

**Owen Sound Police Services Board
Public Meeting
Wednesday, March 31, 2010
2nd Floor Meeting Room**

Media Present: Jonathan Jackson, Bayshore Broadcasting

Members Present: G. Pierce, W. Murray, D. Haswell and D. Adair

Regrets: G. Levine

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

Minutes: K. Calver

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman declared the Wednesday, March 31, 2010 meeting be called to order at 11:20 a.m. CARRIED

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by D. Adair

"That the agenda dated March 31, 2010 be approved as distributed." CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by W. Murray

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

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

5. Business arising out of the minutes dated January 27, 2010 Public Meeting.
HEARING NONE.

6. **Motion to Approve Payables**

Moved by D. Haswell

"That the Outstanding Accounts for the period of February 01 – 28, 2010 in the amount of \$29,171.15 be approved for payment." CARRIED

7. **Chief's Report**

- Request for the board to write to the Minister regarding un-paid police suspensions (officers committing offences while off duty)

Chief requests the Boards support of this "White Paper" document that was produced over the last year from the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

Unfortunately the Police Services Act has no current provision for suspending police officers and not having to pay them. We believe that there has to be an ability put in the Act that the Chief and the Board can suspend somebody without paying them. For example we have had police officers who have been involved in murder, home invasion robberies, grow ops and dealing with members or organized crime releasing information.

All situations are things done off duty outside of their normal course of what they should be doing on duty and unfortunately the provisions of the act don't differentiate and those members have to continue to be paid while they are waiting for their trials to go through. In some cases it takes several years for these cases to wind their way through the courts and all the while these people are still being paid for committing criminal acts. In the police world the only way to stop paying you is to suspend you and if the word suspension is used under the current police services act, we have no choice but to pay you. If we could just stop paying for not coming to work you would still be a police officer and would still have the ability to make arrests etc. When we suspend all of your abilities are taken away but we still pay.

It is time the government looks into this whole issue.

If people go through this process and are found to be not guilty, then there is an ability for them come back and be re-instated with back pay. These are people who are not at work and have nothing to do with their job, this was something they chose to get involved in doing while off duty and committed some kind of offence or alleged to have commit. We don't believe that if there is enough evidence to support incarcerating you that you should be paid while it is going on. We don't believe the Board should be disadvantaged. This is not something that is done lightly.

8. Moved by D. Adair, Seconded by W. Murray,

"That the Owen Sound Police Services Board write a letter to Minister Bartolucci, supporting the call by the Ontario Association of Chief's of Police, that the Minister look at opening the Police Services Act with a view to allowing for unpaid suspensions of Police Officers." **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- The four members of this police service that were out as part of the integrated security detail for the 2010 Olympics have now returned. There were no incidents that they got involved in while they were out there and said it was a very informative time for them. Chief spoke to the commissioner of the R.C.M.P. last week and very complementary towards all of the agencies across the country. This has never been done in any other country to this size or magnitude. There were over 15,000 police officers on the ground and over 191 police forces across the country represented the Olympics.
- We have been having once again issues with people coming up to Owen Sound with card skimming devices. This is a public warning on client cards at devices. These people are getting so sophisticated – Chief shared a handout on an example called the square which is plugged into the bottom of an iPhone and actually has a swipe. If your iPhone is connected to the internet they can skim your card. We had calls on the weekend from Toronto Police who had stopped and were investigating some people who had been in Owen Sound. They travel around with these skimming devices and have a box of plastic blanks in their car with a machine that will impose the numbers and with one of these devices they can copy your card. Hundreds of millions of dollars involved in this. Keep an eye on bank machines that malfunction – that is usually an indicator that sometimes a pin camera is installed up top of the machine. Cover up the

pin pad as best you can when putting in your numbers. There have been cases where there are actual fake A.T.M. machines installed in buildings collecting card information all day long. In the end they can make false cards. There are also devices which include actual cell phones having swipes on the bottom. Making it easier for on line shopping but it opens the whole thing up to gain fraudulent transactions.

What happened here on the weekend was an incident where an actual pin pad was swapped out from a retailer who was distracted.

Be very cautious with your cards, err on the side of caution and call the police. It is very easily done and takes seconds to get all your information.

Another example is plastic key cards issued to hotel guests to open your room door – these cards have all your detailed information on them and make sure you don't return it and destroy it.

9. Deputy Chief's Report

C.O.R.E.

- 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. PC Ford met with Principal of OSCVI in respect to a male suspected of selling cigarettes, alcohol, and marihuana to students on school premises. Plans are underway for the HEAT and CORE Unit to meet with the area Tobacco Enforcement Officer to address this issue.
- Liaised with Probation and Parole via regular updates on persons of interest

HEAT

- Continued to maintain a visible presence in the downtown core and licenced establishments throughout the city.
- Conducted regular and ongoing checks of licenced establishments to ensure liquor licence act compliance.
- The HEAT unit received training on police pursuits, mentally ill persons and building searches.
- Attended quarterly meeting with Probation officials, local police agencies and federal parole representatives.
- Maintained ongoing presence at local schools to deter criminal behaviour.
- Hosted an educational meeting, along with the CORE unit with staff and management of the Harb Tavern to enlighten them of new licensing legislation and review their responsibilities under the Liquor Licence Act.
- Conducted investigations resulting in the laying of 5 criminal charges.
- Executed 1 arrest warrant.
- Conducted RIDE lanes at various locations in the city.

Collisions

Total accidents:	(39)
Accidents East side Owen Sound:	19
Accident West side Owen Sound:	9
Accidents in parking lots:	11 (including 3 FTR accidents below)
Fail to Remain Accidents:	6

Accidents referred to CRC:	23
Accidents investigated by OSPS:	<u>16</u>
Total accidents:	(39)

R.I.D.E.:

- 43 officers
- 30 hours
- 1425 vehicles stopped
- 1 roadside tests administered
- 0 Impaired Driving/Over 80 mgs charge laid,
- 0 -Three-day administrative licence suspensions
- 3HTA charges,
- 0 LLA charges
- 0 LLA seizure
- 0 Criminal Code

Traffic Enforcement

- 323 Provincial Notices Issued
- 173 Recorded Cautions

S.T.E.P. Enforcement

February's S.T.E.P. program was to educate drivers of snowmobiles of the offences against the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act as well as the City of Owen Sound By-Law # 1976-27. Attention was also paid to drivers who stop and go into the restaurants (mainly on 16th Street East area) for a meal, to ensure no-one comes out and drives drunk.

All platoons and Part-time Officers participated in the S.T.E.P. program, resulting in only 1 warning.

Officers also tracked the number of offenders to Bill 118 *Countering Distracted Driving* and its supporting regulation. Fifteen (15) drivers were charged for using their cell phone. In addition, one driver received a warning for using their cell phone while another driver received a warning for using an IPOD.

Community Service Office Report

- Met with Georgian College Police Foundations class to discuss their class project; crossing guards.
- Appeared on the Mix morning show to discuss "Community Events" that OSPS are involved in. This will be a monthly radio spot.
- Appeared on Rogers TV to discuss the new Distracted Driving legislation now in effect.
- Attended and presented "Frauds and Scams" presentation to the Owen Sound Women's Institute.
- Drug Presentation given to Teachers Aids at St. Mary's High School.
- Two days spent in court for the Hassan Trial.

- Began preparations for Police Week 2010.
- Presented “Hands to Yourself” to grades 3-6 at Bayview School.
- Attended Bayview School for DARE reports.
- Spoke to class at Bayview “Hands to yourself”
- Attended “Safe Schools” meeting at Sydenham PS.
- Conducted training for four new casual crossing guards.
- Attended Sydenham PS weekly for DARE.

Auxiliary Report

Volunteers contributed 271 hours this past February which is an increase. Our top member was Shawn MacMillan with 25 hours.

The posting is up for promotion to Sergeant to fill a vacant position. Presently Al Hawes is filling in.

10. Approval of Chief’s and Deputy Chief’s Report

Moved by D. Adair

“That the Chief’s and Deputy Chief’s Report be accepted as presented.” **CARRIED**

11. Other Business

- Deputy presented the crime statistic information that is now on the web page. Crimes by colour are listed on the web page – you can go in and check your neighbourhood or the area that your business is in for these property related offences. For example theft from autos – if you are living in an area where there is a lot displays in your neighbourhood and come home to see kids standing around a car that you know don’t belong, you are aware and can call the police.

We want people to be involved and be the eyes and ears of the police. All of this information is generated by the public. Drug information will not be posted on the site. When an officer rolls over the dot listed it will give the occurrence number and a brief description of what happened. This information will be used and graphed in the annual report to show for example percentages of crime.

There was an article in the SunTimes and on the radio. Our web hits went up in two days from 6,000 to 30,000. Our web page is a huge communication device and also includes radar locations for the week as well as warnings such as cigarette break and enters, traffic enforcement, fraud busters, news releases for example online scams

12. Motion to Receive Information Package

Moved by D. Haswell

“That the Board Information Package dated March 31, 2010 be approved as circulated.” **CARRIED.**

13. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by W. Murray

“That the meeting of March 31, 2010 be declared terminated at 11:53 a.m.” **CARRIED**

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. O.S.P.S. 2nd Floor Meeting Room