



Minutes

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

Date: September 28, 2022
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, PO Box 310
Prepared by: Kyra Dunlop, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Jim Oliver, Alar Soever, Gail Ardiel

Staff Present: Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Sergeant Kevin Cornell, CAO Shawn Everitt, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary Krista Royal

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Jim Oliver called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Board members in attendance.

Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Sergeant Kevin Cornell, CAO Shawn Everitt, Recording Secretary Krista Royal and Deputy Clerk Kyra Dunlop were also in attendance. Regrets were sent by Staff Sergeant Chris Maecker.

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 September 28, 2022 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

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

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

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 June 15, 2022 and The Blue Mountains Special Police Services Board minutes of May 25, 2022 Public Meeting 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

Board Chair Jim Oliver noted that it had been a busy summer for staff with car rallies, bike races and marine and foot patrols. Chair Oliver noted that it appeared that the busy season would continue through the fall.

Detachment Commander Loris Licharson advised the Board members that the report included the month of June and that the next detachment report would include the third quarter. Detachment Commander Licharson provided an overview of the Detachment Commander Report.

Chair Jim Oliver noted that he was pleased to see the number of hours spent on foot patrol and asked if the shift sergeant determined who, where and how many hours were spent on foot patrols. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that it may be dictated that foot patrols occur in problem areas and that it was expected that officers conduct foot patrols.

Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the OPP photographer was originally from the region and that they had spent some time in the area taking photographs of the Town and Collingwood to be used in newsletters. Mayor Soever noted he had previously participated in a video about why the OPP was good for the community and that we should look into what became of that footage.

Detachment Commander Licharson noted that one of the constables was injured on the motorcycle training course and was unable to continue, and that he would continue to push for additional spots on the training course as having motorcycle units as part of the community policing did have a place. Chair Oliver noted that the units were also more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly, and asked how many hours had been spent on the road with the motorcycles at the detachment to date. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that he intended to bring a report forward including that type of data and would be asking the province for more units. Member Gail Ardiel noted that raising awareness of the motorcycle usage would be good as individuals should be aware of checking their mirrors and surroundings.

Detachment Commander Licharson noted that during marine patrols there had been a lot of challenges over the summer due to the weather. Chair Oliver asked where the rescues had typically occurred. Detachment Commander Licharson advised that there was not one location where the rescues were occurring and were spread throughout the region. Mayor Soever noted that there are a lot of stand-up paddle users who do not use life-jackets and asked how officers were issuing warnings to those individuals not using the right equipment on the water. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that watercraft users were required to use their lifejackets and have their kits with them, and that there is a 0 tolerance for not wearing a lifejacket. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that if there are other offences amongst those users that there may be some leniency and provision of education and awareness. Member Ardiel asked if there was a charge for marine rescues to the individuals who needed assistance. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the OPP did not charge for rescues with revenue coming back to the detachment, but that those individuals would be charged, which may include a financial penalty, under the Canada Shipping Act. Mayor Soever asked where the revenue goes for charges laid under the Canada Shipping Act, and Detachment Commander Licharson noted that it likely goes to the provincial or federal government.

Detachment Commander Licharson advised that the detachment would be hosting an open house for Auxiliary Unit personnel to be held at the main branch in Collingwood, and would be open to the general public.

Detachment Commander Licharson advised that the detachment would be trying to obtain Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR). Chair Oliver noted that Norfolk County had received an ALPR and was pleased to hear that the detachment was pursuing this technology, and asked how accurate it was. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the business case would be to exchange an existing vehicle for a cruiser equipped with ALPR technology, and that the technology was extremely effective and could read plates when parked as well.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Alar Soever

THAT the Detachment Commander's Report 2022 for the 2nd Quarter for The Blue Mountains Police Services Board be received as presented this 28th day of September 2022.

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

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

D. Correspondence

None

E. Other Business

E.1 Appointment of Secretary for The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

Recording Secretary Krista Royal advised the Board that due to her upcoming retirement a new Recording Secretary would need to be appointed to the Board. Krista noted that the Recording Secretary assisted in coordinating the RIDE or grant invoices to be paid by the Town.

Chair Oliver thanked Krista for her many years of service to the Board.

Moved by: Alar Soever

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board (PSB) appoint Kyra Dunlop, Deputy Clerk, as the Secretary of The Blue Mountains PSB and designates her as the signing authority for the Board.

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

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

E.2 Clarksburg Traffic Issues

Member Ardiel noted that there were many vehicles speeding in Clarksburg and asked if signage could be put back up. Sergeant Kevin Cornell noted that they had established that area as a traffic control area and that he would reach out to Pat Hoy at Grey County to see if a sign could be put up on Marsh Street. Mayor Soever noted that the Town had speed signs that could be put up and that that area was identified through the Town Transportation Master Plan as an area of issue.

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

November 16, 2022

Town Hall, Council Chambers

Recording Secretary Krista Royal advised that following the inaugural Council meeting the Clerk would be able proceed in advertising for expressions of interest for Boards and Committees in December 2022, and that the members appointed to those Boards and Committees would be considered through the applications process. Chair Oliver asked when the likely first meeting of the Board would be held, and Krista noted that it would likely be in February 2023. CAO Everitt noted that the provincial appointee was the responsibility of the province. Mayor Soever noted that the Community and Safety Policing Act, if it came into effect, set out that the Town would have a 5 member Board.

Chair Oliver thanked Mayor Soever for his service on the Board given that he was not seeking re-election as Mayor.

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Alar Soever

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting does now adjourn at 9:25 a.m. to meet again November 16, 2022 or at the call of the Chair.

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

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)