

Minutes
ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD
June 28, 2017

The Elgin Group Police Services Board met at the County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, with the following in attendance:

Dave Marr, Chair
Jim Jenkins, Board Member
Douglas Gunn, Board Member
Brad Fishleigh, Elgin OPP Detachment Commander
Mark McDonald, Secretary Administrator
Marie Findlay, Recording Secretary

Regrets – Joanne Ferguson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:10pm

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Jim Jenkins
Seconded by Douglas Gunn

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2017 be adopted.

- Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

Correspondence:

1) Order in Council Appointment for Joanne Ferguson for two years dated April 26, 2017

Moved Jim Jenkins
Seconded by Douglas Gunn

THAT the Order in Council Appointment for Joanne Ferguson be received and filed.

- Carried

Reports:

Detachment Commander's Quarterly Report – April to May 2017

Detachment Commander Fishleigh noted the following from his report:

1) Collision Reporting – 2 fatal collisions (alcohol related – 3 persons killed), 23 personal injury collisions, 80 property damage collisions

- 2) Intelligence Led Policing – Crime Abatement Strategy – 25 offenders in the program – 6 offenders charged, 11 charges were laid and 24 checks were performed.
- 3) Staffing Updates – One officer transferred to AGCO Casino Unit, replacement identified and reporting soon; Sgt Jason Belanger reported to Elgin to replace Sgt Andy Doughty who retired; one officer transferred to Brant County and a replacement will arrive in the fall. At this time this leaves us short staffed through summer months as the replacement officers will not arrive until the fall and we also have 2 officers on maternity leave.

Recognitions: PC Marath received recognition for his handling of an investigation of a person suffering mental illness. He was commended by a family member for his compassion, empathy, and genuine concern.

- 4) Targeted Media Releases / Traffic Campaigns – In April the OPP held our Spring Seat Belt Campaign and in May was the Canada Road Safety Week and Safe Boating Week
- 5) Criminal Code and Provincial Statute Charges – high increase in the seatbelt charges (26 charges laid up from 5 during the same time period last year); this increase can be credited to the Spring Seat Belt Campaign. Also an increase in the HTA charges - 934 during this reporting period. The break down is 628 Speeding charges; 26 Seatbelt charges; 17 Impaired charges; and 4 Distracted Driving charges.
- 6) Violent Crimes – Break and Enter Property Crimes are up however the new Street Crime Unit has already issued warrants in regards to some property crimes and we are seeing good results from this new unit

Moved by Douglas Gunn
Seconded by Jim Jenkins

THAT the Detachment Commander's Quarterly Report – April to May 2017 be received and filed.

- Carried

Other Items:

- 1) OPP Family Day – Brad handed out a few posters to be put up. The Family Day is a great outing for officers and their families along with the general public to enjoy live demonstrations, give aways, entertainment and food. OPP have joined with other municipal partners such as Fire, EMS, MNR and Military. Demonstrations will include Pipe and Drum Ceremony; K9 Unit; and the OPP Golden Helmets. There is also going to be 10 bikes given away for free, ballots will be entered and drawn during the festivities. Karen Vecchio will be in attendance. Invitations have gone to all municipal officers as well. There are also tickets available for draws of a number of hockey memorabilia items. The money raised from the ticket sales will go to STEGH Mental

Health Wing and Stable Grounds which provides therapeutic services to all EMS staff who suffer PTSD and job stress related ailments.

Moved by Jim Jenkins
Seconded by Douglas Gunn

THAT the OPP Family Day information be received and filed.

- Carried

New Business:

- 1) Detachment Commander Fishleigh presented \$39.50 for bottle seizures to Chair Marr
- 2) Grant Agreement for RIDE Program – The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has granted an allocation of \$13,618.00 for the fiscal year 2017 / 2018 to enhance the regular RIDE program currently being conducted by the OPP Elgin County to offset the costs for sworn officers' overtime and paid duty. Agreement to be signed by Dave Marr, Chair and copies to be returned to the Ministry by July 31, 2017.

Moved by Douglas Gunn
Seconded by Jim Jenkins

THAT the funds for bottle seizures be received and the Grant Agreement for Ride Program be approved for signing.

- Carried

Adjournment:

Moved by Jim Jenkins
Seconded by Douglas Gunn

THAT we now adjourn at 3:40 pm with the board to meet, Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. noting that the Chair could call a meeting earlier if required.

- Carried

M. G. McDonald,
Secretary / Administrator

Dave Marr,
Chair