



SOUTH HURON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

South Huron Municipal Office – Verity Room
Thursday, September 8, 2016 – 4:05 pm

Members Present

Chair	Jim Dietrich
Vice Chair	Mark Hartman
Member	Maureen Cole
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

- Issues in Exeter will be discussed under new business

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion – 26/09/16

Moved by: Cole
Seconded by: Dietrich

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

Disposition: Carried

4. **Business arising from the Minutes**

- No business arising from the previous minutes

5. **O.P.P. Report**

- Reports were distributed prior to the meeting for review and to allow for effective discussion at the meeting
- Reviewed the Crime and Traffic reports for the month of July and August
- Inspector Younan provided an overview and explanation of the reports with the Board
- Year to date – 4 assaults occurred at the Motor Plex which is located in South Huron – noted that there were significant policing concerns this summer. There will be enhanced police presence in 2017
- Inspector Younan suggested that the OPP and the Municipal work together to explore innovative and creative ideas to address these concerns
- Contributing factors that increase calls for service – will bring numbers to the next meeting
- Alcohol, and behaviours that surround excessive drinking, are areas of concern
- Both the owner and the patrons must be held accountable for their actions. OPP have met with the owner, security manager and the AGCO. OPP asks if there is something the Municipality of South Huron is able to do to assist
- Property crimes have increased – people continue to leave their keys in vehicles – Lock it or Lose it – continue to attempt to drive this message home
- Tent dwellers at Elliot Park were discussed at length – need resources to connect with agencies that can assist – again, how can we work together to address/prevent these problems - homelessness, drug usage – this is a problem
- Suggest that public washroom doors be locked and have key access only
- Police are aware of the problems/issues – if residents witness concerns, they are encouraged to call the communication centre at the time of the occurrence
- Departments are working together to resolve concerns at Carling Street Apartments – police initiated project – foot patrols on site – building and fire code violations identified, drug activity, mold etc
- Resources will gather back to the table – discuss next steps – open communication
- 911 – don't discourage people from calling 911 in an emergency or if they witness illegal activity including drug use, trafficking etc.
- Suggested that a goal of Police Services Board should be to reduce drug activity – Inspector Younan stated that it is already identified as a goal and objective in the Action Plan
- Contract enhancements - can dedicate an officer to target specific concerns
- Drug problem – how can we work together to resolve these issues? If you find a needle, report to the Police
- How can the Board create awareness, education and be more in the public eye – options were discussed

- Co-branding – Police Services Board, Municipality and the OPP – work in partnership on initiatives
- Website
- Flyers for businesses
- Business card that can be shared with the public
- Participate in the Christmas parade - Board interact with the public
- Table tent has been created by the OPP to create awareness, education and prevention – take to restaurants, coffee shops etc
- It was noted that there is money in the Police Services Board budget for marketing and promotion
- Clearance rates are acceptable
- Property crime officers are swamped with stolen vehicles, thefts
- Criminal activity leads to safety risks – pursuit of a stolen vehicle
- RIDE – down 66% - proactive work – spend more time doing proactive work
- Media releases – spike in racing charges – significant problem
- Proactive policing reduces calls for service
- Orchard Street – speeding complaint – when investigated, the average speed was 38 km per hour
- Edward & John Street complaint – Inspector will investigate and report back
- Option of a 4 way stop can be investigated by Municipal staff

Motion – 27/09/16

Moved by: Cole
Seconded by: Hartman

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

Disposition: Carried

6. Correspondence

- Correspondence is forwarded to Board members as received
- An unsigned letter was handed out at the meeting – if a signed copy is received, it can be brought to Council for discussion – Chair will request a signed copy
- Assessment of the complaint will be investigated by the Inspector

7. New Business

- 2014-2016 Action Plan – Discussed previously in meeting – any questions, please email Inspector Younan prior to the meeting so he can adequately address at the meeting

- 2017 Proposed Police Services Board Budget – Bring a draft budget to review to the next meeting – Chair and Secretary to prepare for presentation at the next meeting

8. Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

Motion – 28/09/16

Moved by: Hartman
Seconded by: Cole

“That the next regular meeting of the South Huron Police Services Board be scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 4:05 pm.”

Disposition: Carried

9. Date of Next Meeting

- Next meeting regular will be held at the South Huron Municipal Office on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 4:05 pm or sooner at the call of the Chair.

10. Adjournment

Motion – 29/09/16

Moved by: Hartman
Seconded by: Dietrich

“The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.”

Disposition: Carried