

**Owen Sound Police Services Board
Public Meeting
Wednesday, November 23, 2011
2nd Floor Meeting Room**

Public Present: Sharon Lee Wideman and Bob Bistretzan (M.A.D.D.),
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henselin

Members Present: G. Pierce, G. Levine, D. Adair and M. Koepke

Regrets: D. Haswell

Admin. Present: Chief B. Sornberger

Minutes: K. Calver

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman declared the Wednesday, November 23, 2011 meeting be called to order at 11:05 a.m. CARRIED

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by G. Levine, seconded by D. Adair

“That the agenda dated November 23, 2011 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. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by D. Adair, seconded by G. Levine

“That the minutes dated September 28, 2011 be approved as distributed.” CARRIED

6. Business arising out of the minutes dated September 28, 2011 Public Meeting. **HEARING NONE.**

7. **Motion to Approve Payables**

Moved by G. Levine, seconded by M. Koepke

“That the Outstanding Accounts for the period of October 01 – 31, 2011 in the amount of \$40,841.18 be approved for payment.” CARRIED

8. Chief's Report

Accident Statistics – October 2011

Summary:

Total accidents:	(29)	
Accidents East side Owen Sound	13	
Accident West side Owen Sound	3	
Accidents in parking lots	13	(including 7 FTR accidents below)
Fail to Remain Accidents	7	
Accidents referred to CRC	22	
Accidents investigated by OSPS	7	
Total accidents	(29)	

The total number of accidents decreased dramatically after a steady increase. Accident locations are varied. However, the most common HTA offence this month appears to be inattentive driving with the majority of charges related to the offence of following too closely.

S.T.E.P.

The October 2011 S.T.E.P. was established by Platoon #4. The October S.T.E.P. initiative focused on the education and enforcement of distracted driving offences (hand-held devices), failing to display two license plates and failing to stop on right for emergency vehicles.

- **The S.T.E.P. did not work as well as we had hoped for in October. Chief reminded everyone that it is against the law to drive while talking or texting on your cell phone. OSPS will be doing an uncover blitz the next couple of weeks on this issue and will be enforcing this; there will be a zero tolerance. Studies have proven that doing this is worse than being an impaired driver for inattentiveness.**

A total of 35 charges and 13 cautions were issued for S.T.E.P. related offences.

R.I.D.E.

There were a total of 14 R.I.D.E.'s conducted in October 2011, 11 on-duty and 3 over-time.

- We will be increasing this through November and December as we have a government grant that will pay for our officers to attend off duty R.I.D.E.'s and there will not be an impact on the police budget to do this.
- Chief attended a meeting with the officers who do the R.I.D.E.'s (C.O.R.E. and H.E.A.T.) about what is their opinion on R.I.D.E. and how does it work. These officers see it as a huge deterrent and very beneficial for the community. Plus every platoon sets up an on-duty R.I.D.E. every night of the week; this is a reminder to all, not to drink and drive.

The combined statistics were:

On-Duty

- 33 officers
- 21 hours
- 1158 vehicles stopped
- 0 roadside tests administered
- 0 Impaired Driving/Over 80 mgs charges laid
- 0 twelve-hour driver's licence suspension
- 0 HTA charges, 5 compliances and 15 warnings issued
- 0 LLA charges or seizures

Provincial Offence Notices

165 Highway Traffic Violations

Auxiliary Report October 2011

Our total hours for the month are 297 which is an increase of 30 hours over last year.

Our patrol hours are 154 compared to 0135 last year. This year we did not have the Shriners Parade which added 24 hours to last year's total so our net increase is really 54 hours taking his into consideration.

Our top member is Adam Heathers with 36 hours.

- The Auxiliaries are presently involved in a food drive at the local malls for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Because of their initiative; there is an internal drive going on at OSPS with the winner of the Platoon who supplies the most food to receive a lunch bought by the Chief.
- This group also takes part in the evening security for Festival of Northern Lights from 11:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. with help from Georgian College Police Foundations students as well.
- We cannot function without our volunteers, C.O.P. program and Auxiliaries. All of whom plus full and part-time staff participated in the Santa Claus parade. This was a tremendous turn out of help and community support.
- Chief explained that OSPS is undertaking a review of the volunteer criminal record check system and hopes to have something out in the month of December.

9. Approval of Chief's Report

Moved by M. Koepke, seconded by G. Levine

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

10. **Motion to Receive Information Package**

Moved by M. Koepke, seconded by G. Levine

“That the Board Information Package dated November 23, 2011 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED.

- Future meetings of September and November are to be determined

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by D. Adair

“That the meeting of November 23, 2011 be declared terminated at 11:15 a.m.” **CARRIED**

Next meeting:

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. O.S.P.S. 2nd Floor Meeting Room