

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held a meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Melancthon Township Municipal Office Committee Room. Those present: Chair and Public Member David Thwaites, Municipal Member Dave Besley, Provincial Member Bart Malloy, Staff Sgt. Steve Sills, Dufferin OPP and Denise Holmes, Interim Secretary.

Call to Order

Chair Thwaites called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Chair Thwaites advised those in attendance that they could declare their pecuniary interest now or at any time during the meeting. None was declared.

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Thwaites added the following to the Agenda:

1. 2nd Line SW Traffic Counter
2. Traffic Safety Initiative/Speeding Initiative
3. Shelburne Police

Staff Sergeant Steve Sills added the following to the Agenda:

1. 2017 OPP Billing Estimate

Moved by Malloy, Seconded by Besley that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

March 16, 2016

Moved by Malloy, Seconded by Besley that the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on March 16, 2016 be approved as circulated. Carried.

August 23, 2016

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Malloy that the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on August 23, 2016 be approved as amended. Carried.

Issues Arising from Minutes

Chair Thwaites asked for an update on the recommendation from the PSB meeting on August 23, 2016 regarding the placement of counters. Member Besley reported that this was going to be discussed further at the Roads Sub-committee meeting to be held on September 27, 2016.

Presentations/Delegations

None

Correspondence

None.

Financial

Addition to Agenda - OPP Annual Billing Statement

Staff Sergeant Steve Sills presented a copy of the OPP Annual Billing Statement to the Board for the period January 1, to December 31, 2017. He explained that there has been a decrease in policing costs of approximately \$8.14 per household and this is due to a decrease in the calls for service. The Secretary will scan and send the document out to the members and it will be in the next Council Agenda Package.

Detachment Commander's Report

There was no report for this meeting but an informative discussion was held on the recent arrests of two individuals in connection with the break and enters in Melancthon Township and surrounding area. The OPP recovered approximately \$60,000.00 worth of stolen goods – some of which have been returned to its rightful owners. He explained that the rest will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to Melancthon Township.

Chair Thwaites asked if there was an update on the No Heavy Trucks issue on the 4th Line OS. The Detachment Commander advised that a number of Officers were sent to that location and didn't see anything. Member Besley reported that this issue of heavy trucks using no heavy truck roads is on the next Roads Sub-Committee Agenda. It was asked that if there was any follow up regarding this issue, to let the Police Services Board Members know as there will not be another meeting until December.

Committee Reports

None.

New Business/Other Business - Discussion & Additions

1. Update on the New Detachment Commander

Member Thwaites advised that he attended a meeting today regarding this matter with the other Chairs of the Police Services Boards. The meeting was to review the process involved in hiring the new Detachment Commander as well as providing them with a selection of questions to be poised at the interviews. The interviews to be conducted before October 21, 2016.

1. Joint Police Services Board Meeting Scheduled for October 21, 2016 (hosted by Melancthon) - Agenda Items

Denise Holmes advised of the following agenda items received from the other Section 10 PSB's:

1. Joint PSB Website
2. Detachment Commander information

Chair Thwaites had the following Agenda items:

1. Detachment Commander
2. PSB Joint Website
3. Northumberland County Police Service Board Correspondence regarding one joint combined Board – is this the direction we are going?
4. Joint Traffic Safety Initiative - what can we do as a joint board?

Chair Thwaites also inquired if we could get a speaker from the OPP or Ministry of Transportation to come speak on enforcement mechanism? The Detachment Commander and Interim Secretary will work on this.

3. Melancthon Website

Discussion ensued on what should be on Melancthon's Website under the Police Services Board section. It was suggested that we have the links from the OPP website on ours relating to crime prevention, traffic safety and frequently asked questions. The Home page could have a message from the Chair and a picture of the current board. We could also post the OPP News Releases to the site (The Detachment Commander will follow up with Constable Nancekivell to make sure Melancthon receives the News Releases). The Interim Secretary and Chair will work on this together.

At this time, the Interim Secretary advised that an email was circulated from Mulmur Township to all the PSB Secretaries asking who was interested in keeping the joint PSB website. The Interim Secretary advised of the concerns of Council that it is not being kept up to date and that one website would be easier to keep up to date instead of two. Also, an invoice for \$150.00 + HST was received for Melancthon's cost for the hosting of the website. It was felt that this money would be better spent on Melancthon's own website.

4. Continuation from August 23, 2016 PSB Meeting - Submission from the Council of the Township of Melancthon - Concerns and Questions

A draft letter was circulated and reviewed. The Members did not have any issues with it and the letter was signed by all of the Members of the Board and the following motion was introduced and passed: Moved by Malloy, Seconded by Besley that in response to the Memorandum of Concern from Council dated August 15, 2016, the attached letter of the Police Services Board be forwarded to Council. Carried.

5. Addition - Shelburne Police

Discussion ensued about the article in the Banner Newspaper regarding the Mayor's attendance at a Shelburne Police Services Board meeting and the comments made to the paper about the OPP and the reason Melancthon was getting a costing from Shelburne Police. The Detachment Commander advised that he spoke with Mayor White and asked him to provide specifics about the response times because now that the complaint was made in the newspaper, it is now a public complaint that has to be dealt with. The Mayor advised he didn't have specifics at the time of the discussion, but there were a couple of calls. The Detachment Commander advised that he still requires this information to address the complaint. He also advised that he has addressed the following issues, without any action, pertaining to trespassing in Horning's Mills, mailbox mischief incident and the sleeping officer, as outlined in the memo of questions and concerns from Council dated August 15, 2016

There was also discussion about the request for Policing proposal and the Detachment Commander cautioned to make sure that the numbers make sense when we get them back. At the end of the day, the OPP is subsidized by the Ontario Government.

A draft of a letter to go to Melancthon Council in response to the newspaper article. All members were in agreement with the letter and it was signed and the following motion was introduced and passed: Moved by Malloy, Seconded by Besley that in response to the newspaper article in the Orangeville Banner of August 13, 2016 referencing the Shelburne Police Service Board, the attached letter on behalf of the Melancthon Police Services Board be forwarded to the Melancthon Council. Carried.

Addition - 2nd Line SW Traffic Counter

The information was reviewed and roughly 25% are speeding. The OPP requires the time of day when this is occurring to send Officers out. A question was also asked about installing rumble strips at the stop sign at 260 Sideroad. This information to be sent out to the Members.

Addition - Speeding Initiative

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to speeding and the PSB needs to do something instead of being reactive. We need to get the speed sign out of Corbetton and Horning's Mills and put it in other high speeding areas in the Township. The Detachment Commander advised that he would get Constable Jason Mask out there on that road with the ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader) Vehicle. Member Besley will follow up with the Road Sub-committee about the speed signs.

Addition - Traffic Safety Initiative

Chair Thwaites presented a draft brochure that he would like to see Police handing out in Melancthon regarding speeding, as the PSB needs to take more comprehensive approach to this problem. We could also put this on our website. We would like to see it titled "Could you Stop" with a picture of a small child on the front. Discussion ensued about lowering the speed

limit on certain roads in the Township and they would like to know what impact Amaranth and Mono have had from reducing speed limits on some roads in those municipalities. As traffic safety is the OPP's purview, they will pick up the costs for the brochure. The Detachment Commander to ask Sgt. Zayachkowski to incorporate the paper version into his program and Constable Nancekivell to assist with the admission of local statistics.

The following motion was introduced and passed: Moved by Besley, Seconded by Malloy the Board adopt and promote the *Could You Stop* initiative of the Police Service Board and the Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police directed at educating and reducing traffic speeders in Melancthon. Further the Board shall encourage other municipal Police Service Boards and the various municipal Councils to adopt and promote the initiative within the respective communities. Carried.

Public Discussion

None.

Date of Next Meeting/Adjournment

6:25 p.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Malloy that we adjourn this Police Services Board meeting to meet again on December 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY