

## **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a Special meeting with the Township of Melancthon Police Services Board on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor J. Webster were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk and David Thwaites, Chair and Public Member from the Police Services Board (PSB) were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

Mayor White advised that this would be an open forum type meeting between Council and the Police Services Board. For procedural matters, Mayor White will be the Chair of the meeting.

Verbal motion - Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

### **Discussion of Policing Issues in Melancthon**

It was noted by Mr. Thwaites that Bart Malloy, the Provincial Member has resigned from the Board and that is why he is not in attendance for the meeting.

The discussion focussed mainly on the issues concerning the need for more communication and a better working relationship between the PSB and Council and how to resolve this issue. The Board Rep asked for a better understanding of what the Rep needs to bring back to Council in terms of keeping Council up to date on what is happening at the Board meetings. As a start, an agenda line item has been added to every meeting Agenda, so if there are concerns, it can be discussed then and taken back to the Board. Also, during Committee Reports, this is where Council can be updated on what happened at a previous board meeting. Council has been receiving the Detachment Commander reports from those meetings. Discussion carried on into the recent newspaper articles about the OPP and the issue of the PSB directing the Detachment Commander not to attend the Council meeting in June.

Discussion then ensued on the process for complaints to the OPP as some Council members advised that they have received calls from residents about complaints and then they want to know what to do with the information. They expressed concern that it is difficult to get this information to PSB in a timely fashion, because the PSB meets once every three months. It was advised that complaints are to go directly to the OPP and not through Council/PSB. If these complaints are not dealt with by the OPP, then a complaint can go to the PSB from the Council member and the PSB can hold the Detachment Commander accountable on why the complaint was not dealt with.

There was discussion about training and protocols. The protocols are currently being worked on and Mr. Thwaites expressed his concern that the PSB does not have a budget to work with. He was advised to put his request in writing before Council starts discussing next year's budget.

Mr. Thwaites updated Council on the PSB's Traffic enforcement initiative which is possibly going to be Province wide. He asked for support in distributing the brochure to Melancthon residents, either in the tax bill or a flyer mailing. He also advised Council that a letter would be forthcoming with regards to the 2017-19 Action Plan seeking Council input into the three top priorities. A suggestion was made about sitting down with the PSB and discussing the priorities. He also advised that he is working on information to include in the Police Services Board section of the new website.

Lastly, the traffic counter issue was discussed and how to get the information about speeders on Township roads to the OPP. It was advised that this matter is on the regular Council agenda, so it will be discussed further at that time. It was suggested that when it goes to the OPP/PSB, that Council be cc'd on the information.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Thwaites for coming and for his input and information.

3:39 p.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn this Special Meeting of Council. Carried.

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