

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

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held an electronic meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. due to COVID-19. Those present: Municipal Member Darren White, Public Member Alan Blundell, Secretary, Sarah Culshaw, Detachment Commander Terry Ward, Dufferin OPP, Bill Neilson, Derek Banks, James Mclean, Josh MacEwen.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Blundell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

### **Election of Chair conducted by Secretary**

Moved by White, Seconded by Blundell that Alan Blundell be appointed as Chair of the Township of Melancthon Police Service Board for 2022.

### **Election of Vice Chair conducted by Chair**

Moved by Blundell, Seconded by White that Darren White be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Township of Melancthon Police Service Board for 2022.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

### **Approval of Minutes –December 7, 2021**

Moved by Blundell, Seconded by White that the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on December 7, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried.

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

None.

### **Presentations/Delegations**

None.

## **Correspondence**

Emails regarding Task Force attached with the minutes were discussed. Concerns were raised regarding the emails as it could affect the trust the public have with their police service provider. It was determined that education needs to be encouraged so that there is an understanding of the Police Service Board Act.

Letter to Melancthon PSB re: request of the Road Safety Task Force recordings was denied.

## **Financial**

None

## **Detachment Commander's Report**

During this time, Inspector – Detachment Commander Terry Ward expressed his appreciation for D. White and A. Blundell for their support and good relationship. He then presented and reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report – (October-December). Detachment Commander Ward indicated that their Movember Team was a success, raising money for men's health and suicide prevention. He also spoke of their Toys for Tots drive for which they were able to collect toys for those locally in need for Christmas.

Discussion ensued regarding the effect that COVID has had on Mental Health. Detachment Commander Terry indicated that he doesn't expect Mental Health to get better any time in the near future. He stated that more work is needed to go in to breaking down the stigma and providing other resources to help people in crisis.

## **Committee Reports**

None.

## **Other Business**

### **Other/Additions**

1. Patrols on County Road 124 – tied to school bus schedules

Detachment Commander Terry Ward stated that every morning a briefing sheet is circulated, and the County Rd 124 at Bretton Estates is on it. If the officers are not tied up on other issues, then they will attend the area. Member Darren White will keep him informed as to what will take place regarding the school buses.

2. Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is in its infancy stage. So far, the numbers are encouraging.

3. Firearms infractions and increased hunter presence on side roads.

Detachment Commander Terry Ward indicated that from January to present, 4 hunting complaints had been issued due to noise and trespassing. This was not out of the ordinary. 18 individuals were charged with weapon violations which had nothing to do with hunting, but with a night gun range.

4. Black Cat stats

Black Cat equipment can not be utilized in the winter as they freeze. It will be put out in the spring.

5. Protocol 5 – Monitoring the Performance of the Detachment Commander (moved into closed session) discussed at the end of the meeting.

6. Additions to the Agenda

- Highway 124 – Collisions are more likely to take place on both highway 124 and Highway 10 due to excessive traffic. Both of these roads are patrolled regularly
- Road Task Force – due to comments being made that could be damaging to the public's relationship with the OPP discussions ensued regarding how to inform and educate the public. It was stated that a public engagement piece may be a solution.

### **Public Discussion**

Bill Neilson and thanked Detachment Commander Terry Ward for all of the information provided regarding the control register.

### **Public Engagement**

Member White stated that a Public Engagement session would give people a chance to meet with Detachment Commander Terry Ward for open discussions on the OPP and Police Service Board. Detachment Commander Terry Ward, Member White and Member Blundell will communicate to look at dates.

### **Closed Session**

Motion for Closed Session to discuss Monitoring the Performance of the Detachment Commander. Carried.

Moved by Blundell, Seconded by White that in accordance with Section 35, subsection 4(b), of the Police Services Act, the Township of Melancthon Police Services Board move into closed session meeting at 9:56 a.m. for the Annual Monitoring of the Performance of Detachment Commander. Carried.

Moved by Blundell, Seconded by White that the Township of Melancthon Police Services Board now rise from Closed Session at 10:03 a.m. with report. Carried.

The Secretary will forward the Annual Performance Review to the Regional Commander, OPP as per Protocol 5.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the Next Police Service Board meeting will be May 10, 2022.

### **Adjournment**

10:20 a.m. - Moved by Blundell, Seconded by White that we adjourn this Police Services Board meeting to meet again on May 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY