



M I N U T E S
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the West Grey Police Services Board was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at the West Grey Municipal Office at 3 p.m.

Present: Bev Cutting, Cam McCracken, Betty Moric, Peter Irwin, Kevin Eccles (joined meeting in progress) Police Chief, Rob Martin and Secretary, Heather Webb.

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Vice Chair, Peter Irwin.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared at this time.

Minutes

Resolution #009-2017

Moved by B. Cutting

Seconded by B. Moric

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board minutes of January 16, 2017, be approved as presented. Carried.

Business Arising

At the November 14, 2016 meeting Grey-Bruce CrimeStoppers had asked for a funding commitment for the next five years. The Board had responded with a request for additional information which has now been received and is listed below.

In 2016 a total of 587 tips were received for Grey-Bruce with 7.5% or forty-four specifically for West Grey. Thirteen calls related to property crime and crimes against persons, eighteen were drug related and thirteen were HTA and liquor related calls.

In 2015 a total of 544 tips were received for Grey-Bruce with 5.88% or thirty-two specifically for West Grey. Six calls were related to property crime and crimes against persons, eight were drug related and eighteen were HTA and liquor calls.

Discussion ensued with the members agreeing on the necessity for this program to assist law enforcement agencies.

Resolution #010-2017

Moved by B. Cutting

Seconded by B. Moric

THAT a letter be sent to Grey-Bruce CrimeStoppers to advise them that the West Grey Police Services Board will commit to an annual donation of \$500 for the next five years.

Carried.

Monthly Stats

Chief Martin presented the monthly stats for January and February as well as the fleet-fuel and maintenance report, answering all questions to the satisfaction of the members.

Chief's Report

Chief Martin presented a verbal report to the members touching on number of arrests and criminal charges made in January and February.

He advised that the OIPRD are still investigating a complaint they had received.

Two officers have attended the PTSD Resiliency course, one attended the Sexual Offender Registry training course, and all officers have completed the Road to Mental Readiness program.

The Chief attended the Labor Conference in Richmond Hill.

Two officers have returned from their medical leaves and are progressing through their return to work plans. One is expected to be back on 12 hour shifts again by mid March.

A Contract has been signed with MegaHealth to act on behalf of the Service to monitor and maintain WSIB claims.

PEM Grant is being implemented April 1, 2017. The Ministry is now delaying the full transition to the Policing Effectiveness and Modernization Grant(PEM) for one year until 2018/2019. West Grey will continue with CPP Grant and apply for PEM once cap has been removed which reflects the current CPP limit of \$60,000. .

Sexual Violence audit was conducted with five noted as unfounded. It was discovered these are genuine just coded wrong and one completed but unsolved as couldn't find victim.

Community Involvement

Police attended Frazzle Fest in Durham. The Polar Plunge was successful and the Chief will be attending Lions Club dinner tonight. Durham Hospital Foundation has been in touch and relayed their interest in working together with the Police Service. Dr.Rai has indicated his willingness to become a prescription drop off point and has even offered to pay for destruction costs.

Chief has been invited to be part of Provincial Mental Health Working Group on Policing meeting in Waterloo. West Grey would be the smallest Service represented in the group. The

Board members were pleased that West Grey will be at the table and provide a voice for small Police Services.

Resolution #011-2017

Moved by B. Cutting

Seconded by C. McCracken

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board approve of Chief Martin participating in the Provincial Mental Health Working Group on Policing.

Carried.

Chief circulated a "Support Our Troops" decal that he would like permission to place on the rear of the police vehicles.

Resolution #012-2017

Moved by P. Irwin

Seconded by B. Moric that "Support Our Troops" decals be placed on the rear of the police vehicles.

Carried.

Accounts

Resolution #013-2017

Moved by B. Cutting

Seconded by B. Moric

THAT the West Grey Police Service accounts in the amount of \$10,948.83 for 2016 and \$79,057.19 for 2017 be approved for payment.

Carried.

Correspondence

- MCSCS announcement on repurposing of TAVIS, PAVIS, CPP and 1,000 Officers grants to the Policing effectiveness and Modernization grant (PEM)
- MCCS announcement on delay of transition to PEM Grant for one year to 2018/19 and option to continue receiving funding under current grants
- OAPSB release on Board survey results on Police Services Act rewrite
- MCSCS memo requesting all police service boards and chiefs in Ontario to consider conducting a review of sexual assault investigations with the results to be shared with your respective Police Service Advisors

New Business

A notice had been received from OAPSB requesting Member response regarding a possible By-law change.

A review of the Association by-laws detected a disconnect wherein Police Service Boards are legislatively expected to act with one consensus based voice while the voting system at the Annual General Meeting is based on individual members present rather than Boards. This inconsistency is evident in various places throughout the by-law and clarification is requested from each Board to indicate which if the following it prefers:

1. Board membership, and one vote per individual person for each AGM item(status quo)
2. Board membership, and one vote per Board for each AGM item
3. Individual membership for members of Police Services Boards, and one vote per each member for each AGM item.

Board consensus was item #2. "Board membership, with one vote per Board per AGM item". Secretary directed to respond to OAPSB regarding the Boards choice.

The members then began a lengthy discussion on the final draft of the Consultant's report on the Feasibility of Amalgamating the Hanover and West Grey Police Services. As a member of the amalgamation committee, Bev Cutting answered questions and explained some of her concerns regarding the report such as no delineation of savings achieved per Service. Her other concern is the creation of a new working agreement as she is fairly certain that the members will want the best from both existing contracts which will create more expenses. It was also stated at the amalgamation meetings by the Association reps that they would have a hard time selling the report and particularly the minimum number of officers stipulated, to their membership. The other members could see little benefit within the report for West Grey.

K. Eccles joined the meeting in progress at 4:45 p.m.

Deliberations continued. As a consensus could not be reached to recommend the Report to Council it was agreed to simply receive the information.

Resolution #014-2017

Moved by K. Eccles

Seconded by P. Irwin

THAT the West Grey Police Services Board receive the MPM Consultants report on the Feasibility of the Amalgamation of the Hanover and West Grey Police Services.

Carried.

Chief Martin made the members aware that he would be letting one of the Auxiliary Officers go and asked for the Boards direction on the number of hirings permitted for Auxiliary Officers. A pool of four applications exists.

Resolution #015-2017

Moved by K. Eccles

Seconded by C. McCracken

That two additional auxiliary officers be hired to bring the complement back up to six.

Carried

All business being concluded the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm on motion by K. Eccles.