

**Owen Sound Police Services Board
Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2010
2nd Floor Meeting Room**

Media Present: Jonathan Jackson, Bayshore Broadcasting

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

Regrets: B. Twaddle and G. Levine

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

Minutes: K. Calver

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman declared the Wednesday, January 27, 2010 meeting be called to order at 11:09 a.m. CARRIED

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by W. Murray

"That the agenda dated January 27, 2010 be approved as distributed." CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the matter listed on the agenda.
HEARING NONE.

4. Presentations, deputations, and Public Question period. **HEARING NONE.**

5. **Motion to Approve Payables**

Moved by W. Murray

"That the Outstanding Accounts for the period of December 01 – 31, 2009 in the amount of \$100,358.42 be approved for payment." CARRIED

6. **Chief's Report**

The Chiefs report will consist of year end reporting to the Board on a number of activities that the service was involved in last year. Most of these reports are mandated under the Police Services Act and will be filed with the Board for future reference. This is part and parcel of the audit that just took place.

- **2009 Firearms Report**
The police service took in 44 firearms. These range from long guns, shot guns, riffles and hand guns. Out of them there was one gun that was found, 24 were surrendered by people who brought them into the station for disposal (that happens when older family members pass on). Those guns are destroyed as per policy. They are chopped up by a company and then the steel is recycled at DOFASCO in Hamilton. The balance of the guns was seized and are either being held or are currently before the courts pending disposition.
- **2009 Business Plan Overview**
Will be filed with the Board. There are not a lot of changes from the report that was filed with the board back in November on the outcomes. A couple of things went from being pending to finalized in December.
- **2009 Board Asset Report**
The Board has 11,578 pieces of equipment that are owned by the Police Services Board all of which are documented. There is also a list of all the Boards equipment that is broken, destroyed, garbaged that gets scanned back out of the Boards assets and listed on these reports. We have upgraded to a bar code system 10 years ago and each item is scanned into the inventory. Everything is active and documented in and documented out and tells you where it was disposed of either by sale or by auction or dumpster. This is the list that goes to the City as well and the auditors have it. Once a year this report gets printed.
This has taken municipalities a long time to do and cost a lot of money. This is a horrible exercise for the Canadian Chartered Accountants Association. The Police Services Boards have been mandated under the Act for years to have this.
- **2009 Court House Security Report**
The Special Constables transported a total of 1,808 persons in custody. 789 of those were from other police agencies – an informal sharing of services we have. The inmates requiring meals over the lunch hour were 360 that is a cost that we have to bear and is a responsibility of the Board to feed them. There were 117 DNA samples that were taken by people who were ordered by the courts and 61 of those were taken for other police agencies. There were 253 court days in 2009 and the Special Constables filled 1458 shifts to provide court security during that period of time. This is what accounts for the almost half a million dollars expenditure in court security and prisoner transportation costs of that at the court house there were 28 occurrences – 5 of them were alarm calls, 1 animal complaint, others include trespass and mischief. There were no changes made to the court security plan in 2009.
- **2009 Promotions – Resignation Report**
Most of the promotions that took place last year were from people being hired or from being promoted from 4th class constable to 3rd class or from 3rd class clerks to 2nd class clerks.
- **2009 Public Complaints Report**
A total of 5 public complaints occurred during 2009 from 2 citizens.
The first complaint, the investigation was in conduct towards one of our constables – the complaint after being investigated turned out that the complainant was a registered sex offender who was not in compliance with the registry. This

individual suffers from mental health issues. When medicated not a problem but when he is off medication big problem. Once he was back on his medication (reduced the paranoia) he became compliant with the sex offender registry. The second complainant filed four separate complaints back in the fall at the Salmon Spectacular (excessive use of force, false arrest). This case is still before the courts and the investigation is currently being written up. Chief will report at the next board meeting as to the outcomes.

This number of complaints is down by 3 from 2008.

- **Secondary Employment Overview 2009 Report**
We have 15 members of staff who have secondary employment that is reportable under the Act to the Board. Of those the majority of them are part-timers. Every year these individuals update us as to their status of working part time and we go through to make sure there is no conflict of interests. This number does not include paid duty.
- **Report on 2009 Use of Force**
Our members were involved in 23 incidents which were reported. In all of these cases a report was completed on the prescribed form 1 Use of Force report. The Empty Hand Techniques were used in 6 incidents, an Impact Weapon (baton) was used in one incident, Pepper Spray was used in one incident. The Taser was used in 2 incidents where 2 individuals were actually tasered by the police and in 4 incidents the taser was displayed and the offenders surrendered without the taser being deployed. There were 5 incidents where firearms were drawn and pointed and 3 of these reports were from one incident (execution of a high-risk drug warrant). There were 4 incidents where firearms were discharged to destroy a sick or injured animal.
- **2010 Training Report**
There are 21 people scheduled to go on courses this year. One of our use of force instructors is going to update their accreditation in riffles and shotguns as use of force training.

7. Deputy Chief's Report

C.O.R.E.

The C.O.R.E. unit engaged in the following activities during the month of December, 2009:

- Conducted high visibility targeted patrol in the downtown core
- Continued to liaise with the city high schools. Conducted regular checks and provided visible police presence on premises
- Continued to liaise with Probation and Parole via regular updates on persons of interest

H.E.A.T.

The HEAT unit engaged in the following activities for the month of December, 2009:

- Continued to maintain a visible presence in the downtown core and licenced establishments throughout the city.

- Investigated several individuals during street checks and submitted appropriate contact cards for intelligence purposes.
- Conducted regular and ongoing checks of licenced establishments to ensure Liquor Licence Act compliance.
- Maintained ongoing presence at local schools to deter criminal behaviour.
- Attended a quarterly meeting with local law enforcement agencies, Probation office and federal Parole.
- Met with Down Town Improvement Manager Irwin SEIDMAN to address any growing concerns in the Downtown Corridor.

R.I.D.E.:

There were a total of 32 on-duty R.I.D.E. spot checks and 4 paid duty R.I.D.E. spot checks conducted in December, 2009.

The combined statistics were:

- 85 officers
- 41 hours
- 4956 vehicles stopped
- 4 roadside tests administered
- 2 Impaired Driving/Over 80 mgs charges laid
- 1 -Three-day administrative licence suspensions
- 51 HTA charges/ compliance reports
- 2 Criminal Code charge

Traffic Enforcement

- 210 Provincial Notices Issued
- 124 Recorded Cautions

Collisions

Summary:

Total accidents:	(56)
Accidents East side Owen Sound:	28
Accident West side Owen Sound:	9
Accidents in parking lots:	19 (including 4 FTR accidents below)
Fail to Remain Accidents:	5
Accidents referred to CRC:	28
Accidents investigated by OSPS:	<u>28</u>
Total accidents:	(56)

Community Service Office Report

- Attended a Parents information evening at OSCVI. Topic of Internet Safety.
- Attended weekly DARE courses at Hillcrest, Bayview and Dufferin schools.
- "Bully" presentation to students at Alexandra school.

- Familiarizing schools and getting them ready for the “Chief for a Day” which will take place again this year during Police Week.
- Reviewing and updating the Citizens on Patrol (COP) program and their operating procedures etc...
- Assisted with Sydenham School Breakfast Club.
- Attended and completed annual First Aid Training.
- Attend COP meeting.
 - Provided the COP members with a BBQ and cake to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication.

Auxiliary Report – December 2009

We contributed 415 hours this December compared to 264 hours last year. This is an increase of 151 hours. This year our average hours per member are 20.75 compared to 16.5 last year.

This past month we took part in Patrol, Festival of Northern Lights, some first aid training and the Olympic Torch Relay event. Our patrol hours are 111 compared to 58 last year. The Festival of Northern Lights hours are up 60 hours as more people doubled up on patrol this year.

8. 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**

9. Motion to Approve Board Policy: OSPSB-OPS—015 Speed Detection Devices

This policy is a housekeeping issue that was identified by the Ministry audit back in November.

Moved by W. Murray, seconded by A. Wright

“That the Board approves and accepts as presented the new Police Services Board Policy OSPSB-OPS-015 Speed Detection Devices as listed in the information package dated January 27, 2010.” **CARRIED**

10. Other Business

- **Public Board Meeting dates for 2010 calendar year have been set as: March 31, 2010; May 26, 2010; September 22, 2010 and November 24, 2010**
- Garth expressed sincere thanks of the Board to Arlene Wright for her many years of service on this Board (since 1996). Arlene mentioned she has thoroughly enjoyed her stay as well as her years as Chair. She believes we have one of the best police services anywhere and an excellent administration that is appreciated by our staff. Arlene thanked Administration, Staff and the Board. Chief expressed his appreciation to Arlene as well.
Good Luck Arlene as you take on your new responsibility as Warden.
- Looking forward to welcoming Councillor Adair and Councillor Haswell to the Board and they will be joining us at the next Board meeting.

- Chief announced the results of today's elections for the Board. Mr. Pierce was re-elected as Chairman of the Board and Mr. Levine was elected (upon approval) as Vice-Chair.

11. **Motion to Receive Information Package**

Moved by W. Murray

"That the Board Information Package dated January 27, 2010 be approved as circulated." **CARRIED.**

12. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by A. Wright

"That the meeting of January 27, 2010 be declared terminated at 11:36 a.m."
CARRIED

Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. O.S.P.S. 2nd Floor Meeting Room