



# Minutes

## The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

**Date:** January 18, 2023  
**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, Andrea Matrosovs

**Staff Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Staff Sergeant Chris Maecker, Sergeant Kevin Cornell, Town Clerk Corrina Giles and Executive Assistant to Committees of Council Carrie Fairley.

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### **A. Call to Order by Recording Secretary**

#### **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 Introduction of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Members**

Town Clerk Corrina Giles called the meeting to order with all members in attendance, and introduced Mayor Andrea Matrosovs and Member Jim Oliver as the Police Services Board Members for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

#### **A.3 Appointment of Chair for 2023 Calendar Year**

Board Chair Jim Oliver thanked Mayor Matrosovs for volunteering to be a member of the Board and noted that the Board was hopeful the Province would appoint the Provincial Appointee soon. Chair Oliver noted that he hoped interested members would apply to the Ministry to be considered. Town Clerk Corrina Giles noted that in consultation with the Ministry the Town had placed advertisements in local newspapers directing interested candidates where to apply.

Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Operations Manager Chris Maecker and Administration Sergeant Kevin Cornell introduced themselves as members of The Blue Mountains Police Detachment.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  
Seconded by: Jim Oliver

THAT in accordance with the *Police Services Act* section 28(1), Jim Oliver is appointed as the Chair of the Blue Mountains Police Services Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2023.

Yay (2): Jim Oliver, and Andrea Matrosovs

**The motion is Carried (2 to 0)**

**A.4 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  
Seconded by: Jim Oliver

THAT the Agenda of January 18, 2023 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

Yay (2): Jim Oliver, and Andrea Matrosovs

**The motion is Carried (2 to 0)**

**A.5 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2022-76, 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.6 Previous Minutes**

None

**B. Public Meetings/Deputations/Presentations**

None

## C. Staff Reports

### C.1 Detachment Commander's Report

Detachment Commander Loris Licharson provided an overview of the Detachment Commander's Report, Quarter 4:

- RIDE Program and Impaired Drivers
- Foot Patrol Hours
- Staffing
- Training
- 2022 By-law Calls for Service
- Collingwood/Blue Mountains Auxiliary Unit
- Collingwood/Blue Mountains Community Street Crime Unit
- Mental Health Response Unit
- Detachment Initiatives

Chair Oliver asked where the officers conduct their firearms training. Detachment Commander Loris Licharson noted training takes place at the general headquarters in Orillia, both at inside and outside ranges.

Chair Oliver asked with respect to the amount of RIDE Grant Funding received from the Province if Collingwood received their own funding, and Detachment Commander Licharson confirmed that Collingwood received their own RIDE Grant.

Andrea Matrosovs asked what the process would be for recruiting Auxiliary Constables, and what qualifications were required, for individuals to become Auxiliary Members. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the auxiliary application process was not dissimilar for that of regular officers comprised of an online application and background testing and a one week course. Chair Oliver noted that the Blue Mountains was allowed to have up to 16 members of the auxiliary unit and had not gotten to that number yet. Chair Oliver asked if there were age limits to joining the auxiliary unit. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the detachment would be communicating some upcoming initiatives to generate interest in joining the unit, and noted that he would consult if there are age restrictions. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that it was important to keep in mind the nature of the role and that the position of the role requires fitness. Chair Oliver and Member Matrosovs offered to attend the auxiliary unit recruitment events if that would be helpful.

Chair Oliver noted that one of the Greater Toronto Area health units had specifically looked into domestic dispute concerns before the individual became violent, and asked if the Mental Health Unit looks into these types of disputes before violence occurs. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that mental health affects all aspects of society, and that their mental health responding officer will ensure the right services are connected to the right individuals. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that

domestic violence calls are handled by front-line officers but there is the component of mental health to be aware of.

Chair Oliver noted that there should be a greater police presence in schools and was concerned to see a pushback on this in the County of Simcoe. Chair Oliver asked if there was there a discouragement of officers in school entirely in the County of Simcoe, which Detachment Commander Licharson confirmed. Chair Oliver noted that having a police officer in a positive environment is a way for children to be exposed to the police and not because of enforcement issues. Chair Oliver asked if they should be more proactive and meet with Board Officials, staff or principals to see if their needs were still being met or to hear their suggestions. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that they had no indication from Grey County that this was an issue and that their relationship with the Beaver Valley school was very good. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that more communication is always better but if it is not an issue at this time to hold off at this time. Mayor Matrosovs noted that the appropriate way she can offer assistance in this regard was to meet with school trustees and could get a good dialogue going on possible issues. Mayor Matrosovs asked if this was solely a Board-wide decision to remove officers from schools, or if there had been an indication from local schools that if they had an opportunity to make an independent decision on this matter that they might be interested in the opportunity for officers to return to schools. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that he was happy to say the relationship at the local level between officers and school administrators, teachers and students were very strong and very good, and that they have outstanding collaboration and cooperation. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that this was a Board decision and direction. Mayor Matrosovs asked if it was known amongst the community for a younger set of students that there is an officer across the street from the highschool at the church that they could drop in to see if desired. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that that program was specifically for highschool students and did not target younger grades, and noted that the school resource officer is specifically assigned to the highschools. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the Community Service Officer Trevor McKean had supporting relationships with elementary schools and does the OPP Kids Program, and reached out to the schools to ensure the arrangements to provide that programming is in play. Detachment Commander noted that there is a specific focused patrol in September ensuring school bus safety and will continue to be available to schools as needed. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that they continued to look at other options to support schools such as looking into moving the OPP Kids Program to an online model, or open after-hours, and opening to parents and students alike. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that they had already made changes to ensure the School Resource Officer does have engagement with kids through doubling up with the Mental Health Crisis Officer during the week. Chris Maecker noted that he was passionate about the school program which had been existence since 1998, and received a grant to subsidize the school resource officer. Chris noted that it had been communicated to him by staff and students that this was a Board decision and that they would follow the direction. Chris noted that the detachment wanted to be part of local

youth and part of the schools, and will continue to pivot to make that happen. Chair Oliver noted that it might be timely for the Police Services Board to request an opportunity to present to the Grey County School Board Trustees for what opportunities there might be to make the children in the area more comfortable and friendly with police officers.

Chair Oliver asked if funding for the youth outreach summer programming would be paid through the OPP or the traditional student summer employment programs. Chair Oliver noted that the funding for that was from a specific Ontario public service program. Member Matrosovs asked if this was for any kind of youth oriented group, which would be another mechanism for officers to make contact with youth groups, which Detachment Commander Licharson confirmed. Member Matrosovs noted that the first stop of that programming should be with Georgian Bay Youth Roots as the network is so well integrated and they will be able to assist connecting with other groups.

Chair Oliver noted that there had been recent incidences in schools in the GTA where there has been violence, and from a Police Services Board perspective they supported the officers' steps for preparedness in the event these events occurred in The Blue Mountains.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Jim Oliver

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board receives the Detachment Commanders Report, Quarter 4 for information.

Yay (2): Jim Oliver, and Andrea Matrosovs

**The motion is Carried (2 to 0)**

## **D. Correspondence**

### **D.1 Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce**

**Re: Coordinator Report for October to December 2022 (Quarter 4)  
(Receive For Information)**

Chair Oliver noted that in Fall 2022 he was invited as Chair of the Police Services Board to submit a letter of support to the Grey Bruce Crime Stoppers which he did provide, and that they appreciated their efforts in the community.

Moved by: Jim Oliver

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board receive for information the correspondence from Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce regarding Coordinator Report for October to December 2022 Quarter 4.

Yay (2): Jim Oliver, and Andrea Matrosovs

**The motion is Carried (2 to 0)**

## **E. Other Business**

### **E.1 Meeting Schedule 2023**

Chair Oliver noted that in the past he had advocated that the Board meet bi-monthly rather than monthly, which they had been doing. Chair Oliver noted that even if they continued to meet monthly they did have one additional meeting per year as the Board had a Joint Meeting each year with the Town of Collingwood Police Services Board.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Jim Oliver

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board receive and approve the 2023 Police Services Board Meeting Schedule.

Yay (2): Jim Oliver, and Andrea Matrosovs

**The motion is Carried (2 to 0)**

### **E.2 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards**

#### **Re: 2023 Annual General Meeting and Conference**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Jim Oliver

THAT Chair Jim Oliver of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board attend the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Annual General Meeting and Conference and to provide a verbal report back to the Board at the following Board meeting.

Yay (2): Jim Oliver, and Andrea Matrosovs

**The motion is Carried (2 to 0)**

### **E.3 Reduced Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E) Grant 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Update (verbal)**

Moved by: Jim Oliver

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board receives the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 Reduced Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Allocation Agreement for their information;

AND THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board directs Recording Secretary to execute the agreement between the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Town of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board.

Yay (2): Jim Oliver, and Andrea Matrosovs

**The motion is Carried (2 to 0)**

## **F. Closed Session**

None

## **G. Notice of Meeting Dates**

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting, April 19, 2023  
Town Hall, Council Chambers

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting, July 19, 2023  
Town Hall, Council Chambers

## **H. Adjournment**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Jim Oliver

THAT The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting does now adjourn at 9:49 a.m. to meet again April 19, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

Yay (2): Jim Oliver, and Andrea Matrosovs

**The motion is Carried (2 to 0)**