the Province, Carried.

Chair Jim Oliver advised that if the application is successful in receiving the funding, The Blue Mountains and the Town of Collingwood would provide a joint media announcement.

C.7 Future Joint Meetings and Partnership Opportunities

Board members discussed having future joint Police Services Board meetings and agreed to meet annually.

Moved by: Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Donna Wilson

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board and the Town of Collingwood Police Services Board will have joint meetings annually in the month of January with the next joint meeting being hosted by the Town of Collingwood Police Services Board in January 2021, Carried.

D. Adjournment

Moved by: Brian Sanderson

Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT this Joint Police Services Board Meeting with the Town of The Blue Mountains and the Town of Collingwood does now adjourn at 3:00 p.m.