

**Owen Sound Police Services Board
Public Meeting
Thursday, December 18, 2008
2nd Floor Boardroom**

Media Present: Emily Carter, Bayshore Broadcasting

Members Present: G. Pierce, D. Haswell, G. Levine, W. Murray
and A. Wright

Admin. Present: Chief T. Kaye and Deputy Chief B. Sornberger

Minutes: K. Calver

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman declared the Wednesday, December 18, 2008 meeting be called to order at 11:07 a.m. CARRIED

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by G. Levine

"That the agenda dated December 18, 2008 be approved as distributed." CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by G. Levine

"That the minutes dated November 19, 2008 be approved as distributed." CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the minutes and matter listed on the agenda. **HEARNG NONE.**

5. Business arising out of the minutes dated November 19, 2008 Public Meeting. **HEARING NONE.**

6. **Motion to Approve Payables**

Moved by W. Murray

"That the Outstanding Accounts for the period of November 01 - 30, 2008 in the amount of \$124,552.22 be approved for payment." CARRIED

7. **Chief's Report**

- Customer Service training. This training initiative was started by the service 2 years ago after we approached an on-line training company to develop an E-learning process for our members. All staff are in the final stages of receiving this

training which will enhance our response to the public in dealing with there needs for police services.

- With the final days of shopping until Christmas we are reminding the public that they must take some steps to protect their purchases and ensure that they lock their vehicles and place any valuables in the trunk out of sight of those individuals who are looking for easy thefts. If you see anyone suspicious call the police and report it.
- Several arrests have been made lately as a result of “operation look-out”. This is an anti-drinking and driving campaign where members of the public call the police in cases where they are observing erratic driving. Police are then dispatched to intercept these drivers and get them off the road if they are impaired. The program works and is a great example of community policing. City police will also be conducting the annual R.I.D.E. blitz over the holidays. If you drink – don’t drive is the message.
- City police have been requested to participate in the security for the 2010 Olympics and plans are underway to supply some officers from Owen Sound to the Vancouver Winter Games in February of 2010. The R.C.M.P. needs 5,000 Police Officers across the country for at least 30 days. 100% cost recovery and looking for 500 from Ontario. Consideration of our officers will be time, seniority, level of training and sick time. I will be providing further details to the board as this initiative progresses and we will need to identify these people early in the year.
- Recruitment rates for police services in Ontario continue to be a problem and the current rate is not sufficient to backfill the number of officers existing from the profession. Police services will need to double recruitment from the current 2,500 new hires to 5,000 by 2010 if the loss ratio continues at the current levels.
- The issue of a hand gun ban was once again discussed by a number of government officials and police leaders. There are currently 215,000 handguns licenced in Ontario and no consensus has been reached on support for the handgun ban. Most organizations are around 50% support for and against an outright ban. Chief does not support this ban – it is not going to solve the problem and he warned that the Board may receive documentation in the future.
- **Board Meeting dates for 2009 calendar year have been set as: January 21, 2009; February 25, 2009; March 25, 2009; April 15, 2009; May 27, 2009; June 17, 2009; September 23, 2009; October 28, 2009; November 25, 2009 and December 16, 2009.**
- The 2008 – 2010 Business Plan has been placed on the website and all members received their CD copy. Copies will be sent to all stakeholders and City Council members.
- W. Murray enquired about keyless entries being transmitted through other devices and the ability to steal vehicles. Chief declared he was unaware of such instances and spoke of scams by visiting website www.snopes.com for a list.

8. Deputy Chief's Report

- D. Haswell requested ride-along for early in the new year. Deputy will set this up and prepare waiver to sign (policy is in place)

C.O.R.E.

The C.O.R.E. unit engaged in the following activities during the month of November, 2008:

- Continued to liaise with local high school administration regarding concerns.
- Submitted approximately 20 contact cards and conducted numerous street checks.
- The C.O.R.E. unit also made arrests and laid 2 charges in relation to Criminal Code offences.
- 1 HTA charge.
- 1 Bylaw charge.
- The C.O.R.E. unit made 1 arrest in relation to an outstanding warrant.
- C.O.R.E. attended a Cyber Bulling workshop at W.H.S.S. to answer questions from students and staff relating to this topic.
- C.O.R.E. assisted with traffic control at the Kiwanis Santa Claus Parade.
- Attended regular scheduled Probation and Parole meeting and disseminated an information package regarding persons of interest to the platoons.
- Foot patrol- opening ceremonies for Northern Lights Festival.
- Maintained a Police presence in the downtown core through regular foot patrols.

Traffic Trailer

Not in service during winter months

R.I.D.E.:

There were a total of **16** R.I.D.E.'s conducted in November; all except one were conducted on duty.

Of the **15** on-duty R.I.D.E.'s, Sgt. Kitto's platoon conducted 5; Sgt. Rusk's platoon conducted 6; Sgt Green's platoon conducted 1; and Sgt. Fluney's platoon conducted 3. The combined statistics were:

- 34 officers,
- 15.75 hours,
- 2454 vehicles stopped,
- 2 roadside tests administered,
- 0 Impaired Driving/Over 80 mgs charge laid,
- 1 twelve-hour driver's licence suspension,
- 3 HTA charges,
- 0 LLA charges.

Traffic Enforcement

<p><u>Platoon #1 (Sgt. Kitto)</u></p> <p>Highway Traffic Act: 66 Compliance Reports: 1 Recorded Cautions: 20 Liquor Licence Act: 6 Criminal Code: 15 Other POA/By-Law: 16 Foot Patrol: 44.25</p>	<p><u>Platoon #2 (Sgt. Rusk)</u></p> <p>Highway Traffic Act: 80 Compliance Reports: 7 Recorded Cautions: 13 Liquor Licence Act: 3 Criminal Code: 13 Other POA/By-Law: - Foot Patrol: 51.5</p>
<p><u>Platoon #3 (Sgt. Green)</u></p> <p>Highway Traffic Act: 28 Compliance Reports: 13 Recorded Cautions: 12 Liquor Licence Act: 6 Criminal Code: 24 Other POA/By-Law: 2 Foot Patrol: 27</p>	<p><u>Platoon #4 (Sgt. Fluney)</u></p> <p>Highway Traffic Act: 50 Compliance Reports: 1 Recorded Cautions: 20 Liquor Licence Act: 6 Criminal Code: 26 Other POA/By-Law: 4 Foot Patrol: 36.5</p>
<p><u>P.C. Pearson (Part-time)</u></p> <p>Did not work in November, 2008</p>	<p><u>P.C. Dault (Part-time)</u></p> <p>Highway Traffic Act: 52 Compliance Reports: 2 Recorded Cautions: 10 Other POA/By-Law: - Foot Patrol: 17 Shifts Worked: 12</p>
<p><u>P.C. Thomas (Part-time)</u></p> <p>Highway Traffic Act: 3 Compliance Reports: - Recorded Cautions: 21 Other POA/By-Law: 1 Foot Patrol: 14 Shifts Worked: 9</p>	

S.T.E.P. Enforcement

The November 2008 monthly S.T.E.P. initiative was implemented by Platoon #3.

The monthly S.T.E.P. initiative targeted unsafe turns and unsafe lane changes, including failing to signal.

All platoons and part-time traffic officers participated in the S.T.E.P. initiatives. A total of thirty-seven S.T.E.P. related charges were laid.

Collisions

Total accidents:	(46)
Accidents East side Owen Sound:	29
Accident West side Owen Sound:	7
Accidents in parking lots:	10 (including 5 FTR accidents below)
Fail to Remain Accidents:	6
Accidents referred to CRC:	16
Accidents investigated by OSPS:	<u>30</u>
Total accidents:	(46)

The total accidents for November show a slight increase of 5 accidents in reported accidents from the previous month of October 2008. However, the amount of accidents investigated by our Service remained the same as well as FTR reports.

The most frequent cause for accidents appeared to be disobey traffic controls in an area along 8th Street East between 7th Avenue East and 20th Avenue East. ***For the second month in a row there are no reported accidents in the area of the Mill Dam for the past month as part of the continuous complaint in this area for speed related issues.***

November 2008 Community Service Office Report

- Attended Hillcrest & Bayview Schools to present the D.A.R.E. Program. (4 classes, once week)
- Attended Rogers Cable TV (Daytime Show) on two separate occasions to talk about safety tips while Christmas shopping. The second appearance, I talked about making your home safe at Christmas.
- Attended November 8th Attack hockey game for the opening ceremonies, kicking off the Christmas R.I.D.E. season. Mingled and answered questions with public during 1st intermission.

- Attended St. Mary's Hall and presented the CAA bus patrol training to all First Student Bus Drivers (Laidlaw). I wanted to show the school bus drivers the training that is given to all of Owen Sound student bus patrollers. Attempting to get at least the Owen Sound bus drivers and bus patrollers on the same page (difficult due to different bus companies) in surrounding areas.
- Attended the Salvation Army and presented an Internet Safety seminar to a group of 10-13 yr olds.
- Attended West Hill Secondary School and assisted with WHSS administration to present a bullying seminar to all their grade 11 students.
- Attended Zehrs Plus to bag groceries for MADD fundraiser.
- Photo in Sun Times making public aware of our 7th Annual OSPS Christmas Food Drive.
- Attended A & P kicking off our 7th Annual Food Drive. Special thanks to our IT guy Chris Hill, Auxiliaries Dave Barber, Al Hawes, Jason Vail, Shawn Galbraith & DJ Harrigan for giving their time to collect donations.
- Installed 2 child restraint seats.
- Attended monthly SAAC (substance abuse action committee) meeting.
- Due to the shortage of Crossing Guards, police officers were needed for a total of 8 hrs in the month of November.

Auxiliary Report- November 2008

We contributed 414 hours in November, which is a decrease of 167 hours from last year. The average hours per member for 2008 are 20.7 verses 2007's average of 24.2. There were a few events last year that were not repeated this year. This included Use of Force Training with 44 hours, M.A.D.D. event with 28 hours. Our Festival of Northern Lights is also down 31 hours, which can be contributed to last years doubling up on nights as we trained our new members.

Bert Harman contributed an amazing 96 hours for the month of November. She put in 60 hours on the lights as well as helping with the Remembrance Parade, Santa Parade and Opening night of the Festival. Our next closest member was Nick Houston who contributed 41 hours, which is also quite high. Also noted that there have been no issues this year regarding the Festival of Northern Lights.

9. Approval of Chief's and Deputy Chief's Report

Moved by A. Wright

"That the Chief's and Deputy Chief's Report be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

10. Motion to Receive Information Package

Moved by G. Levine

"That the Board Information Package dated December 18, 2008 be approved as circulated." **CARRIED**

11 **Moved by A. Wright**

"To defer any increase in the Board Members' per diem (remuneration) for the year 2009 in light of the current economic situation." **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by G. Levine

"That the meeting of December 18, 2008 be declared terminated at 11:40 a.m."
CARRIED

Next meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. O.S.P.S. 2nd Floor Board Room