



**TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD
&
TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS**



Joint Police Services Board Minutes

May 2, 2017

A Special Joint Meeting of the Collingwood & The Blue Mountains Police Services Boards was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in Community Rooms B & C, Collingwood Public Library, 3rd floor, 55 Ste. Marie Street commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Town of Collingwood Attendance:

Krista Walcroft, Provincial Appointee, Chair - *regrets*
Dunc Hawkins, Provincial Appointee, Vice Chair
Mayor Sandra Cooper, Member – arrived @ 11:00 a.m.
Deputy Mayor Brian Saunderson, Member
Christopher Baines - Municipal Appointee
Sara Almas, Clerk / Secretary
Monica Gal, Recording Secretary

Town of The Blue Mountains Attendance:

Cameron Kennedy, Chair, Provincial Appointee
Mayor John McKean
Martin Mazza
Sharon Long, Secretary
Krista Royal

OPP Attendance:

Mary Shannon, Inspector, Detachment Commander
S/Sgt Terry Ward, Director, Operations
Jennifer Batchelor, OPP representative
Lara Hartman, OPP Strategic Business Planner

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Vice Chair Dunc Hawkins & Chair Cameron Kennedy welcomed all in attendance, established quorum and then called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

***Moved by Member Mayor McKean
Seconded by Member Baines***

THAT the content of the Agenda for May 2, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

NEW BUSINESS

▪ **Section 10 Board Business Plan Requirement, S. Almas (Clerk/Board Secretary)**

Clerk Almas advised that the joint meeting was recommended by Inspector Shannon as the two adjacent municipalities share the services of the Collingwood / Town of The Blue Mountains Detachment. The Clerk also confirmed that municipal police services must have police services boards that are required to ensure that adequate and effective police services are provided in the municipality and that they have a viable business plan.

▪ **Board Business Plan Process/Strategy & Public Consultation, Detachment Commander Insp. Shannon & Lara Hartman, OPP Strategic Business Planner**

Inspector Shannon presented comparative statistics of Police activities over the past 3 years and from those statistics and through the OPP Model proposed the future policing focus.

Lara Hartman, OPP Strategic Business Planner addressed the Board to confirm that most boards adopt the OPP model. Ms. Hartman provided an overview of compliance rates and advised that Community Satisfaction surveys are carried out every three years, with the

next one being scheduled for 2018. Ms. Hartman advised that both communities rate the OPP service higher than the provincial norm.

Mayor Cooper asked if the level of OPP engagement with public by means of foot, bicycle patrol could be improved and prioritized. Inspector Shannon advised that increased service levels have an impact on the limited financial resources available to the detachment.

Inspector Shannon advised that all OPP officers have undergone extensive mental health awareness training and that the pilot project engaging a mental health response team commenced early 2017.

Through discussion, Inspector Shannon explained that the rate of growth of both communities is of concern, however, vested residents feel safe. Concerns regarding noisy neighbours, some minor acts of vandalism in both communities are being managed through the introduction of noise awareness technology and business use of closed circuit television monitoring which assists both the property owners and the detachment in mitigating these incidents.

Clerk Almas explained that the Collingwood Community Based Strategic Plan, identified fiscal accountability as a priority of the Town. It was noted that the Policing Budget is the most significant expense to the taxpayers and that we need to ensure that the public is aware of the value and services that are provided to the community for the costs. The Blue Mountains Board also acknowledged the importance of return on investment that can be justified to their constituents.

Inspector Shannon suggested that policing expenses are comparative to property and motor vehicle insurance. Crime abatement is more than just enforcement and that the OPP realizes that the explanation of costs needs to be provided on a more detailed basis to outline the costs of items such as "hang up" 911 calls; time allocated per specific incidents and multiplied by the number of those incidents. This, tied in with an enhanced public education campaign, would raise awareness and reinsure the public of the value spent towards policing. It was acknowledged that the OPP resources have not be increasing in comparison to the growth experienced by both communities over the last 10-15 years.

Ms. Hartman confirmed that through this joint meeting, the OPP is requesting one Action Plan for both communities. Both Boards expressed their support of the draft Action Plan prepared by the OPP for both Detachments and thanked Inspector Shannon and the OPP representatives for their work and assistance.

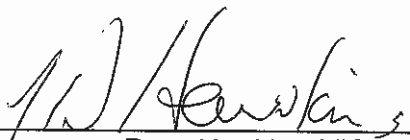
OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

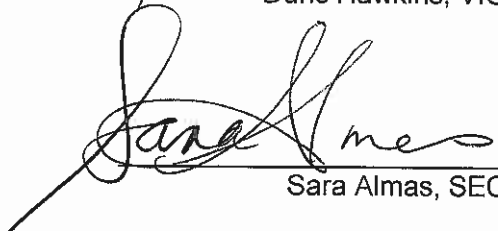
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Mayor Cooper

THAT the May 2, 2017 Joint Police Services Board meeting hereby adjourn at 12:57 p.m.

CARRIED


Dunc Hawkins, VICE-CHAIR


Sara Almas, SECRETARY