

THE CITY OF ORILLIA POLICE SERVICES BOARD PUBLIC MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, 50 ANDREW ST. S., ORILLIA

Present: R. Fraracci, Chair
Mayor A. Orsi, Vice Chair
G. Morano
P. Kehoe
R. Cipolla

Also

Present: Inspector D. Goard, Detachment Commander
S. Kirkwood, Executive Assistant

Vice Chair Orsi called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Orsi noted at this time R. Fraracci is being presented the Kate Lyons Award for Leadership but would be in attendance later in the meeting.

Vice Chair Orsi noted an addition to the agenda being a deputation from David Lambert, Your Country Carriage, to speak to the Limousine By-law.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

The members were asked to declare all conflicts of interest and the general nature thereof. No conflicts were declared.

Presentation of Adult Volunteer of the Year Award – 2010

Mayor Orsi presented John and Mabel Thieme with a certificate of appreciation for their contribution to the City of Orillia as members of the OPP Adult Volunteer Group. John and Mabel have been very active members for the past seven years and have contributed countless number of hours to the Adult Volunteer Group and SALT(Seniors and Law Enforcement Together).

Inspector Goard presented John and Mabel Thieme with a plaque from the OPP in recognition of their dedication and contribution to the Adult Volunteer Group.

Mayor Orsi commended Gerry Dwyer for his efforts with SALT.

R. Fraracci assumed the chair at 9:41 a.m. and proceeded with the public agenda.

Deputations

a) Wm. King, King's Taxi

b) D. Lambert, Your Country Carriage

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Chair Fraracci provided an overview of the rules of procedure for Board deputations and invited comments from Wm. King, King's Taxi.

Mr. King advised he has been in business for 26 years and know that we need some help to make it better for the people and the industry. He noted he has researched the industry with respect to fees and fares and note that Orillia is higher than other surrounding municipalities. Mr. King tabled all research material for the review of the Board. Mr. King noted support with the Board proposals for vulnerable sector checks and prorating licences but disagreed with the other 4 proposals. Mr. King proposed the following:

- a pilot project for a period of 4 months to 1 year at a flate rate of \$8.50 with the city limits. Everything outside the limits would be at the discretion of the broker
- relax age of cars to 8 years
- cost to increase insurance would be too much

The Chair opened the floor for questions from Board members.

Questions/Comments

Mayor Orsi commended Mr. King for his presentation and his willingness to assist noting that if there is no cost to the Board would support a pilot project for a flat rate.

R. Cipolla noted support for flat rates but questions the ability to maintain a business with a flat rate of \$8.50. Mr. King noted by not having to buy new vehicles and the reduction in licencing would more than double the business that is being down now.

The Chair thanked Mr. King for comments and an excellent presentation last week at the taxi meeting noting his information will be taken under review.

b) **D. Lambert, Your Country Carriage**

The Chair called Mr. Dave Lambert for his deputation. Mr. Lambert was not present. The Chair continued with the public agenda.

Motion #52/2011

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by R. Cipolla , seconded by G. Morano that the minutes of the last regular meeting of June 28th, 2011 and the special meeting of August 9th, 2011 be approved as presented. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) Chair's Report re Public Meeting re Proposed Changes to Taxi Bylaw
- b) Chair's Report re meeting with Inspector J. Tod
- c) Draft Letter re Negotiated/Arbitrated Settlements
- d) Revised Template for Monthly Statistical Reports

The Chair reported on the public meeting held September 15th, 2011 regarding the proposed changes to the Taxi By-law. All proposals with the exception #7, painting all vehicles one color, were received favourably. The Board Executive Assistant is requested to obtain 3 estimates to paint a vehicle. Written comments have been requested no later than September 30th, 2011 after which a final report will be provided to the Board. The Board requested that the Taxi Licencing Officer be present when discussing taxi issues.

The Chair reported a meeting was held on June 30th, 2011 with Inspector D. Borton, a representative of Inspector Tod's office, to discuss Board concerns with respect to notification of absences of the Detachment Commander and the replacement having the skills of a Detachment Commander. OPP have advised that in the event of an emergency the "home" Detachment Commander would be called back. The Chair noted this matter needs to be considered during renegotiation of the policing contract to ensure the municipality is receiving the level of service that is contracted.

Motion #53/2011

NEGOTIATED/ARBITRATION AWARDS

Moved by P. Kehoe, seconded by G. Morano that correspondence as tabled addressing the financial hardship created by the negotiated wage settlement in the police sector be forwarded under the signature of the Chair to municipalities province wide, the local Member of Parliament, the Member of Provincial Parliament, Mayor and Council and the Solicitor General. Carried.

The Chair addressed changes to the monthly statistical template noting in developing it both Section 10 and 31 Boards were polled. The finalized template is a two page report that includes current and previous year data, RIDE information, and other areas of interest previously identified by the Board. The report will be generated monthly and circulated in the Board agenda packages. Throughout the summer months the report will continue to be circulated to the members. The first report will be available in the new format for the October meeting of the Board. The Chair recommended and it was agreed to defer agenda item #6, Statistical Reports, to the October meeting.

Correspondence

- a) City of Orillia
 - i) Reopening Hillcrest Public School
 - ii) OPP Strategic Plan 2011-2013
 - iii) 2012 Budget Process
 - iv) Vehicle Impoundments
 - v) Graffiti Eradication By-law
 - vi) Accountability Report
 - vii) Detachment 2011 Business Plan
- a) OAPSB - Rising Costs of Policing
- b) AMO, - Medical Marihuana Access Program
- c) Orillia BIA – Equine Patrol
- d) Sherry Lawson – Towing Concern
- e) S. Crockford – Noisy Motorcycles

R. Cipolla commented on the enforcement of the graffiti eradication bylaw noting a more proactive approach is required asking police report incidents of graffiti to the City for action. The Detachment Commander advised he continues to investigate the cost of a blasting tool using corn cobs. It was noted that salt is another agent that will remove graffiti.

The Chair requested comments from the Detachment Commander with respect to the Downtown Management Board's request for a mounted patrol. The Detachment Commander advised while the program is a great public relations tool it is not operationally effective and is expensive to run and maintain. The Chair advised that the Board's Committee will be meeting with the downtown merchants to discuss this and other concerns will be arranged at the earliest convenience.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Sherry Lawson and requested a communiqué be sent to the towing companies asking them to consider other methods of payment such as debit or credit card.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Steve Crockford regarding noisy motorcycles. The Detachment Commander noted this coincided with a successful local enforcement program that targeted this type of complaint. Chair Fraracci advised he will meet with Mr. Crockford and advise him of the program.

Motion #54/2011

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by P. Kehoe, seconded by G. Morano that the following correspondence is received as information.

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Sherry Lawson – Towing Concern

Steve Crockford – Noisy Motorcycles

Carried.

Motion #55/2011

CORRESPONDENCE – OAPSB – RISING COSTS OF POLICING

Moved by P. Kehoe, seconded by G. Morano that in support of the Ontario Association of Police Services Board the Chair is authorized to sign and circulate correspondence as provided by the Ontario Association of Police Services Board relating to Rising Costs of Policing. Carried.

Financial Statement

- a) July 2011

Motion #56/2011

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Moved by Mayor A. Orsi, seconded by R. Cipolla that the financial statement for the period ending July 31st, 2011 is received as information. Carried.

Other Business

- a) Alternatives for Policing the City – R. Cipolla
- b) Retirement
- c) Next Meeting – October 25th, 2011

G. Morano inquired about the status of the Board's surveillance camera initiative. The Board Executive Assistant is directed to follow up on this matter with the Deputy City Manager and report back at the next meeting.

As a result of a citizen complaint, Mayor Orsi inquired what could be done about electric bicycles and three wheelers on City trails and sidewalks. The Detachment Commander advised that unless there is a municipal bylaw in place prohibiting these vehicles on trails and sidewalks there is no enforcement action that

can be taken. After discussion it was directed that a recommendation be forwarded to Council to enact legislation prohibiting use of motorized vehicles on sidewalks and trails unless used for medical purposes.

Motion #57/2011 **ELECTRIC BICYCLES**

Moved by R. Cipolla, seconded by G. Morano that a recommendation be forwarded to Council to enact legislation that will prohibit electric bicycles and other motorized vehicles not used for medical purposes on City trails and sidewalks. Carried.

R. Cipolla noted that due to rising costs in policing and the upcoming renewal of the policing contract, it would be timely to investigate an OPP stand alone model, joint service with other municipalities and/or returning to a municipal service. Members agreed it would be beneficial to research this fully.

Motion #58/2011 **ALTERNATIVES FOR POLICING THE CITY OF ORILLIA**

Moved by R. Cipolla, seconded by G. Morano that a committee of the Board comprised of the Board Chair R. Fraracci, R. Cipolla and G. Morano and the Board Executive Assistant research alternatives for policing the City of Orillia and report back to the Board. Carried.

Motion #59/2011 **ACCEPT NOTICE OF RETIREMENT – S. KIRKWOOD**

Moved by P. Kehoe, seconded by G. Morano that the notice of retirement as tabled by Sandra Kirkwood, effective December 31st, 2011 is accepted. Carried.

R. Cipolla briefed the Board on a booklet supported by the RCMP containing information pertinent to teenagers. He noted this would be an asset to police and the community and would like to see a partnership with the businesses to produce and circulate it. The Detachment Commander is directed to research the booklet and report back at the next meeting how it could be reproduced and introduced into the community.

R. Cipolla enquired if the Board would be represented at the Crime Stoppers Gala Ball, November 5th, 2011. The Board authorized attendance at this event by Mr. Cipolla.

The Detachment Commander advised the Board on a 4 on 4 street challenge for street hockey at Staples lot on October 4, 2011.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Office of the Mayor.

Motion #60/2011

ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING

Moved by P. Kehoe , seconded by R. Cipolla that the public meeting of the Board is adjourned and immediately following the Board will reconvene for an in camera session to address security, personal, personnel and legal matters. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Chair