

**Owen Sound Police Services Board
Public Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2009
2nd Floor Boardroom**

Media Present: Raymond Botten, Global Ministries,
Maria Canton, The Sun Times

Members Present: G. Pierce, G. Levine and A. Wright

Regrets: Wally Murray and B. Twaddle

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

Minutes: K. Calver

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman declared the Wednesday, May 27, 2009 meeting be called to order at 11:00 a.m. CARRIED

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by G. Levine

"That the agenda dated May 27, 2009 be approved as distributed." CARRIED

- Garth added one item to the agenda that being Staff Appreciation Award evening

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by A. Wright

"That the minutes dated April 15, 2009 be approved as distributed." CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the minutes and matter listed on the agenda. **HEARING NONE.**
5. Presentations, deputations, and Public Question period – One – Board has taken into advisement and will respond accordingly (Kevin Woyce request for Taxi Licence)
6. Business arising out of the minutes dated April 15, 2009 Public Meeting. **HEARING NONE.**

7. **Motion to Approve Payables**

Moved by G. Levine

"That the Outstanding Accounts for the period of April 01 - 30, 2009 in the amount of \$167,570.15 be approved for payment." CARRIED

8. Chief's Report

- Members of the public can now go on-line at www.owensoundpolice.com and follow the links to register their bicycles. In the event that someone's bicycle is stolen we can search the data base to ensure that stolen bikes that are recovered are returned to the lawful owner. Anyone who can't access the web can still attend the station to register their bicycle or they can download the forms from public access computers and send it in with the details. The Service keeps lost/found bikes for 3 – 6 months before getting rid of. We are looking at a service of behalf of the Police Service to use e-bay to advertise bikes and other items such as t.v.'s, microwaves, tires, canoe, lawn ornaments etc. for sale and the Chief will notify the public at a later date. This is just one way of expanding the usage of our website
- Sergeant Rob Hawkins will officially retire effective May 31, 2009 after 30 years of service to the Owen Sound Police Service.

9. **Moved by G. Levine**

"That the Chairman write a letter on behalf of the Board congratulating Sgt. Rob Hawkins on his retirement." **CARRIED**

- The 2008 Annual report will be completed by the June meeting and ready for public release shortly afterwards.
- The Service has received cheques for \$13,751.92 to offset overtime costs in the R.I.D.E. program, \$15,445.04 as part of our C.P.P. program and a further \$51,515.45 as part of secondary C.P.P. program.
- We have been advised that Sgt. Ted Kitto will be honoured with one of the highest awards that Ontario Special Olympics presents to officers who have shown leadership and commitment towards the program. Sgt. Kitto will receive his award in June at the O.A.C.P. Annual Conference.

10. **Moved by A. Wright**

"That the Chairman write a letter on behalf of the Board congratulating Ted Kitto for being honoured with Ontario Special Olympics program award." **CARRIED**

- The Owen Sound Police Service is also being honoured by Ontario Special Olympics for exceeding the one million dollar mark in fundraising for the Torch Run in support of Special Olympics. Chief will receive the award on behalf of the service at the O.A.C.P. Annual Conference in June as well.

11. Deputy Chief's Report

C.O.R.E.

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- Maintained an ongoing presence at local high schools to monitor and deter CDSA activity
- Conducted regular bar checks
- Maintained a Police presence in the downtown core through regular foot patrols
- Laid 19 Criminal Code charges

- Executed 5 arrest warrants
- 2 HTA
- 1 CAIA
- 3 LLA
- 1 By-Law

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- Laid 13 Criminal Code charges.
- Arrested 19 persons involved in various criminal incidents (i.e Warrants, RP&G for other officer's investigations and RP&G for our investigations)
- 5 HTA
- 2 CAIA
- 3 LLA
- 1 By-Law
- Conducted RIDE checks

R.I.D.E.:

There were a total of **16** R.I.D.E. spot checks conducted in April. All were conducted on duty.

The combined statistics were:

- 34 officers,
- 13.75 hours,
- 688 vehicles stopped,
- 0 roadside test administered,
- 0 Impaired Driving/Over 80 mgs charge laid,
- 0 twelve-hour driver's licence suspension,
- 1 HTA charges,
- 1 LLA charges or seizures,

Traffic Enforcement

PON's Issued:	213
Recorded Cautions:	147

S.T.E.P. Enforcement

The focus of April's S.T.E.P. program came as a result of a large number of thefts from motor vehicles. It was to create contact cards of suspicious vehicles and persons that could be followed up by members of the Criminal Investigation Branch in an attempt to identify and arrest the person(s) responsible. The S.T.E.P. program also targeted parking infractions such as parking the wrong way on the streets in the neighbourhoods.

All platoons participated in the S.T.E.P. program, resulting in 22 by-law tickets laid.

Collisions April 2009

Summary:

Total accidents:	(43)
Accidents East side Owen Sound:	20
Accident West side Owen Sound:	10
Accidents in parking lots:	13 (including 4 FTR accidents below)
Fail to Remain Accidents:	9
Accidents referred to CRC:	19
Accidents investigated by OSPS:	<u>24</u>
Total accidents:	(43)

The total accidents for April are relatively unchanged from previous month of March. Only identified area of concern for this month appears to be an area bounded by 10th Street East/9th Ave East/8th Ave East/16th St East.

- A. Wright enquired if the accidents in parking lots get investigated and also mentioned concern for City Council to review/update by-laws on parking, idling and parking on the wrong side of the street etc. She also expressed that it is very important for the media to be aware of the fail to remain incidents and educate the community through the media. Deputy stated that we attend and investigate all fail to remain incidents

April 2009 Community Service Office Report

- Attended Sydenham School regarding the D.A.R.E. Program. 2 ½ classes once a week.
- Attended WHSS to assist with Meth play.
- Attended planning meetings for open house and police week activities.
- Preparation for Police Week activities.
- Attended a three day DARE conference in Niagara Falls.
- Presented an Internet Awareness seminar to a group of parents through Children's Aid Society.
- Working on a criminal investigation that is still ongoing since my assignment to CIB.
- Continuing to deal with payroll, staffing and HR issues for the Crossing Guards.
- Attended COP's for Cancer event at Georgian College.
- Meetings with individuals for pricing on various items for the police service (crests, banners, signs, letterhead, envelopes etc...)
- Researched and purchased a portable sound system for OSPS use.
- Participated in recording of radio ads for Operation Lookout. Ads to be on the radio two weeks leading up to the May long weekend.

- Attended COP meeting. COP office moved back to OSPS and will be located in the CSO office.
- Attended Hillcrest PS to speak to a student about anger control and how to deal with frustrating situations.
- Attended a small DARE grad at Bayview PS for two students who were on a field trip for the main graduation.
- Attended OSPS web design meeting.
- Completed one full day of use of force and firearms training.
- Participated on 1hr radio show to promote Cops-for-Cancer.
- Internet planning meetings
- Bicycle Registration planning and implementation.
- Internet safety presentation given to all grad 6's and some grade 5's at Hillcrest PS

Auxiliary Report- April 2009

We had a total of 597 hours for the month of April. This is an increase of 362 hours over last year. 392 of these hours are from the training of new recruits. Patrol hours were 101 last year and 115 this year showing a 14-hour increase.

Our top member for April was Herman Thatchen with 31 hours.

This past month our new recruit class finished their classroom training. They all successfully passed the final exam on April 16th.

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

Moved by G. Levine

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

13. Chairman's Report

It has been a very busy time since our last board meeting and I would like to thank all board members for attending the various station openings and Police week functions.

VIP reception – Thursday 7 May

A well attended function both by our Board as well as dignitaries from Owen Sound area Police services, and other invited guests. The reception and tours that followed were much appreciated – and rave comments about the new facilities endless.

Official Opening – Saturday 9 May

The official opening and ribbon cutting was another enjoyable function which was again followed by tours including the general public.

Chief's Citation Awards – Tuesday 12 May

A well attended function at which Chief's Citation Awards were given to four deserving citizens. Bob Wallace and Diana Meder were recognized for their support of many police service fundraising events, Monica Solomon and David Perry were given their citations for assisting the police during an unfortunate assault. The victim traveled from Toronto and expressed his appreciation. A lovely reception followed for family and friends.

Auxiliary Graduation – Wednesday 13 May

A most enjoyable evening at which 14 Auxiliary Police Officers received their certificates in the presence of family and friends. Again followed by a reception and photo opportunity.

Chief for a day – Thursday 14 May

This was a delightful event which saw 10 year old Lindsey Marck sworn in as Chief for the day. Lindsey read her contest winning essay on bullying to the audience, and went with her aide, Constable Chris Hartley, to perform her chiefly duties. The former Chief, the Deputy and I joined her for lunch to hear all about her day. Touring the new station, handcuffing an officer, finger printing, and delivering pizza and cake to her class were among the highlights. The coolest part of the day however, was having her driver find a country road and turning on the siren – go figure.

Back to reality

Negotiations with the Association are underway with two meetings held to date and a further meeting scheduled on Monday, June 8, 2009.

Ministry Audit

The Audit which was postponed from last year is now scheduled for the week of 23 November. Much of the documentation required for the audit has been completed, but much work remains to be done over the next few months. Kelly Jo will be helping assure that we are ready for our visitors.

OAPSB Conference

Arlene and I attended the OAPSB annual conference in Cornwall at the end of April. As usual there were a number of excellent speakers and opportunities to chat with other delegates about policing matters.

During the conference we were reminded of our responsibility, as Board members, to take advantage of Board educational opportunities offered by the OAPSB and Ministry and the importance of attending zone meetings and conferences.

In this regard, I have asked Kelly Jo to let us know of zone meeting dates and locations as well as the dates and locations where Board education is offered.

14. Approval of Chairman's Report

Moved by A. Wright

"That the Chairman's Report be accepted as presented." **CARRIED**

15. Other Items and New Business

- Garth congratulated Chief and Deputy on outstanding efforts put forth for 2009 Police Week and the opening of the newly renovated facility
- Board members had a brief discussion regarding the Annual Award Appreciation Evening and it was decided that feedback from staff was positive and an enjoyable evening that should continue. Kelly Jo will look into the Grey Granite Club again for the beginning of October and Arlene has offered to help co-ordinate event

16. **Motion to Receive Information Package**

Moved by G. Levine

“That the Board Information Package dated May 27, 2009 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED.

17. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by G. Levine

“That the meeting of May 27, 2009 be declared terminated at 11:30 a.m.” **CARRIED**

Next meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. O.S.P.S. 2nd Floor Board Room