

**Minutes**  
**ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD**  
**May 1, 2018**

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, Vice-Chair  
Ida McCallum, Board Member  
Bonnie Vowel, Provincial Member  
Joanne Ferguson, Provincial Member  
Brad Fishleigh, Detachment Commander  
Julie Gonyou, Secretary Administrator  
Marie Findlay, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:09pm.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Jim Jenkins  
Seconded by Bonnie Vowel

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2018 be adopted.

- Carried.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:** None

**Correspondence:**

- 1) AMO Makes Submission on Policing – Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act
- 2) OAPSB Presentation to Standing Committee on Justice Policy (Bill 175)
- 3) OAPSB 2018 Budget – Community Safety Highlights

Moved by Joanne Ferguson  
Seconded by Jim Jenkins

THAT the correspondence items # 1 – 3 be received and filed; and

- Carried

**Reports:**

**Detachment Commander's Report – January to March 2018**

Detachment Commander Fishleigh presented the quarterly report, highlighting the following:

*Police Services Board Report:* During this quarter there were zero public complaints. The Intelligence Led Policing (Crime Abatement Strategy) reported there were 12 offenders in the program and 10 checks were performed. Cruiser Patrol Hours totaled 2,312.75 and the number of Foot Patrol Hours were 156.75. During this reporting period emphasis was placed on Distracted Driving. Media releases and public education campaigns were provided in support of the Distracted Driving Campaign.

Bonnie Vowel: In regards to lighted signs – How is the community placement of the signs assigned?

Brad Fishleigh: Signs need to be placed where we can plug it in and we ask for community assistance for that. The Belmont community policing has installed their own sign so it is a permanent fixture.

*Records Management Report:* Violent Crimes are showing a decrease in sexual assault crimes with 5 cases reported in this quarter but there has been an increase in assault crimes with 20 cases reported in this quarter. Property Crimes are down in all areas showing at least a 50 – 60% drop in Break & Enter, Theft Over and Theft Under compared to the same quarter in 2017. There has been an increase in Drug Crime charges particularly in Possession and this can be accredited to the Crime Street Team.

*Integrated Court Offence:* Criminal Code charges are reporting at 1,386 for this quarter. Traffic Related Charges are reporting at 637 (Speeding), 9 (Seatbelt), 16 (Impaired), and 47 (Distracted Driving). The number of charges laid are double in the Distracted Driving category from the same reporting quarter in 2017 and the increase is accredited to the focus on the Distracted Driving Campaign.

*Collision Reporting:* There has been an increase in Property Damage collisions this quarter compared to 2017 and this is due to this year's winter conditions.

David Marr: With the length of winter we've had this year we feel that the first long weekend in Port Stanley is bombarded with people (tourists) out to enjoy the nice weather. Could we have an increased police presence?

Brad Fishleigh: We will definitely have our people out in force.

Moved by Jim Jenkins  
Seconded by Joanne Ferguson

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report – January to March 2018 be received and filed.

- Carried

**Other Items:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Bonnie Vowel  
Seconded by Ida McCallum

THAT we now adjourn at 3:32 pm with the board to meet, Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. noting that the Chair could call a meeting earlier if required.

- Carried

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Julie Gonyou,  
Secretary / Administrator

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Dave Marr,  
Chair