

Date: September 25, 2019
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: Community Boardroom, OPP Detachment, Cayuga

MEMBERS PRESENT B. Corbett, Chair
B. Haggith, Vice Chair
K. Boon, Member
D. Lawrence, Member

STAFF PRESENT Inspector Carter, Haldimand County O.P.P.
J. Whiting, Executive Assistant to the CAO & Corporate
Communications Assistant
J. Shaw, Acting Police Services Board Administrator

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Police Services Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

B. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- 1 Zone Meeting Update
- 2 Spy Camera Results
- 3 Rob Lamothe Pride Day Request to Speak
- 4 O.P.P. Billing Statement
- 5 Haldimand County Detachment 2018 Progress Report
- 6 Argyle Street Bridge

D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 1 Minutes from the regular meeting of June 26, 2019
- 2 Minutes from the closed meeting of June 26, 2019

Resolution 1

Moved By: D. Lawrence

Seconded By: K. Boon

1. THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on June 26, 2019, as presented;
2. AND THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the minutes of the closed meeting of the Board held on June 26, 2019, as circulated, to remain private and confidential.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Independent Police Review Director Re: OIPRD Investigation - 2018 Dunnville Pride Incident

Resolution 2

Moved By: D. Lawrence

Seconded By: K. Boon

1. THAT the correspondence from the Independent Police Review Director Re: OIPRD Investigation - 2018 Dunnville Pride Incident, dated July 15, 2019, be received;
2. AND THAT a letter be sent to the O.P.P. Commissioner indicating the Board's displeasure with the lack of communication received and requesting to be notified of future events, with a copy of the letter to be circulated to all appropriate parties, including MPP Toby Barrett and the Solicitor General.

CARRIED

- 2 Ontario Provincial Police Independent Review Panel Re: Review of the Workplace Culture of the O.P.P.

Discussion ensued regarding issues in the policing culture related to mental health, training, lack of public contact, and difficulty in fulfilling requirements of the community when staff resources are available.

Resolution 3

Moved By: D. Lawrence

Seconded By: K. Boon

1. THAT the correspondence from the Ontario Provincial Police Independent Review Panel Re: Review of the Workplace Culture of the O.P.P., dated August 13, 2019, be received;
2. AND THAT a letter be sent to the Panel providing the Board's suggestions for its consideration.

CARRIED

G. REPORTS

1 Monthly Report from the Detachment Commander

Inspector Carter reviewed the June, July and August monthly reports with the Board, noting a decrease in crime trends and an increase in 911 calls and fatalities related to motor vehicle collisions. The success of the Hagersville Crime Stopper's Program and a donation made to the Police Service Board were highlighted. Discussion ensued around police visibility. The Board requested that the foot patrol hours in Caledonia be increased. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of police presence in the community in the form of vehicles on the roads.

Resolution 4

Moved By: B. Haggith

Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the O.P.P. reports for the months of June, July and August, 2019 from Inspector Carter, Haldimand County O.P.P. be hereby received as presented.

CARRIED

2 Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures

Resolution 5

Moved By: B. Haggith

Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures, dated September 17, 2019, as information.

CARRIED

3 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Resolution 6

Moved By: K. Boon

Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the June, July and August, 2019 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Reports, as presented.

CARRIED

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 Discussion Re: 911 Call Response Policy

It was noted that this is based on the Toronto policy and that they adhere to a separate system. The Board was advised that the O.P.P. have approached the Commissioner about changing the process. The current O.P.P. practice is to treat every call as an emergency.

2 Update Re: Service Availability

Discussion ensued around municipalities in Ontario wanting to opt out of the O.P.P. service provision due to lack of service availability. Issues around individuals eligible for retirement, on WSIB and other leaves of absence were noted as issues in terms of ensuring sufficient resources to provide adequate and effective policing. The Board noted its displeasure with the lack of service availability within the community.

Resolution 7

Moved By: D. Lawrence

Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT a letter noting the Haldimand County Police Service Board's displeasure with the lack of police resources and service availability within the County be sent to the O.P.P. Regional Commander and O.P.P. Commissioner.

CARRIED

3 Update Re: Provincial Appointment

The Board was advised that no new appointments have been finalized at this time.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1 Enforcement of Parking Restrictions near the Hagersville Quarry

It was noted that the County provided additional funds to do patrols on the weekend by way of paid duty officers. Municipal Enforcement Officers have also been working additional hours at the quarry.

2 O.P.P. Procedures Related to Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

Discussion of this item stems from a recent incident in Caledonia. The Board was advised that the O.P.P. identifies gangs as organized crime; however, must have a lawful reason in order to stop these individuals.

3 Reactive versus Proactive Policing

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of police resources. It was noted that more can be done proactively in terms of media releases about fraud schemes. The Board expressed a desire to see the O.P.P. do more proactive policing in terms of foot patrols and visibility within the community.

4 Recognition Event Award Recipients

Positive comments were received regarding the event.

The following awards were presented at the September 12, 2019 Volunteer Firefighter and Police Services Recognition Event:

Distinguished Service Award

Detective Constable Tyler Horton

Valour Award

Constable Mary Boddy

Constable Eric Renkema

The following retirees from the Haldimand County O.P.P. Detachment were also recognized at the event:

Colette Kenny - 38 years of service

Retired Provincial Constable Alex McCulloch - 30 years of service

5 Town Hall Meetings

The Board stressed the importance of allowing people to voice their concerns and hear from the Detachment Commander. Discussion ensued around the logistics of the meetings.

Resolution 8

Moved By: K. Boon

Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT staff be directed to arrange for monthly Town Hall meetings to start in November 2019 in the locations of Jarvis, Caledonia and Dunnville.

CARRIED

6 Townsend Community Policing Funding Request Update

J. Whiting advised the Board that Community Policing Grant funding requested by the Townsend Community Policing Committee in the amount of \$1,760 has been issued to the Committee. K. Schmitz will report back on this request as well as Community Policing Committee activities at a future meeting.

7 Vagrancy and Protest Laws and Regulations

Discussion ensued regarding street preachers and protest groups in the Dunnville area. It was noted that an O.P.P. Community Liaison Officer is working with the individuals/groups. The feasibility of establishing a designated protest area was also noted.

8 Zone Meeting Update

An overview of the zone meeting was provided. Discussion ensued regarding legislation, demonstration, loitering, police availability, cannabis, and recruitment issues for both Section 10 and municipal police forces.

9 Spy Camera Results

Discussion ensued regarding the June, 2017 results for Cross Street West in Dunnville. It was noted that, once results become available, they are posted on the County website.

10 Rob Lamothe Pride Day Request to Speak

It was noted that Inspector Carter spoke with Mr. Lamothe last week whereby he expressed his appreciation for the Board's support in the pride day event.

11 O.P.P. Billing Statement

J. Whiting advised that she has received the billing statement for 2020, noting that the estimated billing is \$7.6 million which is a \$100,000 (approximately 3%) increase from 2019. It was noted that the reconciliation for 2018 will be \$125,000. Further information will come forward at the October 23, 2019 meeting.

12 Haldimand County Detachment 2018 Progress Report

Inspector Carter circulated this item to the Board. It will be placed on the October 23, 2019 meeting for discussion.

13 Argyle Street Bridge

It was noted that the Ministry of Transportation has confirmed that construction of the Argyle Street bridge will commence in the spring of 2020, with completion expected to occur in 2022. Concerns were expressed regarding potential protests. It was added that the Ministry has not been in consultation with local groups.

J. BY-LAWS (if required)

None.

K. CLOSED SESSION (if required)

None.

L. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Boardroom, Haldimand County O.P.P. Detachment, Cayuga

M. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 9

Moved By: D. Lawrence

Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

ACTING ADMINISTRATOR