

**TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
December 19, 2019**

PRESENT IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair, Glen Mackey, David Kent, Mayor Doug Malanka, CAO/Treasurer Ray Morrison, OPP Officer Nancy Greaves.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 AM. Mr. Morrison advised Mayor Malanka would be approximately 15 minutes late, due to a conflict with a UCLG Council meeting.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Mackey updated the Board on events since the last meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Doug Malanka, seconded by David Kent that the agenda for December 19, 2019 be approved, with amendments – Zone meeting was November 29th vs September 29th. Add Maitland speed limits vs westerly border. Add 401 EDR – Westbound at CR15 – 2nd vs 3rd Concession.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of September 26, 2019 were distributed in advance.

Moved by Dave Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka that the minutes of September 26, 2019 be approved.

Carried

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nothing to note.

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Re: Wheels a Churnin Event, Sept. 2019: Mr. Morrison noted the Township was still awaiting the release of call reports related to the last 5 years of Wheels-A-Churnin events and if so, could they be extended to include the September event. Officer Greaves to confirm.

8. NEW BUSINESS

OPP Monthly Activity Summary

September and October 2019 Year-to-Date OPP statistics were circulated. Officer Greaves reviewed YTD results for the YTD October 31, 2019 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. Copies of the reports are included with the minutes. Clearance rates are improving, in particular in drug crime. No other extraordinary issues requiring PSB discussion were identified.

Mr. Morrison confirmed that an accident on the 401 causing an EDR within the Township is considered a 401, thus provincial responsibility, thus does not impact the Township's calls for service.

Near the end of October, the OPP did presentations with Victim Services re Human Trafficking and Luring at area high schools. They did a number of other school visits in September to October.

Mr. Mackey enquired what the PET project refers to. Officer Greaves will follow up with their OPP information officer.

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

Zone 2 Meeting – October 30th in Carleton Place and November 29th in Picton:

Carleton Place, October 30th – 4-hour event, thus all day – Responsibility of PSB's mandated, evaluating the detachment and strategic planning. David, Glen and Ray attended.

November 29th OAPSB Zone both Glenn and David to attend. Glenn report on this meeting noting much of the meeting included examples of successes from Belleville and the recommendation to attend the January 30th meeting in Toronto. The writing team drafting the new PSB policies is giving the PSB's an opportunity to provide input. Glenn recommended that David Kent attend on the Township's behalf, if available. Cost, yet to be confirmed, may be more than typical since accommodations will need to be included, but there are adequate funds in the PSB surplus to cover. If advance information is provided, Mr. Morrison will circulate to all members and the acting detachment co-ordinator to consider and provide comment through the chair.

Traffic Monitoring/Radar Update:

Mr. Morrison circulated reports from 2nd concession near Rocky Road and Merwin Lane, North locations. The plan remains to install them on priority roads throughout the Township on priority roads first, i.e. County Road 2 in Maitland and at Bradley's Creek near RVH, County Road 15 in North Augusta, Blue Church road, Bissettown Road and Charleville road near Maynard. After these priority areas have been documented the units will be moved regularly around the Township to build a database of traffic volumes and speeds that can be used for both policing, speed enforcement and roads needs considerations.

Board members agreed in general agreed that the Township will have a flexible schedule for locations of the signs, that can be revised to accommodate requests for service on specific roads. Staff will create the data, review and vet it. If an issue is identified, this will be relayed to the Chair to request OPP intervention if considered necessary. Officer Greaves noted this works well in other jurisdictions.

Can the information columns be refined to provide 10 kmh splits vs 20?

Can we collect additional data on driveway density data related to all our roads to include in both speed analysis and Roads Needs Study re traffic, cycling and pedestrian data?

Doug relayed information related to speed limits on CR2 in Maitland. This remains under consideration at the UCLG Council level.

Consider posting empirical based educational comments on Facebook regarding – did you know “you save 9 seconds driving at 80 km vs 60 from CR26 to McIntosh. Please respect our residents safety and use the CR26 if you are in hurry”.

Treasurer’s Report:

Ray Morrison circulated the Financial Report for Year-to-Date 2019 and fielded questions related to specific items. There were none. Mr. Morrison noted he has not received requests for sponsorship of educational/awareness presentations. At the previous meeting, Mr. Mackey enquired if MDS has been wrapped up, consider refunding the money to the contributing Townships – EC – 2500, Prescott – 2500, Augusta 3000. Ray has yet to follow up on this and report back.

At the previous meeting, PSB approved Glenn Mackey to approach the local school to set up an outing. Nothing came of this. Schools do have a breakfast program that we might contribute to. Mr. Kent supported this initiative. Glenn will speak to the principal and invite in to make a presentation to the Board.

Mr. Mackey enquired about \$700 deposit and the increase in Criminal record checks from \$25 to \$41 as reported. Officer Greaves confirmed the increase effective August 2019.

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

Other Business:

EDR at 401 and CR15. Should we request a revisit with MTO, Emergency Services meeting to discuss local EDR issues. Doug Malanka noted we should consider asking for compensation from the EDR if we can document damage due to the large vehicle traffic being on it. In addition, Mr. Mackey enquired whether signage itself is clear. Mr. Morrison will set up a meeting with the MTO and report back.

Glenn Mackey mentioned we had a complaint about excessive lighting at Dewars Inn due to Christmas lighting. This was relayed to the OPP, who spoke with the owners of Dewars Inn, who turned down the intensity of lighting. Augusta’s Public Works Manager subsequently took pictures of the site, noting lighting was significantly reduced.

Glenn Mackey noted an incident of “porch pirating” in the Township. Doug asked if we have an OPP educational material on this. Officer Greaves noted there are now safe boxes available for purchase for high users.

Is there any potential to resurrect Municipal Drug Strategy? Yes, especially given Community Safety and Wellbeing Study. Doug spoke with Jennifer Labelle about this and will continue with his peers in Prescott and Edwardsburgh-Cardinal.

Doug thanked David Kent and Glenn Mackey for their volunteer time, efforts and commitment to the safety and security of our residents.

In Camera:

Mr. Kent asked to move In Camera related to an identifiable individual.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Dave Kent and seconded by Doug Malanka that the meeting be adjourned at 12:05 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday March 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. confirmed or at the call of the Chair..

Carried

- 9. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 10-12:00.**

Chair

Ray Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer