



Minutes

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

Date: June 15, 2022
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, PO Box 310
Prepared by: Krista Royal, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Jim Oliver, Alar Soever, Gail Ardiel

Staff Present: Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Staff Sergeant Chris Maecker, Sergeant Kevin Cornell, and Municipal Prosecutor, Supervisor By-law Services Wayne DeWitt

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT the Agenda of June 15, 2022 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

Absent (3): Jim Oliver, Alar Soever, and Gail Ardiel

A.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2021-76, The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

A.4 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Alar Soever

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board minutes of April 20, 2022 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (3): Jim Oliver, Alar Soever, and Gail Ardiel

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

B. Public Meetings/Deputations/Presentations

None

C. Staff Reports

C.1 Detachment Commander's Report

Detachment Commander Loris Licharson advised the Board members of the recent significant call regarding a missing person, which involved many resources on ground and in the air. Loris further advised that rescue was a successful outcome and appreciated the great community support involved in the rescue.

Board members thanked The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment for their efforts in the successful rescue of the missing person.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report 2022 for the month of April and May for The Blue Mountains Police Services Board be received as presented this 15th day of June, 2022.

Yay (3): Jim Oliver, Alar Soever, and Gail Ardiel

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

C.2 Follow-up Report to Public Meeting Re: Amending Security Alarm By-law PSB 2007-01, FAF.22.111

Moved by: Alar Soever

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board receive Staff Report FAF.22.111, entitled "Follow-up Report to Public Meeting re: Amending Security Alarm By-law PSB 2007-01";

AND THAT The Blue Mountain Police Services Board Repeals By-law PSB 2007-01, effective December 31, 2022, and recommends that Town Council consider fees for false security alarms be incorporated into the Town's Fees and Charges By-law.

Yay (3): Jim Oliver, Alar Soever, and Gail Ardiel

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

D. Correspondence

D.1 Ontario Provincial Police

**Re: Police Services Board (PSB) Survey - June 30, 2022 Deadline
(For Board Consideration)**

Board members discussed the Ontario Provincial Police request for Police Services Board (PSB) to participate in a voluntary survey by a deadline of June 30, 2022. The survey is to gather stakeholder input on what metrics/information may be of value to support the development of goals and objectives and decision making of the PSB. Board Members agreed to complete the survey individually and provide their survey responses to Chair Oliver and Recording Secretary Krista Royal to compile the Board's submissions and complete the electronic survey responses by the June 30th deadline.

E. Other Business

E.1 Chair Jim Oliver

Re: Ontario Association Police Services Board 2022 Conference Update

Moved by: Alar Soever

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board receives for information correspondence from Chair Oliver regarding the Ontario Association Police Services Board 2022 Conference Update.

Yay (3): Jim Oliver, Alar Soever, and Gail Ardiel

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

E.2 Beaver Valley Agricultural Society (verbal)

Re: Update on the Request for Participation of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Golden Helmets - 150th Annual Fall Fair in Beaver Valley, September 9th and 10th 2022

Recording Secretary Krista Royal provided an update to the Board Members advising that confirmation was received from Sergeant Paul Beaton, Ontario Provincial Police noting that the Golden Helmets will not be available to participate at the upcoming Beaver Valley Fall Fair, but will be present in some capacity at the fair.

Board Members added two items to be discussed at the meeting being Agenda Item E.3 and E.4.

E.3 Intersection of 4th Line and 6th Sideroad (Gibraltar)

Mayor Soever noted to the PSB members that correspondence was recently received from a resident to Councillor Sampson in regards to concerns with traffic not attempting to stop at the intersection of the 4th Line and 6th Sideroad located at Gibraltar.

Staff Sergeant Chris Maecker questioned if the correspondence mentioned if the vehicles were commercial or residential/private vehicles. Mayor Soever responded that the correspondence did not mention the type of vehicles that were not stopping.

Mayor Soever noted that perhaps this area would be of interest for OPP to include as part of their patrol. Sergeant Kevin Cornell noted that he has directed some additional staff to patrol this problem area.

E.4 Roadside “Slow Down” Signs

Member Ardiel noted to the PSB members that residents are erecting slow down signs along the roadside in various areas in The Blue Mountains, especially in Clarksburg where the speed limit is reduced but vehicles are continuing to speed along this area of the road. Member Ardiel is concerned with the fall harvest season approaching and the increase with agricultural vehicles soon that this area will become more of a concern and an issue. Member Ardiel further noted the signs are unsightly and wondered if there is something more we can do on this matter.

Staff Sergeant Maecker noted the signs are a cry for help and will coordinate with Sergeant Cornell to have this area setup as a focus patrol area by The Blue Mountains Detachment.

F. By-laws

F.1 Amend By-law PSB 2007-01, Security Alarm By-law

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board repealed By-law PSB 2007-01 effective December 31, 2022 and passed a resolution recommending Town Council to consider fees for false security alarms be incorporated in the Town's Fees and Charges By-law.

G. Closed Session

None

H. Notice of Meeting Dates

Joint Police Services Board Meeting

Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains, June 28, 2022

Town of Collingwood Virtual Meeting

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting, August 17, 2022

Town Hall, Council Chambers

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting, October 19, 2022

Town Hall, Council Chambers

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting, December 21, 2022

Town Hall, Council Chambers

Mayor Soever noted that our PSB Board has not received an update from the Ministry on the status of staying “status quo” to have two separate Police Service Boards being the Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains PSB. Mayor Soever further noted that he has requested this item to be included on the upcoming joint Police Services Board meeting on the 28th of June, 2022 for discussion.

Board Members reviewed the upcoming meetings scheduled and considered to change the August 17th meeting to a date that all members can be available in September. The October 19th meeting will be cancelled due to a conflict with the meeting occurring during the Municipal and School Board Election period and the December 21st meeting will be rescheduled early November prior to the Inaugural meeting date set for November 21st, 2022.

I. Adjournment

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting does now adjourn at 10:20 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (3): Jim Oliver, Alar Soever, and Gail Ardiel

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)