

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 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

Chair Thwaites called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of 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 Agenda

The following items were added to the Agenda: Police Services Act - update, Provincial PSB Appointment - update and update on POA

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

Approval of Minutes - February 22, 2017

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that the minutes of the February 22, 2017 Police Services Board Meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Issues Arising from the Minutes

With regard to the Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee recommendation regarding the OPP call to the Road Superintendent about bringing fuel to a motorist stuck on the road, Staff Sgt. Randall advised that she received information about this call and the tow truck driver was asked to take fuel but the Road Superintendent was called about requesting a plow and believes this was a mis-communication.

Presentations/Delegations

None.

Correspondence

None.

Financial

None.

Detachment Commander's Report

Staff Sgt. Randall reviewed her report for January - March 2017 and spoke on Secondary Employment, Staffing Updates, statistics on violent crime, property crime, drug crime, clearance rates unfounded and criminal record and vulnerable sector screening checks. She advised that because of the increase in the screening checks, they will be advertising for an Administrative Assistant which will be funded by the Province and not the contract. The Melancthon Collision summary is still being done manually and the location and causation was reviewed for Q1 - 2017.

Committee Reports

None.

Other Business

1. Community Meeting - June 6, 2017 - Review of Agenda

Discussion ensued on possible agenda items:

- Fentanyl
- Farm Machinery on Roads
- Auxiliary Issue
- Video on Safeguarding homes
- Drones - questions and answers
- Impaired Driving by Drug Legislation
- Dufferin Situation Table

2. Discussion on new speed limits and follow up enforcement

It was advised that the signs have not come in yet for the reduced speed limits. Chair Thwaites asked if the speed indicator signs could be put up in these areas once the signs are up on these roads. It was also asked if the traffic counters could also be rotated on various roads as it helps the OPP on where they need to be. It was asked if this could be put on the next Roads Sub-committee Agenda.

3. OPP Agreements with other Police Services in Dufferin County (Orangeville and Shelburne)

This matter was brought up at the last meeting and Chair Thwaites inquired as to the billing model. Staff Sgt. Randall advised that the OPP are mandated to assist other Police Services and this is all paid for by the Province and does not affect calls for service. They don't bill back the police service for helicopter, canine services, etc. Concerns were raised that this still takes people away even though we are not paying for it but Staff Sgt. Randall advised that Provincial resources are assigned, not Detachment resources.

4. OPP Action Plan 2017-19 - Status update

Staff Sgt. Randall advised that she is anticipating that the Plan will be completed in the next two weeks. Once it is, it will be published and sent out to the Police Services Boards. Chair Thwaites advised that once received, he would book a Delegation for a Council meeting to present it. Target date would be the July 6th or 20th meeting.

5. Request from Council/Horning's Mills Park Board for OPP to attend Melancthon Celebration on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Horning's Mills Community Park for Public Awareness

Discussion ensued on Melancthon's Celebration in June and Staff Sgt Randall will put in a request. Staff Sgt. Randall made some suggestions about getting the canine unit to do a half hour show and then a half hour question and answer, as well as a drone demo. She will work with Denise Holmes to coordinate

6. Melancthon Council - request for information, as well as a meeting, with Acting Staff Sgt. Randall regarding a call for service from the Township's Road Superintendent on April 3, 2017 regarding full truck loads of fill being hauled on half-load roads on 4th Line SW north of Highway 89

The Secretary explained the situation and Staff Sgt. Randall advised that the call came into dispatch from Joyce Clarke of the Melancthon Office and was dispatched at 9:54 a.m. The Officer arrived at the scene at 10:05 a.m., did a 30 minute patrol of the area and no trucks were observed and no sign of the Road Superintendent. It was suggested that the next time this happens, the Road Superintendent should make the call himself and not through the office. Discussion then ensued on this matter. It was recommended at a Roads Sub-committee meeting earlier in the year that the Township get paid duty officers to enforce the half loads by-law but when Joyce Clarke called to inquire, she was told by one of the Administration Staff at the OPP to just let them know where the problem areas are and they would send a cruiser out to that location. Staff Sgt. Randall advised that the Officer that attended that call would have no way of knowing if the load was a full load and would have to send it to a set of scales (closest in the area would be Strada or Duivenvoorden). It was suggested that if this was paid duty, the Officer could be better equipped with the proper equipment. As half load season is now over, it was suggested that a meeting be coordinated in the fall with the PSB and Road Sub-committee to deal with this matter. It was also suggested that this matter be placed on the Joint PSB meeting Agenda to find out how other municipalities handle it.

7. Petition from residents of 3rd Line OS between 15 and 20 SR requesting a reduced speed limit along that stretch of road

It was advised that Melancthon Council dealt with this matter at its May 18th Council meeting and directed Staff to bring back a By-law to the June 1st Council meeting to reduce the speed along this stretch of road.

8. Unfinished Business - Development of Protocols

As there were no further changes to the Protocol's, the following verbal motion was introduced and passed: Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that Protocol 1-6, except 3 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

1. Passing a motion for Council's consideration regarding Protocol #3

Verbal Motion - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that the PSB recommends that Draft Protocol 3 be sent to Council for their consideration and approval. Carried.

2. Unfounded Sexual Abuse Complaints

It was noted by Staff Sgt. Randall that the review has been finished and there are minimal cases going back for investigation and there is nothing for Dufferin. The Secretary was advised that she can remove this item from future agendas.

Additions to Agenda

Police Services Act Legislation - Update

Chair Thwaites advised that the new legislation is targeted for September, 2017 and does not know what the model will look like.

Melancthon PSB Provincial Member - Update

Chair Thwaites advised that Melancthon's vacancy is not on the Province's list so he has spoken with Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services who is going to follow up with this and get us on the vacancy list. Chair Thwaites noted there are a lot of vacant appointments.

Provincial Offences - Update

Staff Sgt. Randall advised that the POA Court is being moved to Caledon effective January 1, 2018. She advised that a Working Group has been struck to identify impacts this will have on each affected police agency and the administration of POA courts. The first meeting will take place on June 7th.

Public Discussion

None.

Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

11:30 a.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that we adjourn this Police Services Board Meeting to meet again on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY