

THE CITY OF ORILLIA POLICE SERVICES BOARD PUBLIC MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2010 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE EVERITT BOARD ROOM, 50 ANDREW ST. S., ORILLIA

Present: George Morano, Vice Chair
John W. Methot
T. Lauer

Absent: D. MacNeil
P. Spears

Also

Present: Insp. D. Goard, Detachment Commander
S. Kirkwood, Executive Assistant
G. Pye, Taxi Licencing Officer

Acting Chair Morano called the public meeting of the Board to order at 9:30 a.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

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

Motion #10/2010

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by J. Methot, seconded by T. Lauer that the minutes of the last regular meeting of January 26th, 2010 be approved as presented. Carried.

Monthly Statistical Report

The Detachment Commander tabled a revised copy of the yearly statistics noting the clearance rate for 2009 as 45.07% as compared to 43.60% for 2008. Crime increased over the last quarter of 2009, however yearly totals on offences reported have decreased year over year. The Detachment Commander noted that during 2009 the size of the Street Crime Unit was enhanced and a total of 237 charges were laid. The Unit reports that drug charges are down and the availability of drugs has decreased however prescription drugs are now a concern. Benchmark crime has dropped dramatically, meaning the seriousness of crime has decreased. Provincial Offences charges increased slightly. The Detachment Commander noted that 2009 enforcement focus was primarily on criminal code and drug activity.

Inspector Goard highlighted a number of cases of interest including the outcome of an investigation into a cell death where all officers have been cleared of any wrongdoing.

T. Lauer inquired about areas of increased crime, those being assaults, kidnapping, arson. The Detachment Commander noted that domestic violence has a high priority in and as such results in higher numbers of incidents of assaults, kidnapping/confinement and possibly sexual assaults. The Detachment Commander will review the number of arsons and report back.

Motion #11/2010 STATISTICAL REPORTS

Moved by J. Methot, seconded by T. Lauer that the statistical reports are received as information. Carried.

Correspondence to the Board

- a) City of Orillia
 - i) Snowmobiles – Set Fines
- b) Ontario Association of Police Services Board
 - i) Conference Agenda
 - ii) Point Edward – request for Conference sponsorship
- c) Orillia Taxi Service – Transfer Fees

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the City of Orillia. An enquiry was tabled by T. Lauer as to why the set fines for snowmobiles are not similar to the set fines for speeding under the HTA. Inspector Goard suggested the set fines for snowmobiles are as a result of a City bylaw as opposed to provincial legislation.

Motion #12/2010 CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Moved by J. W. Methot, seconded T. Lauer that correspondence received from

- a) City of Orillia - Snowmobiles – Set fines
 - b) Ontario Association of Police Services Board – Conference Agenda
- is received as information. Carried.

Motion #13/2010 CORRESPONDENCE – VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD

Moved by T. Lauer, seconded by J. W. Methot that no action be taken on the request by the Village of Point Edward for sponsorship of the 2010 OAPSB conference. Carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Orillia Taxi Service and requested comments from the Taxi Licencing Officer. The Taxi Licencing Officer reported Taxi Bylaw Schedule C sets the fee for transferring a taxi licence plate

the same as the fee for a new plate because the transfer involves the same process as a new plate.

Motion #14/2010

CORRESPONDENCE – ORILLIA TAXI SERVICE

Moved by J. W. Methot, seconded by T. Lauer that the Detachment Commander is directed to correspond with Orillia Taxi Service outlining the rationale for transfer fees for taxi vehicle plates as contained in Taxi Bylaw 2009-1, Schedule C. Carried.

Financial Reports

- a) Financial Statement for the period ending December 31st, 2009

Motion #15/2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by J. W. Methot, seconded by T. Lauer that the financial report for the period ending December 31st, 2009 is received as information. Carried.

Other Business

- a) Taxi Bylaw Enforcement
- b) Simcoe County Police Association Dues – Inspector Goard
- c) May meeting date – request to change J. Methot
- d) Next meeting –March 30th, 2010

The Chair asked for comments from the Taxi Licencing Officer pertaining to Taxi Bylaw concerns. The Taxi Licencing Officer advised he had followed up on the concerns noted and in order to carry out enforcement action funding is required. Inspector Goard requests that the request for investigative funding be moved to the in camera agenda. The Board agreed.

The Taxi Licencing Officer advised the Board that an application has been put forward to transfer the broker licence for Able Taxi. If approved the transfer will be effective April 1st, 2010.

It was also noted by the Taxi Licencing Officer that taxi brokers are concerned about the proposed blended tax. All brokers have been advised that this will be reviewed at the time it is enacted.

Discussion followed with respect to the handling of taxi matters addressed to the Board. The Board directed that matters addressed to the Board will be forwarded to the Detachment Commander for follow up and listed on the next Board meeting agenda for discussion and/or direction.

The Detachment Commander advised that the Simcoe County Association membership fee is outstanding. This matter is to be brought before the Board upon receipt of an invoice.

J. Methot requests that the May meeting be changed from Tuesday, May 25th to Wednesday, May 26th, 2010. Staff to advise the location.

T. Lauer noted two requests will be coming from Council; one being for a report for 10 years of offences and the second regarding snowmobile enforcement.

Motion #16/2010 MAY BOARD MEETING

Moved by J. W. Methot, seconded by T. Lauer that the May meeting of the Board is changed to May 26th, 2010. Carried.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th, 2010, in the Everritt Board Room.

Motion #17/2010 ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING

Moved by T. Lauer, seconded by J. Methot 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 10:30 a.m.

Chair