

THE CITY OF ORILLIA POLICE SERVICES BOARD PUBLIC MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2009 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE BROOKS BOARD ROOM

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

Absent: Mayor R. Stevens

Also

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

Chair MacNeil called the public meeting of the Board to order at 9:30 a.m. The following changes to the agenda were agreed; 7(e), 7(f) and 7(g) to be discussed under agenda item 3.

Presentation

The Chair welcomed Kevin Gangloff, Director, Orillia Youth Centre, to the meeting. After a short biography read by Board member J. Methot, Mr. Gangloff provided an overview of the Centre noting youth between 11 and 16 are the target group. The Centre provides youth with a safe drop in environment and offer services such as teaching life skills, homework assistance, encouraging community involvement, drug and alcohol workshops, self esteem workshops and many recreational programs. Community partners are too many to list but include the City of Orillia, Elizabeth Fry Society, Canadian Mental Health Association, OPP, and the Health Unit. The Chair thanked Mr. Gangloff and presented him with a token of appreciation from the Board.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

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

Deputation

a) Lennard Thorne, RCL Br. 34 – taxi flat rates

Lennard Thorne, Chair of the Seniors Committee, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 34 Orillia, requested Board consideration on a flat rate taxi fare for senior members, disabled members and members that are war veterans to enable affordable transportation to and from home to the Legion. Mr. Thorne suggested either a flat rate of \$10 or a 30% discount on metered rates is recommended. He noted

consultation with the taxi companies and only All Canadian Taxi is agreeable to a reduced rate.

Motion #58/2009

APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by T. Lauer, seconded by J. W. Methot that the minutes of the last regular meeting of June 30th, 2009 be approved as presented. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) Taxi Bylaw Amendment
- b) Correspondence Lakehead Univ and Georgian College re flat rates
- c) King's Taxi – request for deputation re proposed taxi bylaw
- d) Able Taxi – request for deputation re proposed taxi bylaw

The Board reviewed correspondence from Lakehead University and Georgian College requesting consideration for reduced taxi fares for students. Leigh Castle, Student Union, Lakehead University and Mike Zecchino, Georgian College, Student Life Manager were present at the meeting and invited to address the Board. Both Ms. Castle and Mr. Zecchino requested consideration of a reduced student rate for Monday to Thursday between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. when classes are in and city transit is not available. M. Zecchino, Georgian College indicated students are unsafe walking and are skipping classes because of no transportation.

Ian Brown, City Manager, speaking on behalf of Mayor Stevens and the Transit Committee indicated support for the request from Lakehead Univ. and Georgian College. He noted that an interim action is required now as Georgian College students are facing transportation issues with night classes and are either walking home or skipping classes. Direction is required with respect to process in that should the Transit Committee go directly to the taxi company and negotiate or should the request be made to the Board to make a change to the bylaw to include a fixed rate.

Wm. King, Kings Taxi and Ron Gosselin, Able Taxi requested and were granted an opportunity to speak to the Board on the matter of upgrading taxi vehicles to five years of age by end of 2010. Both request the time frame be extended to end of 2011.

Motion #59/2009

REQUEST FOR FLAT RATES – ORILLIA LEGION, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY AND GEORGIAN COLLEGE

Moved by G. Morano, seconded by J. W. Methot that the request for consideration for “flat rates” on taxi fares in the City of Orillia for senior citizens, veterans and handicapped members of the Orillia Legion and students is forwarded to

the Board's Tax Committee to review and bring forward recommendations for the next meeting of the Board. Carried.

Motion #60/2009 AMEND PROPOSED TAXI BYLAW SECTION 23(1)(g)

Moved by G. Morano, seconded by J. W. Methot that correspondence received from taxi brokers Wm. King and R. Gosselin, is referred to the Tax Committee for review and recommendation. Carried.

Motion #61/2009 SPECIAL MEETING RE TAXI MATTERS

Moved by G. Morano, seconded by J. W. Methot that a special meeting of the Board will be held on October 15th, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Office of the Mayor to review comments from the Taxi Licencing Officer on the proposed taxi bylaw and review recommendations on the request for flat rates by the Orillia Legion, Lakehead University and Georgian College. And further to review recommendations on the request from King's Taxi and Able Taxi to extend the time frame to upgrade taxi vehicles to a maximum age of 5 years. Carried.

Statistical Monthly Reports

a) Detachment Commander's Comments

Inspector Goard advised that further to direction at the last meeting, a new blended statistical report will be developed for 2010. The current monthly report includes all sub categories which are not reported on the UCR Stats Canada report. The blended report will include statistics as reported to Stats Canada, laser radar, RIDE and Provincial Offences charges. In the interim the Board will continue to receive the monthly report with all sub categories and a quarterly report based on Stats Canada reporting data.

The monthly statistical report for the month of July 2009 was tabled for Board review. The following statistics were noted:

- Calls for service - decreased by .59% year over year (55 calls)
- Property crime – year over year all categories have decreased
- Violent Crime – year over year decrease in homicide and attempt murder, total robberies are the same as previous year, assaults increased
- Provincial offences –year over year decrease of -2.12%
- Motor Vehicle Collisions – increased 4.93% year over year
- Laser Radar – year to date – 168 charges and 128.25 hours of operation

The Detachment Commander noted that RIDE vehicle checks have increased dramatically over the previous year with a total of 20,985 to date. He also

noted that the Street Crime Unit has made 118 arrests since May; 72 criminal code charges, 24 drug charges, 40 Liquor Licence Act charges and 14 other. The Detachment Commander also noted that he has directed a greater focus on crime which can result in lower enforcement of other Acts, ie. Provincial Offences Act.

Motion #61/2009

STATISTICAL REPORTS

Moved by J. W. Methot, seconded by G. Morano that the statistical report tabled by the Detachment Commander is received as information.
Carried.

Correspondence to the Board

- a) City of Orillia
 - i) Accountability Policy
 - ii) Accessibility Training
 - iii) Authority of Boards & Committees
 - iv) 2010 Capital Budget Submissions
 - v) Notice of Public Open House – Official Plan Review & Update
- b) Ontario Association of Police Services Boards
 - i) Newsletter – Justice on Target
 - ii) OAPSB Newsletter
- c) Ministry of the Attorney General
 - i) Rules of Procedure for Independent Police Review Director – Public Complaints-Local Complaints
- d) Orillia Power – thank you letter to Cst. G. Dwyer
- e) LakeHead Univ & Georgian College – re taxicab flat rates for students
- f) King’s Taxi – request for deputation re proposed bylaw
- g) Able Taxi – request for deputation re proposed bylaw
- h) University of Victoria, B.C – request for participation in “Surveillance Practices in Canada” study

Motion #62/2009

CORRESPONDENCE CITY OF ORILLIA

Moved by G. Morano, seconded by J. W. Methot that correspondence as listed received from the City of Orillia is received as information.

- i) Accountability Policy
- ii) Accessibility Training
- iii) Authority of Boards & Committees
- iv) 2010 Capital Budget Submissions
- v) Notice of Public Open House – Official Plan Review & Update

Carried.

Motion #63/2009

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by J. W. Methot, seconded by G. Morano that correspondence to the Board, as listed below, is received as information.

- b) Ontario Association of Police Services Boards
 - i) Newsletter – Justice on Target
 - ii) OAPSB Newsletter
- c) Ministry of the Attorney General
 - i) Rules of Procedure for Independent Police Review Director – Public Complaints-Local Complaints
- d) Orillia Power – thank you letter to Cst. G. Dwyer

Carried.

Motion #64/2009 CORRESPONDENCE – UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA –CCTV

Moved by J. W. Methot, seconded by G. Morano that the request by the University of Victoria, B. C. regarding a study on “Surveillance Practices in Canada be referred to the Detachment Commander and G. Morano to respond. Carried.

Financial Statement

- a) Financial Statement ending August 31st, 2009
- b) Second revised 2009 OPP Costs

Staff advised that generally the financial report is on target with the exception of the Properties and Accommodation department. It was noted that this area is likely to show a deficit at year end due to building maintenance/repairs.

Motion #65/2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Moved by T. Lauer, seconded by J. W. Methot that the financial statement ending August 31st, 2009 is received as information. Carried.

Staff noted the negotiated contract with the OPP for 2009 includes the addition of two constables and one integrated sergeant. The second revised costing estimate as tabled for approval includes the cost of the remaining one of the two additional constables negotiated effective July 17th, 2009.

Motion #66/2009 2009 2nd REVISED OPP ESTIMATE

Moved by J. W. Methot, seconded by T. Lauer that the 2nd revised 2009 revised OPP estimate for policing, in the amount of \$6,833,298 and capital costs in the amount of \$5,610, is received as information. Carried.

Other Business

T. Lauer related citizens' traffic concerns on Old Muskoka Road through to North St. The Detachment Commander will request a traffic study in that area and take the necessary action.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27th, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.** in the office of the Mayor.

Motion #67/2009 ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING

Moved by J. W. Methot , seconded by T. Lauer 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 11:50 a.m.

Chair