

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Melancthon Township Municipal Office Committee Room. Those present: Municipal Member David Thwaites, Public Member Alan Blundell and Provincial Appointee Kate Martin, Denise Holmes, Interim Secretary, Detachment Commander Nicol Randall, Dufferin OPP and Acting Detachment Commander Marcus Sanderson.

Call to Order

Secretary Denise Holmes called the meeting to order.

Election of Chair conducted by the Secretary

The Secretary called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Verbal motion - Moved by Martin, Seconded by Blundell that we nominate David Thwaites for Chair for one year. Carried. David accepts the position of Chair.

Election of Vice Chair conducted by Chair

Chair Thwaites called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Verbal motion - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Blundell that we nominate Kate Martin for Vice-Chair. Kate accepts the position of Vice-Chair.

Oath of Office and Secrecy

All members took their Oaths and Affirmations.

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 Declared

Approval of Agenda

Addition of items:

- Website
- Joint PSB Meeting
- Cannabis correspondence being considered at Council on February 21st

Moved by Martin, Seconded by Blundell that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes - November 21, 2018

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Martin that the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on November 21, 2018 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Issues Arising from the Minutes

1. Follow up regarding a concern raised at the November 21, 2018 meeting from Wayne Hannon regarding parking issues

Staff Sgt. Randall provided information as a follow up to the concern raised by Mr. Hannon at the November 21, 2018 meeting and advised that she had also followed up with Mr. Hannon.

Presentations/Delegations

None.

Correspondence

1. Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, for Stephen Beckett, Assistant Deputy Minister Public Safety Division regarding Support for Community Safety and Well-Being Planning

Discussion ensued and it was recommended by the Board that the document be referred to Council and the Joint Police Services Board (for the next meeting).

Addition:

Letter from Ministry of Finance - Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund - Second Payment

The Province of Ontario is providing a \$5,000.00 grant to municipalities who opted out of retail cannabis. The money can be used for increased enforcement, increased response to public inquiries, increased paramedic services, increased fire services and By-law/policy development.

It was mentioned that we could use it for education purposes i.e. – town hall meeting and we could have a Media Relations from the OPP come do a presentation. The presentation could deal with mental health, the effects on teenagers, etc. and we could engage with Public Health and Ambulance. Chair Thwaites will raise this at tomorrow's Council meeting.

Financial

1. 2019 Township Operating Budget

There has been \$1,200.00 placed in the Township's operating budget for compensation for members and advertising of the Action Plan 2020-2022 (Fall 2019).

Detachment Commander's Report

1. October - December 2018

Staff Sgt. Randall provided her report in advance of the meeting for the period of October - December 2018 and reviewed her Report with the Board.

2. Information on Second run on Black Cat - 2nd Line SW

Staff Sergeant Randall advised that they would be targeting the 2nd Line SW in the Spring. Chair Thwaites spoke to the road counts that the Township does on various roads and the speed limit reduction.

Committee Reports

None.

Other Business

1. Township road detours when Highways/County Roads are closed - Discussion

Chair Thwaites has already spoken with the Staff Sgt. about this matter. Better communication is required with NCO's. The Township's Director of Public Works did discuss this matter at the Road Supervisor's meeting.

2. By-law Enforcement - Discussion

There was discussion about what Township By-laws the OPP will enforce and the following will be: Parking, No Heavy Trucks and Half Load. Staff Sgt. Randall advised that the scales have been calibrated and are back, so they will be ready for half load season which starts March 1st. The Township will provide a list of roads to be patrolled.

3. Review of response times on calls, how to track/monitor

Chair Thwaites advised that someone had attended Council on February 7th and advised during Public Question Period that he had called the OPP for an incident and the OPP didn't respond. Chair Thwaites asked if there was a way to track/monitor this. Staff Sgt. Randall's response was no and that it's just the nature of the business. Staff Sgt. Randall explained the "closest to the call" system which was implemented last Fall. She did indicate that there is always a record of the call.

4. Road Closed Signs - Discussion

The Director of Public Works asked if this item could be put on the Agenda, as a result of an accident that occurred where the OPP advised that they couldn't enforce closed roads with just the orange wooden "road closed" signs. Acting Staff Sgt. Sanderson advised that the signs are prescribed under the Highway Traffic Act and those are the ones to be used.

5. Set 2019 Meeting Dates

The 2019 meeting dates will be as follows: May 29th, September 18th and December 11th. All meetings will start at 10:00 a.m.

Additions to Agenda:

Website

The Secretary will update the website with the new meetings and a new message from the Chair.

Joint PSB

The next meeting of the Joint PSB will be Tuesday, April 2nd and will be hosted by the Township of Amaranth. Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. The Secretary was asked to request that the following be placed on the Agenda:

- OIRPD (Office of the Independent Police Review Director) - could we have a representative come speak to the Joint Board and give a presentation on Police Services Boards
- Cannabis Funding
- Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Document/Plan

6. Protocol 5 - Monitoring of the Performance of the Detachment Commander

The Performance of the Detachment Commander was conducted by the Board (Staff Sgt. Randall was not in attendance for this matter) and the Secretary was directed to send it to the Ontario Provincial Police Regional Commander as per Protocol 5.

Public Discussion

N/A

Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting

11:40 a.m. - Moved by Martin, Seconded by Blundell that we adjourn this Police Services Board meeting to meet again on May 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY