

HALDIMAND COUNTY POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Community Boardroom, O.P.P. Detachment, Cayuga

9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Bernie Corbett, Chair
Stewart Patterson, Vice Chair
Ken Hewitt, Member
Lynn Hewitt, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector Phil Carter, Detachment Commander, Haldimand County OPP
Staff Sergeant Belinda Rose, Haldimand County OPP
Karen General, General Manager, Corporate Services, Haldimand County
Jerri Whiting, Interim Police Services Board Administrator

ABSENT: David Welch, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

3. DEPUTATIONS

3.1 Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT)

Nancy Candy-Harding, Chief Executive Officer, Community Addiction and Mental Health Service of Haldimand & Norfolk, along with four of her staff members, were present to provide a brief overview of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT). The program, which will be initiated this month, is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN) and partners an experienced mental health professional with uniformed police officers in order to provide more effective and efficient responses to those people who are in acute crisis situations. The program is expected to streamline access for those who are experiencing acute crisis' and decrease the time police officers spend in the Emergency Department. Ms. Candy-Harding provided responses to a number of questions from Board Members and Haldimand County staff.

MOTION 1: Moved by K. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the Correspondence from Nancy Candy-Harding, Chief Executive Officer, Community Addiction and Mental Health Services of Haldimand & Norfolk, RE: Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team be received.

CARRIED

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Speeding Concern
Opioid Community Information Event
OAPSB Conference
Recent Flood Response
Dunnville Motorcycle Fatality

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the regular meeting of May 24, 2017.

MOTION 2: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on May 24, as presented.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Speaking to item 9.1 of the May 24 meeting minutes, Karen General noted that Haldimand County staff have met with Haldimand OPP staff regarding the concerns surrounding the recent Mudcat Marathon event and, in staff's opinion, a letter is no longer required to be sent to the organizers.

In response to a question from Member K. Hewitt regarding the RIDE Grant funding allocation, Staff Sergeant Rose noted that this pays for dedicated paid duty shifts that are scheduled for this specific purpose (typically, a team of 2-4 constables for a 4 hour shift). RIDE checks can still be scheduled during an officer's regular shift but they may be diverted to another priority call for service.

6.1 Foot Patrols

Inspector Carter noted that Detachment staff have not yet had a chance to meet with Member L. Hewitt to discuss the issue, however they are still working towards addressing the Board's concerns. Board members asked the Detachment Commander to report back in the Fall with a definitive response on this issue.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant Allocation for 2017/2018

MOTION 3: Moved by S. Patterson and Seconded by L. Hewitt

THAT the Correspondence from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services RE: Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E) Allocation for 2017/2018 be received.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 Monthly Report from Detachment Commander, Inspector P. Carter.

Inspector Carter reviewed the May monthly reports with the Board noting that violent crime and property crime is down over the May 2016 numbers. The 120% increase in drug crime can be attributed to the efforts of the new Community Street Crime Unit, which provides plain-clothed officers as an enhanced resource, dedicated to focus on drug crime.

In response to concerns from the Board regarding the impact of the increased crime rates on the calls-for-service billing, Karen General noted that she, along with representatives from other municipalities, will be meeting with the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau in July to discuss the data produced in the monthly reports and the need for performance measures/benchmarks.

MOTION 4: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the O.P.P. reports for the month of May, 2017 from Inspector Phil Carter, Haldimand County O.P.P. be hereby received as presented.

CARRIED

8.2 CS-PSB-03-2017 RE: Speed Monitoring Devices

Haldimand County Council is requesting a recommendation from the Police Services Board, with input from OPP staff, regarding the purchase of speed monitoring devices for use within the County.

MOTION 5: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT Report CS-PSB-03-2017 Re: Speed Monitoring Devices, dated June 21, 2017, be received;

AND THAT the Haldimand OPP Detachment Commander prepare a report with responses to the questions outlined in Report CS-PSB-03-2017, for consideration at the Police Services Board's next meeting.

CARRIED

8.3 Board Financial Reports and Current Reserve Figures

MOTION 6: Moved by S. Patterson and Seconded by K. Hewitt

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures dated June 19, 2017, as information.

CARRIED

8.4 Monthly Provincial Offences Ticket Issuance Statistics

MOTION 7: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the May, 2017 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Reports, as presented.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 OPP Community Satisfaction Survey

Inspector Carter noted that the Customer Satisfaction Survey indicates that the community is generally satisfied with the services that the OPP are providing. Member Patterson noted that 49.5% of respondents were not satisfied with the visibility of OPP Foot Patrols within their communities, further highlighting the Board's concerns regarding adequate resources.

MOTION 8: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the 2017 OPP Community Satisfaction Survey, as presented.

CARRIED

9.2 Haldimand County Staff Support to Police Services Board

Karen General requested input from the Board members regarding the level of support they would like to see from Haldimand County staff going forward. Board members expressed that they felt it was imperative to have an adequate level of support from Haldimand County staff in order to be properly informed to make decisions. This topic will be further explored at the September 2017 PSB meeting.

9.3 Golf Tournament Sponsorship

MOTION 9: Moved by K. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board support the Haldimand Norfolk Crime Stoppers 2017 golf tournament with a \$200 donation from the appropriate budget line.

CARRIED

9.4 Summer Meeting Schedule

MOTION 10: Moved by K. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby cancels its regularly scheduled meetings for July 26, 2017 and August 23, 2017 due to the proximity to summer vacations, unless otherwise precluded by the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Haldimand County Emergency Services Recognition Night Award Recipients

The following awards were presented at the June 14th Emergency Services Recognition Night:

Citizen's Award

Caroline Robb
Elaine Anderson
Robert Reicheld

Distinguished Service Award

Constable Catherine Musk
Constable Ryan Lee
Constable Marcin Gotfryd

Meritorious Service Award

Constable Jason Little
Constable James Downer

Award of Commendation

Kim Bacher
Colette Kenney
Carol Mummery
Terry Lux
Don Heaslip
Kim Harrison

Board members and OPP staff agree that they are thankful to have been included in the Emergency Services Recognition Night, however they didn't necessarily feel that combining the OPP staff and citizen awards with the Emergency Services award presentations was a good fit. Member K. Hewitt suggested that including the OPP staff and citizen awards in an annual Crime Stoppers event may be a better fit. Inspector Carter indicated that he would speak with the Crime Stoppers event organizers to see if they would be interested in accommodating the awards in one of their events. This topic will be discussed further at the September 2017 PSB meeting.

10.2 Discussion on Disposal of Recovered Property (coins, gift cards, bicycles, goods, etc.)

Karen General provided some background information regarding the disposal of property recovered by the Haldimand County OPP, noting that there doesn't appear to be the volume of recovered material that there used to be, resulting in less revenue generated for the Board to use on policing related activities. Information was circulated from County staff regarding alternative approaches. Staff were given direction to utilize the Police Auctions website as a means of disposing of the recovered property in the future.

10.3 Speeding Concerns

Member Patterson noted a concern reported by the public regarding speeding near Townsend. Haldimand County OPP will deploy the Speed Spy device in that area to assess the concern.

10.4 Opioid Community Information Event

A public information session on drug use, held in Dunnville on Wednesday, June 21st, was well received. It was suggested that repeat presentations be requested for both Haldimand County OPP officers and members of Haldimand County Council. Staff will follow up.

10.5 OAPSB Conference

Member Lynn Hewitt attended the June 21-24 OAPSB Conference, noting that overall it was a worthwhile event, and that the OPP policing billing model was a frequent topic of discussion among members.

10.6 Recent Flood Response

In response to a question from Member Corbett, Inspector Carter noted that, other than working with Haldimand County staff to close some roads near the flood zone, Haldimand County OPP heard of no concerns or issues with regards to the recent high water issue, likely due to the highly publicized warnings which were provided by the Grand River Conservation Authority and Haldimand County regarding the issue.

10.7 Dunnville Motorcycle Fatality

Councillor Corbett noted that the reaction to a recent fatality of a youth riding a motorcycle has caused some concern for local residents. Staff Sergeant Rose provided a brief overview of the reaction and the police response. Member Corbett thanked the OPP for their presence and support of the individuals involved at the scene.

Member Patterson left the meeting at this time.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1 OPP Reporting to the Police Services Board

MOTION 11: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by K. Hewitt

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby enters a portion of the meeting closed to the public at 11:47 a.m. pursuant to Section 35(4) Part a) or b) of the Ontario Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990 for discussion where intimate financial or personal matters or other matters where the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

CARRIED

MOTION 12: Moved by K. Hewitt and Seconded by L. Hewitt

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby comes out of the closed portion of the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

CARRIED

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Boardroom of O.P.P. Detachment in Cayuga.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 13: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by K. Hewitt

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adjourns this meeting at 11:59 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY TO COMMITTEE