

Minutes
ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD
September 5, 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
Brad Fishleigh, Detachment Commander
Julie Gonyou, Secretary Administrator
Marie Findlay, Recording Secretary

Regrets - Joanne Ferguson, Provincial Member

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Board Orientation has been deferred to 2019.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Bonnie Vowel
Seconded by Jim Jenkins

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on May 1, 2018 be adopted.

- Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

Correspondence:

- 1) Safer Ontario Act, 2018 – OAPSB Chair Eli El-Chantiry
- 2) All Chiefs Memo re: Update on Ministry's Grants Transformation Process

Discussion: It is recommended that OPP remain with current grant process and that the new grant process be deferred to 2020 / 2021.

- 3) Policing Initiatives Update – Marc Bedard, Superintendent – MPB
- 4) All Chiefs Memo re: Ontario Special Investigations Unit
- 5) Correspondence from Donna and Norm Vic – Speeding on Centennial Ave

Discussion: This matter has been dealt with between Elgin County and the MTO. The maximum speed will be changed north of Talbot on Centennial Avenue and enhanced signage will be posted. Letters have been sent to Jeff Yurek seeking Elgin County

approval and a report is being forwarded to Elgin County Council at the next meeting on September 25, 2018. Following this meeting a letter will be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Vicks – Julie will draft.

6) 2018-19 List of OAPSB Board of Directors

Moved by Ida McCallum
Seconded by Jim Jenkins

THAT the correspondence items # 1-4 and 6 be received and filed; and

THAT the correspondence item #5 will be forwarded to County Council for the September 25, 2018 meeting and that Julie Gonyou will provide response to Mr. and Mrs. Vicks following that meeting.

- Carried

Reports:

Detachment Commander's Report – May to July 2018

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

Police Services Board Report: During this reporting period there was one complaint of uncivil conduct. This complaint is still under investigation. Staff Sgt Mike Butler was approved for secondary employment as an instructor at Fanshawe College. In respect of the Intelligence Led Policing – Crime Abatement Strategy there were 15 Offenders in the program in this reporting period during which 10 Checks were performed and subsequently 2 charges were laid. Staffing Updates: Two transfers, two promotions with transfers and one retirement occurred during this period. There were several recognitions including: PC Boerschke received a letter of thanks for assisting a member of the public; DC Innis received a letter of recognition from the Crown Attorney for his excellent testimony in court; PC Lorch received a letter of recognition for outstanding performance as security for the premier election; and PC Webster & PC Carron Phair received letters of recognition for their compassion and empathy when assisting a person suffering from mental illness.

Records Management Report: Violent Crimes showed a small increase in this quarter but the overall year-to-date is down. Property Crime remains the same when comparing last year to this year in this quarter however overall year-to-date is also down. Criminal Record Checks and Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks are continuing to increase probably due to the number of employer and volunteer organizations now requiring these checks to be done.

Integrated Court Offence: Criminal Code charges are reporting at 1,846 for this quarter. Traffic Related Charges are reporting at 894 (Speeding), 21 (Seatbelt), 24 (Impaired), and 19 (Distracted Driving). The number of charges laid are more than 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 were 3 fatalities in this reporting period - two were alcohol related and one where seatbelt was a contributing factor. There has been an increase in Property Damage collisions this quarter compared to 2017.

Moved by Jim Jenkins

Seconded by Ida McCallum

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report – May to July 2018 be received and filed.

- Carried

Other Items: None

- 1) Excellent Police Work Noted – Officer conducted a suspicious vehicle stop and as a result there was a subsequent arrest and a large seizure occurred. Most notably was a considerable amount of THC soaked candy products.

New Business: None

- 1) CyberCrime Alert: Ransomware (Hack/Virus)

Discussion: In recent months there have been several ransomware attacks on businesses and municipal government offices in Ontario. A ransomware attack occurs when a cyber criminal infects a victim's computer system with malware that encrypts the data on those systems making the inaccessible and unusable without the key to decrypt it. The cyber criminals then demand some sort of ransom (usually in bitcoin) in exchange for the decryption key. The most common methods of infection begin with a phishing email or direct hacking of a vulnerable computer system.

Inspector Fishleigh provided documentation providing information on how the attacks occur, what to do in the event of an attack and how to prevent such attacks.

- 2) Cannabis Act – effective October 17, 2018

Discussion: The OPP has been working and preparing front line officers with sobriety testing and knowledge of detection during roadside checks. The government has approved a screening device but it is currently in the trial stages. Julie has offered to provide board members with information she has received during meetings with municipal partners.

The next step is retail stores which will only be licensed through the government. Municipalities are given the opportunity to opt in or out of having a retail store within their areas. There will be some small funding from the government to assist in the roll-out – approximately \$10,000.00. This will be a costly endeavor for police and emergency personnel training and media messages.

Moved by Ida McCallum

Seconded by Bonnie Vowel

THAT the CyberCrime Alert and Cannabis Act information be received and filed.

- Carried

Adjournment:

Moved by Bonnie Vowel
Seconded by Ida McCallum

THAT we now adjourn at 2:50 pm with the board to meet, Wednesday, November 28th, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. noting that the Chair could call a meeting earlier if required.

- Carried

Julie Gonyou,
Secretary / Administrator

Dave Marr,
Chair