

**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
AGENDA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.**

REGULAR BOARD

- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments from the Chair
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - July 24, 2020
 - December 18, 2020
- E. Disclosure of Interest and Nature Thereof
- F. Delegations
 - None
- G. Correspondence
- H. Business Arising from the Minutes
- I. New Business
 - OPP Monthly Activity Summary – Dec 2020, Jan-Feb 2021
 - OAPSB Update – 2021 meetings; Section 10 update
 - Traffic monitoring/Radar update
 - Resident complaint issues (AE11) –
 - SGDHS Student Bursaries
 - OAPSB Spring Conference
 - Financial Report
 - i. Recoverable Service Agreement - Grenville Cty Kemptville -
Augusta Twp. - Expires June 2021
 - Other

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J. Discuss Date of Next Meeting - June 18, 2021?

K. Adjournment

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POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
December 18, 2020**

PRESENT IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair, Glen Mackey, David Kent, Mayor Doug Malanka, CAO/Treasurer Ray Morrison, OPP Acting Inspector Nancy Graves, OPP Acting Staff Sergeant Rene Cadieux

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 AM.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Mackey updated the Board on events since the last meeting. He extended the sympathies of the Board related to the tragic events in Manitoulin, to the OPP officers. He noted with the good weather that speeding remains an issue.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Doug Malanka, seconded by David Kent that the agenda for December 18, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of July 24, 2020 were not available for the meeting. Mr. Morrison will distribute them with the minutes of this meeting. Approval was deferred to next meeting.

Minutes of September 25th were distributed with the agenda.

Moved by Doug Malanka, seconded by David Kent that the minutes of the meeting of September 25th, be approved as circulated.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nothing to note.

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Morrison noted several pieces of correspondence included in the agenda package related to traffic speeds on County Road 2, between Blue Church Road and Prescott. Mr. Mackey provided additional information obtained during discussions with Mrs. Kotsovos. Mr. Malanka referred to his email and the subsequent Council resolution to UCLG Council to reduce the speed limit from Blue Church Road to Dewars Inn to 60km. Mr. Morrison confirmed that from Bradley's

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Creek to Prescott has now been reduced from 70 to 50km. Inspector Graves asked what the next step is politically. Mr. Malanka noted the UCLG has asked for a refresh of their own policy. This process has been held up with the retirement and replacement process of the manager. In the interim, Mayor Malanka will continue to advocate for the speed reduction, at next COW in January.

Officer Cadieux noted that when we lower the speeds, we will experience significant noncompliance and more offenders. Mayor Malanka noted he is not interested in fining and filling the coffers, but he is committed to making the road safer for the aging demographic who live along the road and for active participation of walking, stroller or cycling public. He personally supports using photo radar to educate and calm the driving public as a tool.

Inspector Graves iterated using the educational approach in Prescott related to their recent reduction to 40kmh throughout the Town. It appears to have worked well initially. She recommends a phased in approach before using a heavy hand on the chronic noncompliant. Mayor Malanka is looking for agreement to acquire another sign to install on a longer term.

Mr. Kent asked if there have been any results from the previous Traffic Logix recordings on CR2.

Suggestions included:

Paint speed limit on the road. We would advocate this to the County.

More new, larger signs, potential with a flashing light, advising of slower speed.

Consider acquiring two new Traffic Logix signs.

It was moved by Doug Malanka, seconded by David Kent that the Board direct the Treasurer to research and purchase two new radar-based signs subject to providing analysis to the Board related to cost, durability, battery vs solar, etc. to be confirmed by the Board by email.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

At the September PSB meeting, Mayor Malanka had asked if hate crimes were occurring in our community. Inspector Graves investigated this query further and reported that she followed up with their specialist on this issue. Other than the PRIDE sign on the road in Prescott, which was defaced, they have nothing to note. They have inclusive education in the local detachment and look for input.

Mayor Malanka noted the township's Community Development Committee, recently established, did a round table of introductions and one new member noted racism is rampant in this area without specific examples. He will bring commentary back to the PSB and Council from that committee but agrees that while there may not be hate crimes occurring, we can still address systemic racism and inclusivity issues.

The Board discussed a recent incident of a private investigator being in the area. The OPP interviewed the individual, confirming he had the right to be there.

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Mr. Morrison noted an annual education conference/seminar in the Township was deferred this year, due to Covid-19 priorities, but is it time to consider hosting one, either physical or virtual. Mayor Malanka asked if the OPP could refer to a positive, pre-prepared offering. Inspector Graves will investigate and report back to the Board.

9. NEW BUSINESS

OPP Monthly Activity Summary

September, October and November 2020 Year-to-Date OPP statistics were circulated. Officer Graves reviewed YTD results for the YTD November 2020, as they are cumulative reports, touching on specific items in the earlier month's reports. She reviewed highlights, Calls of Interest, frauds, and detachment initiatives.

Violent crimes have decreased. Other crimes against a person were primarily to one individual repeat offending.

Cars being vandalized and pilfered have increased. Reminder education material has been distributed.

Majority of assaults relate to domestic assaults, which are reflected in violent crimes, so it is fair to say, these have increased because of Covid-19 more time at home.

Officer complaint has been investigated and addressed and is expected to be cleared in January.

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka that the OPP Statistical Reports be accepted for information. CARRIED.

OAPSB:

Mr. Kent attended a OAPSB HR Conference in September. A copy of his notes was included in the agenda package. Nothing additional to add.

Traffic Monitoring/Radar Update:

Mr. Morrison circulated reports from the Traffic Logix system since the last meeting before the meeting and asked for any specific observations, questions from the Board and noting reports are now being forwarded directly to Officer Cadieux and two TMO's at the detachment for review.

Rene Cadieux has been monitoring the reports and asked that the Township forward each week vs periodically. Mr. Morrison noted he will revise the internal process accordingly. Officer Cadieux reviewed the reports personally, and located three areas of Concern:

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka that staff reports be received.

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Treasurer's Report:

Ray Morrison circulated the Financial Report for Year-to-Date December 18, 2020 and fielded questions related to specific items.

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka that the Treasurer's report be received.

Carried.

Other Business:

Mr. Kent asked if we got any feedback from the \$1000 donation

Do we ever get information related to local "Situation Tables"? Officer Cadieux noted that this has dropped off during Covid-19, just recently back meeting. Agreed, we will add it to the agenda as a standard item for discussion going forward. They are going forward, meeting regularly and looking for funding through Prescott for a Situation Table co-ordinator. For one individual, they have calls for service approaching 50 in 2020. The situation table may be of assistance to police and client themselves by redirecting resources to alternate service providers

Community Safety and Wellbeing status – indefinitely on hold, subject to regulations updates.

Mayor Malanka would also like to resurrect the Municipal Drug Strategy. Chair Mackey noted there was an \$8,000 pool created when initially created in 2015 or before and he does not believe that has ever been spent. EC is the keeper of the funds. Mr. Morrison will obtain a status update on this group and funding.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Doug Malanka, seconded by David Kent that the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2020, 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

10. NEXT MEETING: Friday March 19, 2021, 10-12:00.

Chair

Ray Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer