

Pembroke Police Services Board Meeting

Council Chambers
PEMBROKE, Ontario
September 24, 2015
4:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Pembroke Police Services Board was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Thursday, September 24, 2015. The Chair opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were Board members Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais, Pauline Edmonds, Councillor Christine Reavie, Ian Kuehl, Acting Inspector Wolfe, OPP, S/Sgt. Karl Duewel; and Nancy Rapin, recording secretary. Also in attendance was Constable Beth Ethier.

ITEM #1: Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Pauline Edmonds
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
THAT the agenda of the Police Services Board meeting of September 24, 2015 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Ian Kuehl
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
THAT the minutes of the regular Police Services Board meeting of June 25, 2015 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

ITEM #3: Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

ITEM #4: Presentations and/or Delegations

Constable Beth Ethier presented a report to the Board regarding Needle Drop Boxes. She stated that earlier this year it was brought to the attention of the OPP that there were a number of used needles found around the City of Pembroke by City staff. The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre also had a complaint regarding the disposal of used needles. As a result, she organized a meeting to discuss this issue. Constable Ethier was informed that the Health Unit has an exchange program in which people can pick up clean, unused needles, cookers, water and they can also discard used needles (received

from Heath Unit) in the sharps boxes at the Unit. She was also informed that the OVWRC will accept used needles if they are safely disposed of in a hard plastic sealed container. She contacted other municipalities and a number of them have sharps collection receptacles and participate in exchange programs. She shared a presentation called Minimizing the Risk with the Board. A discussion took place on possible contacts and partners that could be taken on board to assist with awareness and education on this issue. Constable Ethier suggested that a media/social media/website blitz would be beneficial. Ms. Edmonds offered to look into a possible contact from Algonquin College. It was suggested that Constable Ethier organize a follow-up meeting including representatives from the Town of Petawawa, Township of Laurentian Valley, City of Pembroke, Health Unit, OVWRC, various pharmacies and possibly other organizations of interest. Deputy Mayor Gervais suggested that as the Board appears to be in support of the erection of the sharps receptacles in the City in principle, they should decide on an amount to be put forward as the budget is being prepared now for 2016.

MOTION: Moved by Pauline Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
That the PSB support of the erection of sharp collection receptacles within the City of Pembroke and request Council to set aside \$20,000 in the 2016 budget.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gervais and Inspector Wolfe both thanked Constable Ethier for her presentation and hard work.

ITEM #5: Reports

- (i) Pembroke Police Services Board Chair
The Chair did not have a report.
- (ii) OPP
Inspector Wolfe updated the Board on new promotions: Staff Sgt. Karl Duewel, who was present, has been assigned as the UOV Operations Manager and will report from the Petawawa office; Sgt. MaryAnn MacNeil will be assigned as a shift supervisor and report from the Pembroke office. Both started their new roles on September 14, 2015.

Staff Sgt. Karl Duewel thanked the Board for having him and gave a brief history of his work experience. The Board welcomed Staff Sgt Duewel to the meeting.

Acting Inspector Wolfe reviewed the OPP Report for June to August 2015 indicating there were no alarming trends or community safety issues to be concerned with. A member of the Board noted that there are many positive comments from the community regarding the presence of officers around the City.

ITEM #6: Old Business

- (i) School Zones Radar Devices
The Chair reported that the “final touches” were happening on the radar device and there is an effort to coordinate with media to make the public aware.
- (ii) Needle Drop Box
The Chair referred to the earlier presentation.
- (iii) Grand Opening
Acting Inspector Wolfe stated that invitations were sent out and RSVP’s received.
- (iv) Collision Reporting Centre
Acting Inspector Wolfe reported that in his opinion, there is no space to accommodate a CRC in the new OPP building in Pembroke and does not see this as a priority at the present time. He noted that it does not have to be in a police building such as is the situation in Toronto where there is a CRC in a separate building. Acting Inspector Wolfe reported that with the current reporting model, there would be no direct cost saving to the City as the incidents would be considered calls for service. Deputy Mayor will contact Treena LeMay to discuss this matter.
- (v) OPP Police Services Board Reporting Tool
A discussion was held on the new reporting tool to which Acting Inspector Wolfe requested Board members email him directly within the next two weeks with any suggestions/remarks regarding the OPP Police Services Board Reporting Tool and he will then forward to the Bureau Manager. He stated that Staff Sgt. Duewel will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

ITEM #7: New Business

- (i) Other Uses at the Detachment
The Chair questioned Acting Inspector Wolfe if there was a need to seek funding/grants for activities that may be occurring at the detachment that the City is unaware of and if there was a way to communicate to the Board/City as to what was occurring at the detachment. The Chair did not want opportunities to access funding to be overlooked. Acting Inspector Wolfe stated that he would speak with the CAO, Terry Lapierre to discuss this and set up a reporting process.
- (ii) Budget
The Chair, referring to the budget, asked if there was a need to increase the amount for Seminars and Training considering there would be another member joining the Board soon. It was suggested that the amount be raised to \$10,000

ITEM #8: Correspondence

- (i) The Chair, referring to the correspondence from Minister Yasir Naqvi, indicated that he believed the vacancy on the Board would be filled soon.

ITEM #9: Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 22, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

ITEM #10: Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. on a motion by Pauline Edmonds, seconded by Ian Kuehl.

CARRIED

Chair

Recording Secretary