



MINUTES
Police Services Board

March 29, 2017
9:00am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Board Members Present: Councillor Don Van Galen, Chair
Henry de Young
Fred Stam
Peter McAsh

Board Member Regrets: Mayor Al Strathdee

OPP Present: Inspector Rob Scott
Staff Sergeant Stephane Pilon

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Van Galen called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Van Galen noted that he had received a call about a noise complaint on Jones Street and would raise the matter under Agenda item 9.

Moved By Board Member McAsh

Seconded By Board Member Stam

THAT the March 29, 2017 Police Services Board agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The February 22, 2017 Police Services Board minutes will be amended to add the mover and seconder under agenda item 8.1.

Moved By Board Member de Young

Seconded By Board Member Stam

THAT the February 22, 2017 Police Services Board meeting minutes, as amended, be approved and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Verbal Update - Meeting with Stratford Police re: Unfounded Sexual Assaults

Chairman Van Galen and B. Kittmer update the Board in regards to a recent meeting with the Stratford Chief of Police to review the police services' response to the Unfounded Sexual Assault reports.

Inspector Scott updated the Board in regards to the OPP's internal review of the same matter for the Perth County statistics. One case has been flagged for further review, and the OPP are close to being a position to declare the internal review complete.

6. DELEGATIONS

None.

7. REPORTS

7.1 OPP Monthly Statistics (February 2017)

Inspector Rob Scott spoke to the report.

Board Member de Young noted that he had heard recent advertisements for the Share the Road Campaign and asked if anyone had ever been successfully prosecuted for not allowing enough space between a diver and a cyclist. Inspector Scott is not aware of a successful prosecution, and the OPP mostly issues warnings on a complaint basis.

Staff Sargent Pilon advised the Board that he will be organizing a meeting between the OPP and local business owners to review issues and concerns.

Inspector Scott and Staff Sargent Pilon noted that the OPP vehicle equipped with automatic license plate recognition equipment will be

deployed to the area soon and they will advise the Board of a time and place to come and view the equipment.

Board Member de Young noted that animal calls are up in the monthly report. Inspector Scott advised that animal calls are typically weather related, with more occurring in an open winter.

Board Member Stam asked for clarification on what an “insurance call” constitutes. Inspector Scott advised that these are calls from insurers asking for vetted police reports.

Moved By Board Member Stam

Seconded By Board Member de Young

THAT the OPP Monthly Report (February 2017) be received.

CARRIED

7.2 False Alarm Report (February 2017)

Inspector Scott spoke to the report.

Moved By Board Member McAsh

Seconded By Board Member Stam

THAT the February 2017 false alarm report be received.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

8.1 Mr. Stephen McCotter: Request for Changes to the False Alarm By-Law (59-2008)

B. Kittmer introduced the correspondence from Mr. McCotter, and advised the Board that the Town’s by-law provides for a three year period for tracking false alarms whereas many municipalities provide for a “re-set” after one calendar year. The Secretary asked for the Board to consider the correspondence and to make a recommendation to Council on the two requests from Mr. McCotter.

The Board reviewed the request for an amendment to the by-law to establish an annual re-set compared to a re-set every three years. The Board discussed several options and made the following recommendation to Council:

Moved By Board Member de Young

Seconded By Board Member McAsh

THAT the Police Services Board recommends to Council:

THAT By-Law 58-2008 be amended to establish an annual re-set for false alarm calls; and

THAT By-Law 58-2008 be amended to eliminate the “no charge for the first offence” provision as an incentive for property owners to maintain their alarm system.

CARRIED

The Board reviewed the request to rebate penalty fees charged to the Westover Inn due to non-compliance with the current by-law. The Board discussed that although the requestor may not agree with the by-law provisions, the by-law was in legally in effect for the time period requested for a rebate and the requestor’s property was not in compliance with the by-law during the time period so the penalty fees were legally charged for that period.

The Board asked Inspector Scott for advice on if fees should continue to be charged under the by-law for false alarm calls for all properties. Inspector Scott advised that he would recommend fees for false alarms be maintained as an incentive for property owners to maintain their alarm system.

The Board noted that the fees in the by-law were established in 2008 and may need to be reviewed for currency.

After review the Board made the following recommendation to Council:

Moved By Board Member de Young

Seconded By Board Member Stam

THAT the Police Services Board recommends to Council:

THAT the request from the Westover Inn to rebate penalty fees levied since January 1, 2010 under by-law 58-2008 be denied

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Noise Complaints on Jones Street

Chair Van Galen advised that he had received calls from a concerned citizen on Jones Street in regards to noise from modified exhausts on vehicles. Chair Van Galen will forward the complainant's contact

information to the Inspector and asked for the OPP to attend the complainant's home for follow up.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Van Galen reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda.

The May 17, 2017 meeting was rescheduled for May 24, 2017.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Board Member McAsh

Seconded By Board Member de Young

THAT the March 29, 2017 Police Services Board meeting be adjourned at 10:00am.

CARRIED

Chair Don Van Galen

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Board Secretary