

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held our meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Melancthon Township Council Chambers. Those present: Municipal Member Darren White, Public Member Alan Blundell, Secretary, Sarah Culshaw, Acting Inspector Dean Korn, Acting Sargeant Rob Button and Staff Sergeant John Buligan were also in attendance.

Call to Order by the Chair

Chairperson Alan Blundell called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Carried

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Blundell shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None declared.

Approval of Minutes –May 9, 2023

Moved by White, Seconded by Blundell that the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on May 9, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried.

Issues Arising from the Minutes

None.

Presentations/Delegations

None.

Correspondence

None

Financial

None

Detachment Commander's 2nd Quarter Report (April - June 2023)

Discussions ensued regarding the 2nd Quarter report attached with the minutes. The following formed part of the discussions

- Mental Health continues to be a growing concern. There were 21 calls this quarter, compared to 29 last quarter. The mental health unit has continued to be a success giving more officers time on the road and allowing trained personnel to deal with mental health issues. The grant to continue this program has been submitted and is awaiting approval.
- Social media postings have increased regarding initiatives. One of these initiatives is Project lifesaver which is designed for vulnerable people who have the tendency to wonder. They can wear transponders so that if they go missing, they can be tracked. This is currently at Legal for review.
- Traffic initiatives have been successful, but the message is still not getting across to many people, although visibility of the OPP's presence is bringing speeding down.

Committee Reports

None.

Other Business

- **Initiatives for speed and commercial vehicle**
 - Dufferin County OPP have had 3 traffic blitzes so far, with two more to go. One of the blitzes was at Easter, and included 245 stops, with 241 charges. The other blitz was a CMV safe roads initiative. Officers pulled over 264 trucks and pulled 16 trucks off the road. The last blitz was the Big 4 (including seat belts, speed, distractions, and impaired). 734 charges were laid, and 97 warnings were issued. The Dufferin OPP now has E-ticketing in their vehicles that generates tickets and warnings on the spot. This equipment retains the information on record, so that if a driver gets a warning, and then gets stopped again for driving too quickly, the officer can elect to enforce rather than educate.
 - Last year the OPP issued 750 speeding tickets versus this year with 486 speeding tickets, showing a remarkable decrease. For some of the more serious violations (stunt driving, impaired, suspended licenses ect.) there were 32 tickets issued last year versus 50 this year. The encouraging reason behind this is that the Dufferin OPP are now using an ALPR (automatic license plate reader). This equipment can read license plates and trigger vehicles with part 3 offences ie. suspended licenses, invalid stickers. This technology is also able to be used in Amber Alert situations.

- **The 2023 Strategic Plan**

- The Strategic Plan is currently at headquarters waiting for approval.

Public Discussion

None

Closed Session

None

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the Next Police Service Board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023

Adjournment

9:50 a.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Blundell that we adjourn this Police Services Board meeting to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried.