

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Melancthon Township Municipal Office Committee Room. Those present: Chair and Public Member David Thwaites, Municipal Member Dave Besley, Acting Staff Sergeant Nicol Randall, Dufferin OPP and Denise Holmes, Interim Secretary.

Call to Order

The Secretary, Denise Holmes, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Election of Chair conducted by Secretary

The Secretary called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Verbal motion - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that David Thwaites be nominated for Chair. Carried. David accepts the position of Chair.

Election of Vice Chair conducted by Chair

Discussion ensued and it was decided at this time, that the Melancthon PSB would not have a Vice Chair position and will appoint someone once we have a Provincial Member.

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

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that the minutes of the December 21, 2016 PSB meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Issues Arising from Minutes

The Secretary advised that the Speeding Brochure had been circulated with the Interim Tax Bills.

Correspondence

1. Copy of a letter that the County of Dufferin sent to the OPP regarding Speed Enforcement on Dufferin County Roads (regarding the motion of traffic calming passed at the Joint PSB held in October, 2016)
2. Draft Minutes from the Mulmur Township Police Services Board - December 5, 2016

3. Resolution from the Shelburne Police Services Board - Re: Provincial Offences Court

1 - The Secretary was directed to forward this item to Mulmur Township and ask that it be placed on the Joint PSB Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

2 - Received as information.

3 - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that we recommend to Melancthon Township Council that they support the resolution of the Shelburne Police Services Board of December 20, 2016 regarding Provincial Offences Court. Carried.

Financial

Nothing for this meeting.

Detachment Commander's Report

Acting Staff Sergeant Nicol Randall was in attendance and gave her Report which had been provided to the Members and the Secretary. She provided information as a follow up from the December minutes regarding drones and advises that she disagrees with the last bullet point that if it (drone) lands on private property, the home owner would be required to return it to the drone owner or face theft charges. She spoke to the matter of confiscated property and was advised that this usually occurs once or twice a year unless a large number of unclaimed items were seized. She will continue to follow up. She provided information to the Board regarding public complaints, staffing updates and detachment initiatives – one of them being the push for the implementation of a satellite OPP auxiliary unit at the detachment, but advised that the process is quite slow. Discussion ensued on this initiative and the following motion was introduced and passed: Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that the Melancthon Police Service Board endorse and support the initiative of the Detachment Commander to implement the OPP Auxiliary unit for Dufferin to support community visibility and resources in Melancthon. Carried.

She then reviewed the October to December 2016 Violent Crimes, Property Crimes and Drug Crimes, clearance rates, unfounded crimes and criminal records and vulnerable sector screening checks and the calls for service billing summary report.

Discussion about Fentanyl and Acting Staff Sergeant Randall will provide the Township some information that can be posted on the website.

Acting Staff Sergeant Randall provided the Board with some information regarding the MVCs from 2012 to 2016 which identified the problem locations in each of the six municipalities in Dufferin. This information is to be provided to Melancthon Council.

Committee Reports

None for this meeting.

Other Business

1. *Referrals from the Melancthon Township Roads Sub-Committee from the meeting held on*

February 13, 2017

The Road Sub-committee met on February 13, 2017 and asked to refer the following items to the Police Services Board.

1. There was garbage found on the 5th Sideroad and an email was attached. - Action taken: This item was received as information. The Township does not have a littering by-law.
 2. Amanda Graham's Letter regarding County Road 124. Action taken: Discussion ensued and questions were asked as to how we address this better? Education? Website? What goes into making a decision? Acting Staff Sergeant Randall explained the process to the Board for road closures. It is usually an Officer who makes the decision to close a road and then the Sgt. goes out to see and concurs. The County can also make a decision to close a County road. It was asked if there was a written protocol for the County and Acting Staff Sgt. Randall will follow up with the County and advise us. She did advise that you can cross over a closed highway
 3. The Road Sub-committee would like the police to enforce the fines of people speeding in the Community Safety Zones. They are hoping this might help with the speeding on the 3rd Line. Action taken: It was advised that it is an automatic double fine for anyone caught speeding in a CSZ. Discussion regarding photo radar (portable one) as it is supposed to be making a come back and it was asked if the Roads Sub-committee could put this on the next Agenda for discussion.
 4. Police Call to Road Superintendent - Craig Micks received a call in the middle of the night from a police officer regarding a car being stranded on one of our roads because he ran out of gas. The Road Sub-committee does not feel it was an appropriate action. Action taken: The Secretary was to find out the date this happened and provide it to the Acting Staff Sergeant and she will look into and follow up.
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2. Road Closure Issue from the Melancthon Council Meeting held on February 2, 2017 - Correspondence from Amanda Graham, Horning's Mills

Already dealt with in the Roads Sub-committee Referrals item.
 3. Road Closure Incident reported at January 12, 2017 Council meeting and subsequent follow up by Chair Thwaites at February 2, 2017 Council meeting - referred to County CEMC and back to PSB

Discussion ensued on this matter where the Country Radio Station was reporting that a closed road had been re-opened but the signs hadn't been removed and to drive around them. Consensus of this Board, and the Board's position on this, is that until the Road signs are removed, the road is still closed.
 4. Report from OPP on property forfeiture, s.31 of Regulation and on complaints

This is the Annual Report from the OPP that comes at the end of March. With regards to Section 31 of the Regulation, it states that PS Boards shall establish guidelines for dealing with complaints under Part V, subject to subsection (1.1).

5. Community Meeting - Discussion

Discussion ensued about holding another Community Meeting as the last two were well attended and consensus was yes. The meeting will be held in early June.

6. Unfounded Sexual Abuse Complaints

Council asked that this item be included as part of the Agenda, as they want to make sure that the Board sees the Reports on this matter.

7. Unfinished Business

1. Development of Protocols

Discussion regarding Protocol Number 3 and this is to be done and approved by Council. The Secretary was asked if she could contact the Township of Mulmur and ask that the issue of Protocols be added to the Joint Meeting Agenda. It was also asked if the OPP has written agreements with Shelburne and Orangeville Police Services for helping them out – is there a costing, is it emergency versus planned, does the Province pay for this? Acting Staff Sgt. Randall to inquire and report back. This item deferred to the next meeting.

2. Action Plan 2017-2019

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded Besley that the Melancthon Police Service Board having consulted with the public and with Municipal Council for purposes of the Business Action Plan 2017-19 affirms that the priorities for policing issues be: (a) traffic offence enforcement; (b) property crime; (c) visibility of the OPP within the community. Carried.

Other Business - Addition

It was mentioned that the Township had received a complaint regarding a wind company parking vehicles on the road while servicing the wind turbines and this was a hazard to people driving on those roads. Acting Staff Sergeant Randall commented that as long as the vehicle isn't interfering with traffic and it is off the traveled portion of the road, that it is fine to be parked there. If they have put orange safety cones out, they have gone beyond what is required.

Public Discussion

None.

Adjournment

12:10 p.m. - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn this PSB meeting to meet again on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY