

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Melancthon Township Municipal Office Committee Room. Those present: Chair and Public Member David Thwaites, Municipal Member Darren White, 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

Additions:

1. From the December 7, 2017 Council meeting regarding the OPP advising to use 3rd Line OS when County Road 124 is closed
2. Police checks

Moved by White, Seconded by Thwaites that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by White, Seconded by Thwaites that the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Police Services Board meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Issues Arising from the Minutes

None.

Presentations/Delegations

10:30 a.m. - Susan Snider and Andy MacIntosh from Community Safety Partners attended Council and spoke to the Board about the Towing By-law. Ms. Snider advised that the County is rescinding the By-law, effective January 1, 2018, and that the lower tier municipalities need to put a Tow Truck By-law in place and presented a Draft Tow Truck By-law to the Board. She advised that the Dufferin Towing Association is on Board with this and that it is important that our travelling public are safe. She said the Public doesn't realize you can request what tow truck you want. Staff Sgt. Randall advised that there are lots of issues from the OPP and said there is a willingness to work together but to let the County handle this at the moment. Staff Sgt. Randall advised that Sgt. McConnell is available from the OPP on this matter and the OPP would like to be consulted before the By-law is passed. The draft By-law gives authorities that the OPP doesn't really have. It was advised that the original by-law was vetted by the County lawyer in 2009. Denise Holmes advised that the previous Council in 2009 would not have anything to do with a Tow Truck By-law as they

felt that they were regulating a private industry by putting one in place. It was decided that the PSB request the County to defer the rescinding of the By-law until 2018 and the following motion was introduced and passed: Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by White that as a result of a Presentation by Community Safety Partners on December 13, 2017, we would respectfully request County Council to defer the rescindment of the Tow Truck By-law for six months to give the Joint PSBs, affected municipalities, OPP and the Dufferin Towing Association an opportunity to consult on a new By-law. Carried.

Correspondence

1. AMO Communications Alert dated November 2, 2017 - **New Policing Legislation Introduced at Queen's Park**
2. Motion from the Township of Amaranth Police Services Board regarding Provincial Offences Court Administration
3. Motion from Town of Shelburne Police Services Board regarding Provincial Offences Court

No action taken on the correspondence.

Financial

There was \$500.00 budgeted for 2017 and the advertising for the Community Policing Meeting held in November came out of that money. The Board would like to request that \$500.00 be put in the Budget for 2018.

Detachment Commander's Report

Staff Sgt. Randall reviewed her report for July - September 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 also provided information on the POA ticket on 2016 vs 2017 (to Sept). The collisions by area was presented and she said most of the collisions were on County Road 124. She said the paid RIDE duty started in November.

Committee Reports

None.

Other Business

1. Quote for Portable Scales

Item was discussed and the following motion was introduced and passed: Moved by White, Seconded by Thwaites that the Township of Melancthon Police Services Board recommends to Council that the Township purchase two Portable Scales at a total cost of \$6,434.22 including HST. The other participating municipalities to be billed by Melancthon Township for reimbursement of this purchase. Carried.

Staff Sgt. Randall advised that the scales would ship as soon as they got the go ahead.

2. Discussion regarding Speed Enforcement on Township and County Roads in Melancthon - Update

Chair Thwaites advised that there are still people speeding on the 3rd Line – it appeared to be as soon as the speed indicator sign was taken down. Discussion on rotation of the speed sign for next year. It was suggested that maybe the Township could invest in one more sign. Staff Sgt. Randall was asking about the County Stats and Member White advised that he would follow up with the County on this matter.

3. Provincial Offences Administration - Update

Member White advised that there has not been a lot of movement on this at the County level. There is a willingness to work together and he felt that we should let the County handle this at the moment. Staff Sgt. Randall advised of concerns from a Staffing perspective and gave a high and low end cost of the impact of moving the court to Caledon. The financial impact could range from \$30,000.00 to \$70,000.00 based on the number of hours and time spent in POA court and she could be down anywhere from one to four officers. She advised that it is 44 km to Caledon, there would be wear and tear on the car, meals to pay, etc. She said it is all about adequate staffing and how that is managed. The following motion was introduced and passed: Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by White that the Provincial Offences Administration and the County of Dufferin engage in good faith discussions and negotiations on operation and location of the Provincial Offences Courts expeditiously and forthwith. Carried.

4. Status on Bill 175, *Safer Ontario Act*

This Act passed 2nd reading on November 5, 2017. Chair Thwaites advised that as the draft regulations governing the composition/functioning of the OPP Detachment Boards had not been prepared or published, he could not address how it might impact the Melancthon PSB.

5. Feedback on Community Policing Meeting held on November 14th at Horning's Mills Hall

No feedback has been received on the meeting. There were very few people there this time, compared to the last meeting, so perhaps people are satisfied. During this time, Member White advised that he felt the new Staff Sgt. was making a difference and has changed things for the better.

6. Community Officer – arranging for home site inspections regarding property safety

Discussion ensued on how to get the word out about this and how to request a home inspection for safe guarding your home. The Secretary will work with Constable Nancekivell to get some wording for the website on this.

7. Setting of 2018 Meeting Dates

The meetings for 2018 will be held as follows:

Wednesday, February 21st - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16th - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 19th - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 21st - 10:00 a.m.

8. Other/Additions

Concerns of Council - At the Council meeting held on December 7, 2017, the Public Works Director raised concerns that he heard on the radio that an Officer of the Dufferin Detachment was advising people to use Melancthon's 3rd Line OS when County Road 124 is closed. He feels that the 3rd Line is not a good alternative because once you get to 30 Sideroad, there is no where to go. There needs to be more communication on this issue. There needs to be messaging out there that if the County Road is closed, that people should use other Provincial Highways or County Roads and not local roads as they cannot accommodate the traffic. Staff Sgt. Randall asked if there were emergency detour routes and if we don't have them, can we implement them? She will reach out to Steve Murphy, Community Emergency Management Coordinator at the County about this.

During this time, Staff Sgt. Randall advised that they have partnered with Blue Mountain and whenever County road 124 is closed, they will tweet it out on their page. It was advised about the need for a large LED sign to be located in Orangeville advising commuters of County Road 124 closures.

Police Checks - A concern was raised at Council regarding the length of time it was taking to get a police check. Staff Sgt. Randall advised that there are two Admin Clerks who can do them but the demand for Criminal Checks is increasing. She had put in for an extra Detachment Clerk but was denied. She explained that the two admin clerks who do the checks, have been there so long they have many weeks of vacation and that is why it was taking 5-6 weeks for them. She advised that because of this issue, she went back and reapplied for the extra Detachment Clerk and it was approved. Therefore, going forward, police checks will be quicker. She is hoping to be able to keep this person three days per week.

Public Discussion

None.

Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

11:15 a.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Thwaites that we adjourn this Police Services Board meeting to meet again on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY