

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Township of Melancthon Municipal Office Committee Room. Those present: Chair John Crowe, Public Member David Cowen, Provincial Member Garry Matthews, Acting Detachment Commander Dave Quinton and Sgt. Greg Brodhagen, Dufferin OPP and Denise Holmes, Acting Secretary. Chair Crowe presided.

Call to Order

Chair Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Chair Crowe advised those in attendance that they could declare their pecuniary interest now or at any time during the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Towing By-law added to the Agenda and then Agenda approved by show of hands.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cowen, Seconded by Matthews that the minutes of the November 7, 2007 PSB meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Issues Arising from Minutes

Chair Crowe reported on an issue that was in The Banner pertaining to POA Tickets. The matter has now been resolved and The Banner has printed a correction to that article.

Correspondence

Estimated Policing Costs for 2008

The Acting Secretary advised that the 2008 Policing Costs will be \$287,303.00. This amount will be made part of the 2008 Operating Budget of the Township. A/Detachment Commander Quinton advised that 2007 reconciliations should be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Letter from Sylvia Jones regarding the Dufferin Detachment

A copy of a letter that Sylvia Jones, MPP sent to the Hon. Rick Bartoluuci, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the condition of the current Dufferin Detachment was reviewed. There has still been no announcement regarding the new Dufferin Detachment.

2007/08 RIDE Grant Funding

The Acting Secretary read a letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services advising that through the reallocation process, an additional \$1,009.40 has been identified for the OPP in Melancthon. This brings the total RIDE grant to \$4,609.40. Sergeant Brodhagen reported that the monies have all been expended.

Minutes of other Police Services Boards

1. Town of Mono - October 2, 2007 & November 6, 2007
2. Township of Mulmur - September 12, 2007 and December 12, 2007

Financial

Nothing to report.

Detachment Commander's Report

Sergeant Brodhagen reviewed his report for November & December 2007 and January & February 2008 and explained the statistics and clearance rates and highlights of activities during these periods.

Committee Reports

Chair Crowe advised that he has put forth a proposal to Melancthon Township Council regarding enhanced policing services (paid traffic duty). Council has advised him to proceed with this proposal. The cost for a paid duty for traffic is approximately \$220.00 for four hours and the standard is three charges per hour. A/Detachment Commander Quinton advised that he hopes the Detachment will have one dedicated officer for traffic for all the municipalities, but this won't be until the end of summer.

Other Business

Secretary Position

Moved by Matthews, Seconded by Cowen that Denise Holmes be appointed as Secretary of the Township of Melancthon PSB (from the Acting Secretary position). Carried.

Minimum Maintenance Standards

Chair Crowe advised that the Road Superintendent has been getting a lot of unnecessary calls from the OPP regarding road maintenance. Sergeant Brodhagen was given a copy of the Township's Minimum Maintenance Standard's By-law No. 49-2002. Since this winter is almost over, this protocol is to be used for next winter.

Discussion ensued with respect to the County of Dufferin maintaining the 3rd Line OS when County Road 124 is closed. A letter has been sent from the Township to the County requesting this. The County of Dufferin Road Department is currently working on a protocol to address this situation.

Broadband Tower

The Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department has been approached about locating a device on the tower at the Fire Hall for broadband capabilities. Chair Crowe inquired with the OPP as to whether or not this would interfere with the police radios since the Community Policing Office is located in the Fire Hall. A/Detachment Commander Quinton advised that it would not. Chair Crowe will forward the information he has on this proposal to A/Detachment Commander Quinton.

Towing By-law

A draft Towing By-law, as developed by members of the Police Services Boards and the OPP, was reviewed. After discussion regarding the by-law, the following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by Matthews, Seconded by Cowen that the Township of Melancthon Police Services Board recommends to Melancthon Township Council that a Towing By-law be passed which would set out a procedure to regulate tow truck attending accident scenes within the Township. Carried.

The draft By-law and resolution will be presented to Melancthon Township Council on April 3, 2008 and A/Detachment Commander Quinton said he would be in attendance to answer any questions/concerns Council may have.

OPP Year-End Report

A/Detachment Commander Quinton will present the report to Melancthon Township Council on May 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Joint Meeting

The Joint Meeting (hosted by Mono PSB) is going to be held Friday, April 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mono Centre Community Hall. Everyone present advised that they would be in attendance for the Meeting. Topics for discussion will include: Melancthon's ATV By-law. A suggestion was made that if Mono did not already have a speaker that they should approach someone from the OPP to speak about the responsibilities of the Board and what the Member's duties entail.

Public Discussion

No public in attendance.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Cowen, Seconded by Matthews that we adjourn this PSB meeting to meet again on May 7, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY