



SOUTH HURON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

South Huron Municipal Office – Verity Room

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 – 4:05 pm

Members Present

Chair	Jim Dietrich
Member	Maureen Cole
Member	Mark Hartman
OPP	Inspector Jason Younan
Administration	Jo-Anne Fields

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Jim Dietrich extended a warm welcome to the members and thanked them for their commitment to policing in South Huron.

2. Changes/Additions to the Agenda

- No changes or additions noted

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion – 16/05/16

Moved by: Cole
Seconded by: Hartman

“THAT the minutes of April 12, 2016 be approved as circulated.”

Disposition: Carried

4. Business arising from the Minutes

- Business arising – Inspector Younan will provide a quarterly report to Council. A more comprehensive report can be generated May 11, 2016 – January to current
- An option for report sharing with Council could be quarterly or every six month if Council so wishes
- Report will be provided prior to attending the meeting

5. O.P.P. Report

- Reports were distributed prior to the meeting for review and to allow for effective discussion at the meeting
- Inspector Younan reviewed the Crime and Traffic reports for the month of April
- Younan provided an overview and explanation of the reports with the Board
- Occurrences customarily increase when the warmer weather arrives
- There is a sub-committee of the DARRT Committee that is currently looking into service gaps for men in Huron County. Their focus may include opportunities like transitional housing
- Lock it or Lose it – embarking on proactive, preventative education and sharing message through public announcements and advertisements to create an awareness in the community – situation is very frustrating
- Presentations in the schools – mainly traffic related but will tie in property crimes as well
- Hartman suggested that the Police Services Board work in partnership with the OPP to spread the word, by engaging in a media campaign to create public awareness on reducing criminal activity. The more proactive work that is done, the more direct impact on the Contract in relationship to reducing costs
- Although crimes are reflected as decreased in the report, it is important that education is continually expressed to prevent crimes, therefore reducing policing costs overall
- While discussing Property Crimes in South Huron, it was noted that year to date, South Huron's overall Property Crimes has decreased by over 20%
- Cole inquired as to what the OPP would like from the Police Services Board from a Governance perspective
- It was explained by Inspector Younan that any decrease in property crimes was attributed to public awareness, investigative success and that there is a need to continue proactive work in South Huron related to property crimes
- Several initiatives and strategies were explained by Inspector Younan, including partnerships between the OPP and the South Huron Police Services Board. Radio and newspapers advertisements, and a co-branding of public awareness literature to prevent crime were suggested
- Inspector Younan suggested that proactive work would potentially avoid reactive calls for service that would result in increases in OPP billing and a heavier burden on taxpayers

- Cole suggested that the OPP not spend time continuing their work on property crimes since there was a year to date decrease. It was explained that the Police Services Board is not able to specifically direct the OPP regarding operations and that this suggestion was bordering on directing the operations of the police
- Inspector Younan indicated it was not appropriate to look only at the statistics but rather each occurrence of a property crime as it represented a community member who was a victim of a property crime. Specifically, break and enter occurrences are disturbing and unsettling for any community member that is targeted by this crime
- There was extensive conversation regarding public awareness initiatives. Cole suggested that public awareness should be done as a County wide initiative rather than just in South Huron. Inspector Younan advised that there are strategies that cover a general awareness to the public through media releases, however, based on analysis, South Huron would benefit from targeted public awareness and education initiatives to prevent property crimes. Inspector Younan described this 'seed planting' to maintain a decrease in property crimes and prevent a rise. There is a danger of following the suggestion of pulling policing back which could result in a long term increase. Preventative is always better than doing nothing
- Chair Dietrich inquired as to how the location and time frame of RIDE programs are determined. Inspector Younan responded that it is strategic and based on analysis, targets specific problem areas
- Hartman inquired if the Province and County wide OPP public awareness campaigns, that tie into South Huron, could be added to the Municipal websites for public awareness and education such as fraud awareness and lock it or lose it messages
- Inspector Younan noted that he is available to attend Council if requested, and will communicate with the Manager of Corporate Services to attend as a delegation

Motion – 17/05/16

Moved by: Hartman
Seconded by: Cole

“That the O.P.P. Report be received as presented.”

Disposition: Carried

6. Correspondence

- Correspondence is forwarded to Board members as received

7. New Business

- No new business identified

8. Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

9. Date of Next Meeting

- Next meeting regular will be held at the South Huron Municipal Office on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 4:05 pm or sooner at the call of the Chair

10. Adjournment

Motion – 18/05/16

Moved by: Cole
Seconded by: Hartman

“The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.”

Disposition: Carried