

**Owen Sound Police Services Board  
Public Meeting  
Wednesday, November 25, 2009  
2nd Floor Meeting Room**

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**Media Present:** Jonathan Jackson, Bayshore Broadcasting

**Public Member Present:** Mr. Paul Garvey

**Members Present:** G. Pierce, G. Levine and B. Twaddle

**Regrets:** W. Murray and A. Wright

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

**Minutes:** K. Calver

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1. **Call to Order**

*Chairman declared the Wednesday, November 25, 2009 meeting be called to order at 11:08 a.m. CARRIED*

2. **Approval of Agenda**

*Moved by G. Levine*

*"That the agenda dated November 25, 2009 be approved as distributed." CARRIED*

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Moved by B. Twaddle*

*"That the minutes dated October 28, 2009 be approved as distributed." CARRIED*

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the minutes and matter listed on the agenda.

- Bill Twaddle declared an item of pecuniary interest with regards to an item on the in-camera agenda.

5. Presentations, deputations, and Public Question period – One – Mr. Paul Garvey regarding request for Taxi Licence

- The Board has taken into advisement Mr. Garvey's request for a taxi licence and will respond accordingly.

6. Business arising out of the minutes dated October 28, 2009 Public Meeting.

**HEARING NONE.**

## 7. Motion to Approve Payables

### **Moved by G. Levine**

*"That the Outstanding Accounts for the period of October 01 – 31, 2009 in the amount of \$104,564.97 be approved for payment."* **CARRIED**

## 8. Chief's Report

- Chief is going to be sending a letter to the Provincial Health Ministry over the H1N1 issues. Several deputations have been made to the ministry over the past couple of years while they were doing pandemic planning and indicated that in 2003 the Police were on the top of the list during pandemic outbreak particularly with S.A.R.S. outbreak along with front line workers. Police were first in line for inoculation but since then the health ministry has seen fit to move Police down to the third wave of injections. Going to be going on record with them that that is unacceptable. Our officers are in many cases the first on the scene of health response and their susceptibility to being infected is the highest during a pandemic outbreak.

During the month October this police service lost 541 hours of work as a result of flue like symptoms. None of our members received an inoculation and that's a record amount of sick time. Had this gotten to any where near the point of being a pandemic, our ability to provide police response would have been severely compromised.

Those are the issues that are going to be presented to the ministry. When they finally opened it up to police with the lineups at the health units, the police were to go to the front of lines with people with children that have been waiting for four or five hours just was not going to happen.

Nothing short of a disaster that has happened and had this been a real pandemic outbreak.

Board asked Chief to copy the local board of health, EMS, City and Fire Chief.

- Huge issue regarding oxycontin across communities. Province is coming out with regulations regarding dispensing of this. This drug has overtaken Meth, and any other drug in communities in this province as being the drug of choice. Selling for over \$40.00 a tab on the streets and it is readily available. Undercover police are actually going into clinics and looking at criminal charges against doctors for dispensing this drug on the basis of the lack of information being provided. The over prescription of this drug is at a point where it is ridiculous. There is no rhyme or reason to how many people would need these tablets and the amount of this drug that is going on the street. This is a huge issue that will be followed up provincially and federally in the next coming months.
- We have four officers lined up to go to the Olympics first of next year to provide security at the games in Vancouver. We have also been approached to assist the O.P.P. and City of Toronto for the G8 and G20 conferences in 2010. Also a rumour that the Pope may be coming next year. The amount of major events that are occurring next year and just the police response in Toronto alone they are looking for 7,700 officers to provide security for the G20 summit. We will be reimbursed for all the services provided by us for these events.

- We have made some deputations to the province regarding business planning. We are asking there be an amendment to the Adequacy Standard that changes the board's requirement to do business planning from every 3 years to 4 years to coincide with the election of council.  
The act hasn't kept up with the four year term of council and we see this as a house keeping issue. It will allow the business planning process of the board to coincide with the term of office of council.  
We will begin our planning process for the business plan which expires the end of 2010; we will have the new plan to coincide with the new council which comes in December 1, 2010.
- We have introduced a new crime analysis software program into the department and concluding an arrangement with the company that provided this before the end of the year. This allows us to basically go out and track incidences/occurrences throughout the city on a mapping system. We will look at putting on a demonstration for the board in a public meeting perhaps in January. Will open this under our website so people who live in the city can go into their neighbourhood and see occurrences that happened in their particular area e.g. thefts of vehicles or break and enters. This is an enhancement tool and the board will get far better analysis on the crime in which we are looking at tracking trends and public involvement will be an asset.
- A request from the local Police Association to hold once again the Special Olympic Polar Bear Dip Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Harry Lumley Community Centre and will be approaching the city for permission and seeking endorsement from the Board to have that held again this year.

8. ***Moved by B. Twaddle***

*"That the Board supports the Police Association's request to hold its annual Special Olympics Polar Bear Dip as presented by the Chief."* **CARRIED**

9. **Deputy Chief's Report**

**C.O.R.E.**

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

- 7 Criminal charges
- 4 LLA charges
- 3 HTA charges
- Foot Patrols Downtown
- R.I.D.E. checks
- Assisted C.I.B. with Sex Assault Registry
- Theft from Owen Sound Library 80 books returned

**H.E.A.T Unit**

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

- Licenced Establishments checks
- Assisted C.I.B. with Drug investigation
- Foot Patrol Downtown CORE
- Laid 10 criminal charges

- 2 Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act Charges
- Assisted in 2 drug warrants
- Monitored House Arrest and release orders to ensure compliance

### **R.I.D.E.:**

There were a total of 16 R.I.D.E. spot checks conducted in October, 2009. All were conducted on duty.

The combined statistics were:

- 32 officers,
- 22.5 hours,
- 1773 vehicles stopped,
- 2 roadside tests administered,
- No Impaired Driving/Over 80 mgs charge laid,
- 0 -Three-day administrative licence suspensions
- 6 HTA charges,
- 0 LLA charges
- 0 LLA Seizure

### **Traffic Enforcement**

Total PON's issued:	279
Total recorded warnings:	96

### **S.T.E.P. Enforcement**

The focus of October's S.T.E.P. program was on expired licence plates. 37 Offences were issued.

### **Collisions**

#### **Summary:**

<b>Total accidents:</b>	<b>(33)</b>
Accidents East side Owen Sound:	17
Accident West side Owen Sound:	11
Accidents in parking lots:	5 (including 3 FTR accidents below)
Fail to Remain Accidents:	4
<b>Accidents referred to CRC:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Accidents investigated by OSPS:</b>	<b><u>22</u></b>
<b>Total accidents:</b>	<b>(33)</b>

### **Community Service Office Report**

- Rogers – Road Safety, Halloween Safety, Distracted Drivers (new legislation on using wireless devices. This is an education program right now. Police can enforce it should they see a blatant case or also charge under careless driving.)
- D.A.R.E. Classes

- School Presentations re: Halloween, O.S.A.I.D., School Bus Safety, Internet Safety
- Community Groups – Rotary Club
- Lectures – C.A.S., Scotia Bank

### **Auxiliary Report- October 2009**

For the month of October a total of 354 hours volunteered to assist with Halloween, Festival of Northern lights set up and patrol.

#### **10. Approval of Chief's and Deputy Chief's Report**

***Moved by B. Twaddle***

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

#### **11. Motion to Receive Information Package**

***Moved by B. Twaddle***

*"That the Board Information Package dated November 25, 2009 be approved as circulated."* **CARRIED.**

#### **12. Motion to Adjourn**

***Moved by G. Levine***

*"That the meeting of November 25, 2009 be declared terminated at 11:30 a.m."*  
**CARRIED**

***Next meeting: To be determined. There will be no meeting in December.***