

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Midland Police Services Board, held Wednesday, March 16th, 2011, 4:00 p.m., in the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, 527 Len Self Boulevard, Midland, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE: Chair R. McKenzie, G. MacDonald, J. Attwood, S. Kramp, K. Willis, Chief M. Osborne, Recording Secretary S. Cozac.

REGRETS: Inspector R. Wheeldon.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair McKenzie at 4:01 pm.
2. PRESENTATIONS: Nil
3. DEPUTATIONS:

Judy Contin introduced herself, advising that she is a former Council appointee to the Midland Police Services Board. She explained that she has been following some of the comments that were made at two recent Midland Police Services Board meetings, which were published in a local newspaper, and brought up again at a televised interview. The topic at issue was the overrun in the Midland Police Service's Board's 2010 Conference Expenses. She felt the articles insinuated that, as the Council Appointees for the Police Services Board in the year 2010, both she and the former Mayor, Jim Downer, were involved in some kind of wrong doings. She went on to provide her background and training during her tenure on the police services board, and the fact that this matter has discredited her reputation. She called for a formal apology/retraction to be published in the local newspaper. (Transcript of deputation on file)

A question and answer period followed.

The delegation was thanked for their deputation and excused themselves from the meeting.

Further discussion occurred resulting in the Board agreeing that the Chair will draft a statement to respond to the deputation put forth by Judy Contin.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOVED by S. Kramp to adopt the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting held Wednesday, February 15th, 2011, as presented.

SECONDED by K. Willis.

VOTE – Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING – Nil.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.

7. CORRESPONDENCE :

Board Governance Training

The Board reviewed the copy of the correspondence received from Mr. Alok Mukherjee, President, of the Ontario Association of Police Services Board and the response received from Chief Bob Herman, President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, both of which speak to their positions with regard to board governance training. – File information purposes only.

Cost of Policing in Ontario

The Board reviewed the letter received from the Municipality of Brighton, which was also fanned out to all Police Services Boards in the Province and pertains to issues surrounding the cost of policing in Ontario relating to Section 10 Police Services Boards. – File information purposes only.

Commendation Letter

Chief Osborne spoke to a letter received from a local residence, addressed to Sergeant Doug Geffros, the supervisor of Constables Chris Prout and Bryan Lachapelle, which commends the actions of both officers in responding to a report of a suspicious person recently. The Chief advised that a copy of this correspondence has been placed in the officers' permanent personnel files.

8. CHIEF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Osborne reviewed his Department Report relating to the month of February 2011 (as distributed) and spoke to some of its highlights.

He noted that there has been an increase in Criminal Code and Highway Traffic Act charges, which is likely as a result of the proactive stance being taken by our police officers, as well as the fact of being almost up to full compliment. Once the two newest constables return from Police College at the end of March, we will be at full compliment.

He also spoke to the increase in motor vehicles collisions, citing one possible reason as perhaps being weather related. He then spoke to the steps that are taken to reduce the impact, i.e. target enforcement, media releases, partnering with the Safe Communities Traffic Committee, and working closely with Public Works.

(Chief's Department Report for February 2011 Attached)

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasury Report – 2011 to Date

Chief Osborne advised that although it's early in the year, the 2011 budget to date appears to be on track with no areas of concern. He also noted that the "variance" column in the treasury report has been removed, as it did not accurately reflect the year to date spending.

Cheque Register

MOVED by G. MacDonald that the Cheque Register for the month of February 2011, be approved as distributed.

SECONDED by J. Attwood.

VOTE – Carried.

Remuneration

An error in the Remuneration Report was noted, in that S. Kramp was in attendance at the "Special" meeting that was held on February 22nd, 2011, but it was omitted from the Report.

MOVED by G. MacDonald that the Remuneration Report for the Midland Police Services Board for the month of February 2011, be approved as amended.

R. MCKENZIE	\$ 500.00
G. MACDONALD	\$ 600.00
J. ATTWOOD	\$ 00.00
S. KRAMP	\$ 200.00
K. WILLIS	\$ 300.00
	\$ 1,600.00

SECONDED by J. Attwood.

VOTE – Carried.

National Bank of Canada Police Accounts:

National Bank of Canada Police Property Account: (Report Distributed)

At the meeting held on February 15th, 2011, the previous balance reported, reconciled to December 31st, 2011, was \$10,813.22. He then detailed the transactions since the previous report, and as such the current balance reconciled to February 28th, 2011 is \$10,818.22.

National Bank of Canada Police Auction Account: (Report Distributed)

At the meeting held on February 15th, 2011, the previous balance reported, reconciled to January 31st, 2011, was \$2,970.47. There were no transactions since the previous report leaving the balance static at \$2,970.47.

MOVED by G. MacDonald that the Police Property and Police Auction Reports for the Midland Police Services Board for the month of February 2011, be approved as presented.

SECONDED by J. Attwood.

VOTE – Carried.

10. MIDLAND POLICE ASSOCIATION ADDRESS THE BOARD:

There were no members of the Midland Police Association Executive in attendance at this meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Recruitment Equity Hirings

Further to the previous discussions on Recruitment Equity Hirings, Chair McKenzie reported that K. Willis has agreed to form the Board's Ad Hoc Committee to look at issues of equity and barriers to marginalize hires with a proactive approach.

Inspector Wheeldon will assist K. Willis to acquire benchmarks from similar size police services.

OAPSB Zone 3 Meeting

Chair McKenzie, J. Attwood and K. Willis indicated they would be attending the OAPSB Zone 3 meeting being held in Rama on March 23rd, 2011.

Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival

S. Kramp advised that the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival, being held on Saturday, April 16th, is holding a "log sawing" contest of which he and Chief Osborne are forming part of the Midland team. He invited participation from all Board members. G. MacDonald indicated that he would be joining in as well.

2012 Budget Presentation to Council Schedule

The Board is scheduled to present the 2012 Capital Budget on Thursday, September 15th, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., and the 2012 Operating Budget on Thursday, September 29th, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers.

12. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

The date for the next meeting is Wednesday, April 20th, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN to the In-Camera Session made by K. Willis.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob McKenzie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rob McKenzie
Chair

April 20th, 2011