

## **TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 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, Secretary, and Detachment Commander Nicol Randall, Dufferin OPP.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Thwaites called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Minutes - June 26, 2019**

Moved by Blundell, Seconded by Martin that the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on June 26, 2019 be approved as circulated. Carried.

### **Issues Arising from the Minutes**

None.

### **Presentations/Delegations**

None.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Financial**

None.

### **Detachment Commander's Report**

#### **1. April - June 2019**

Staff Sgt. Randall provided her report in advance of the meeting for the period of April - June 2019 and reviewed her Report with the Board. Staff Sgt. Randall advised that there have been no complaints and no requests for secondary employment. She spoke to the various campaigns that have taken place since her last report – operation corridor, May 24 long weekend blitz, July 1<sup>st</sup> distracted driving initiative and safe boating. She said the Continuity of Operations Plan is done – which has to be done every year. She reviewed the Part 1 and Part 3 ticket stats with the Board.

## **Committee Reports**

None.

## **Other Business**

### **1. Traffic Calming Measures - Use of "Cut-outs" - Update**

The information from the City of Barrie was reviewed and there is really no difference in the effectiveness of the signs. Staff at Melancthon will follow up with the City at the end of October to obtain some further results.

### **2. OPP/Township Community Meeting - Discussion on Agenda Topics for that meeting**

The date of November 5<sup>th</sup> has been confirmed for the OPP/Township Community Meeting at the Municipal Office. Topics to include: Drug issue, traffic, scams, Action Plan - Status Report and comments. While on the topic of the Action Plan, Staff Sgt. Randall advised that the Strategic Plan is being developed. She noted that the Action Plan is developed after the Strategic Plan.

### **3. FTE Shared Officer - Mulmur Update**

Chair Thwaites advised that he had a discussion in June with Mulmur's Rep on the Mulmur PSB on this issue. The matter was pushed off to both the Mulmur PSB – meeting end of August and Mulmur Council – meeting the first week of September and so far no one from Mulmur has contacted us. The Business Plan for a Full-time Equivalent has to be submitted in October. Staff Sgt. Randall advised that Mulmur PSB has asked her to look into information regarding the Paid Duty Officers.

#### **3.1. Nottawasaga Unit Model Option**

Staff Sgt. Randall explained the Unit Model. It is a designated traffic unit that three municipalities share the cost in. It is an enhancement which focuses on traffic enforcement. Chair Thwaites advised that he has requested some further information from his contact over there, but he has not heard back. The Secretary was asked to have this matter placed on the Joint PSB Agenda for consideration in Dufferin.

### **4. Recommendation to Council for Resolution/Motion to Provincial Government regarding Traffic Calming and Enforcement**

Chair Thwaites presented the following draft motion and provided information to the PSB on why this motion was drafted (as a result of a motion from the Town of Mono). Discussion ensued and it was recommended to be sent to Melancthon Council for passage.

WHEREAS there has been a persistent and even apparent increase in the challenge created by persons operating motor vehicles while distracted, while driving at rates of speed well in excess of posted speed limits and in other manners of aggressive driving on roads in the

Province of Ontario, and specifically within the County of Dufferin, including the Township of Melancthon;

AND WHEREAS the traffic data posted by the Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) for the period of 1988-2016 for Provincial Highway 10 as it crosses the Township of Melancthon into south Grey County indicates that the Annual Average Daily Traffic has increased by fifty percent and the Summer Average Daily Traffic has increased by over fifty-seven per cent;

AND WHEREAS the traffic data posted by the County of Dufferin for the period of 2004-2017 for County Roads 17 and 124 within the Township of Melancthon indicates significant traffic flow;

AND WHEREAS the data collected by the Township of Melancthon over the years 2015-19 on its Township road system indicates that drivers are operating motor vehicles at rates far in excess of posted speed limits;

AND WHEREAS there have been a number of fatal and serious personal injury accidents in the County of Dufferin and specifically within the Township of Melancthon, each accident within the Township in 2019 having indicia of driver fault attributable to one or more of distracted, speed, aggressive and impaired driving;

AND WHEREAS the driving behavior of such drivers results in costs incurred by society both financial and otherwise, including without limitation, loss of life, pain and suffering, health care cost, the cost of first responders, insurance and in the administration of the legal system be it civil, criminal or provincial offences;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are concerned as to the health and safety of their residents and the impact of speeders, careless, distracted and aggressive drivers;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Melancthon shares in all of the concerns with other local municipalities and seeks to address the issues facing its' residents to otherwise address the impact of speeding, careless and aggressive driving and distracted drivers;

AND WHEREAS there are various actions that may be undertaken to attempt to address the concerns including increasing of fines levied, the imposition of driver licence suspensions and incarceration pursuant to the Highway Traffic Act and Provincial Offences Act and the assessment of insurance rates;

AND WHEREAS local municipalities are very limited in the resources available to address and respond to the challenges and are facing increasing cost and limited resources in traffic enforcement resources;

NOW THEREFORE THE Council of the Township of Melancthon resolves and moves that:

1. The Province of Ontario, be it through either or both the actions of the Minister of Transportation or the Chief Justice of Ontario, forthwith undertake a review of the

penalties imposed by the Highway Traffic Act with a view to increasing the fines levied, such fine revenue being used by local municipalities to fund traffic calming and enforcement;

2. The Province of Ontario include as part of the review of financial consequences to be imposed on offenders a surcharge to reflect the occurrence cost of first responders attending any incident;
3. The Province of Ontario regulate motor vehicle insurance companies to require that surcharges be imposed on offenders for any driving offence and that likewise there be incentives (mandatory decreases in insurance levies on an annual basis) for those drivers not convicted of an offence;
4. The Province of Ontario include in any continuing education for Justices of the Peace and Justices information related to the actual cost of enforcement, direct and indirect, for purposes of the Courts administration imposing the appropriate sentences;
5. The Province of Ontario through its funding of the Ontario Provincial Police provide increased resources for traffic enforcement in recognition that the issues described above are not resolvable by local municipalities but are province wide phenomena and challenge;
6. The Province of Ontario review and implement photo radar on a much broader basis than is currently provided designed at the very least to capture high milers and stunt drivers as currently defined and that the cost for requisite systems be provided by and subsidized by the Province as the costing would form part of the revised fines and surcharges to be enacted and adopted by the Province;
7. The Province of Ontario review, in consultation with the municipalities, various and other forms of traffic calming measures and traffic enforcement measures to address the challenges facing users of the provincial, county and local road systems within the Province.

#### 5. Joint PSB Meeting Agenda - any further Agenda items

Melancthon PSB has already requested the Action Plan be put on the Agenda, there will be a speaker from OIRPD. The following further items were asked to be added to the Agenda: Photo Radar; Traffic Enforcement (Nottawasaga Unit Model).

#### 6. AMCTO - Government Proposing Regulatory Framework for Speed Enforcement/Bill 65

Discussion ensued and the PSB recommended placing this correspondence on the next Council

Agenda.

Other

Other items discussed during this time included:

Horning's Mills Property Standards Issue  
Proposed Cannabis Facility  
Update on the OPP Auxiliary

**Public Discussion**

None.

**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 Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY