

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Midland Police Services Board, held Wednesday, December 15th, 2010, 4:00 p.m., in the Midland Police Station Boardroom, 250 Second Street, Midland, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman R. McKenzie, Deputy Mayor S. Kramp, G. MacDonald, J. Attwood, K. Willis, Inspector R. Wheeldon, Recording Secretary S. Cozac.

REGRETS: Chief M. Osborne.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairman McKenzie at 4:00 pm.

Swearing in of Board Members:

Ted Walker, Town of Midland CAO, conducted the swearing-in ceremony (Oath of Office and Oath of Secrecy) for the new Midland Police Services Board Members: Rob McKenzie, Community Member; Kathy Willis, Provincial Appointee; Jim Attwood, Council Appointee; Stephan Kramp, Council Appointee. The ceremony was followed by a photo opportunity with the media and welcomes were extended.

2. PRESENTATIONS – Nil.

3. DEPUTATIONS – Nil.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOVED by G. MacDonald to adopt the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting held Wednesday, November 17th, 2010, as presented.

SECONDED by J. Attwood.

VOTE – Carried.

MOVED by G. MacDonald to adopt the minutes of the “Special” Meeting held Wednesday, November 26th, 2010, as presented.

SECONDED by J. Attwood.

VOTE – Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING:

For the benefit of the new members on the Board, Chairman McKenzie verbally reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and discussions followed on the various topics.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Order in Council – Kathy Willis

The Order In Council from Jim Bradley, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, was received and appoints Kathy Willis as the new Provincial Appointee to the Midland Police Services Board, replacing James Attwood's Provincial Appointment to the Board. – File.

Request for Financial Support for OAPSB Conference

The Board reviewed the request from the Niagara Police Services Board who are hosting the OAPSB Annual Conference and are requesting a financial donation to support the many ancillary costs involved in hosting such an event, that are not covered by the registration fees. Following a discussion, the Board agreed to provide a donation.

MOVED by G. MacDonald that the Midland Police Services Board donate \$500 to the Niagara Police Services Board to assist with the cost of hosting the 2011 Annual Ontario Association of Police Services Board Conference.

SECONDED by S. Kramp.

VOTE – Carried.

PAO Annual Police Labour Conference

The Board reviewed the notification of 20th Annual Police Association of Ontario Labour Conference being held on February 28 to March 1, 2011, in Mississauga. It was agreed that attendance by the Board will be determined at a later date.

8. CHIEF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

During the month of November 2010, the Midland Police generated 602 incidents reports in response to community needs. This is up from 576 incidents during the same time period in 2009. Incident reports generated to date for 2010 stand at 7206 as compared to 7407 for 2009.

| <u>November 2010</u> | <u>Monthly</u> | | | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------|------|---------------------|------|------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Criminal Code | 48 | 66 | 128 | 908 | 1014 | 1035 |
| Highway Traffic Act | 103 | 241 | 101 | 1830 | 1754 | 1897 |
| Liquor Licence Act | 10 | 6 | 6 | 225 | 121 | 157 |
| Misc Provincial Statutes | 10 | 1 | 2 | 102 | 28 | 26 |
| Municipal By-Law | 3 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 10 | 34 |
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| November 2010 | | | | 2010 | 2009 | |
| Theft Under \$5,000 | | | | 37 | 50 | |
| Theft Over \$5,000 | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| Mischief | | | | 22 | 17 | |

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| Break and Enter | 5 | 12 |
| Fraud | 8 | 9 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 |
| Assault | 8 | 13 |
| Assault (weapon / bodily harm) | 0 | 0 |
| Sexual Assault | 0 | 3 |
| Criminal Harassment / Threats | 3/8 | 2/5 |
| Motor Vehicle Collisions | 40 | 34 |
| Theft of Vehicle constitutes four Theft over \$5,000 | | |

CRIMINAL OFFENCES:

Theft Under \$5,000:

There were (37) thefts reported to the Midland Police Service in the month of November, compared to (50) during the same month last year. In the month of October there were (49) thefts with approximately 50% being theft from vehicles. A media release was broadcast in the month of November, asking residents to ensure they keep their vehicles locked. Officers were also directed to increase their presence in subdivisions during night shift. There is a clear reduction in thefts in the month of November. Of the (37) thefts reported, (6) were cleared through investigation and (1) was determined to be unfounded.

Mischief:

The total number of mischief calls are up from this time last year. Of the (22) mischief incidents reported to the Service, by comparison (17) were reported the same time last year. Of the (22) reported mischiefs, the Service was able to clear (9) through investigation.

Break and Enter:

Break and enters are down compared to this time last year. A total of (5) break and enters were reported to the Service in November, (1) was determined to be unfounded and (1) was cleared. (12) break and enters were reported this time last year.

Assault:

Assault calls are down over last year at this time (8), compared to (13) this time last year. Of the (8) assault calls that were reported, (6) were cleared through investigation, (1) was determined to be unfounded and (1) is a continuing investigation.

Criminal Harassment/Threats:

A total of (3) harassment cases were reported to the Midland Police Service during the month of November. The Service cleared all (3) cases through investigation.

A total of (8) threatening cases were reported to the Midland Police Service during the month of November. The Service cleared (7) of the cases and determined (1) to be unfounded through investigation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

In November, PC Young completed the first two classes of “Values Influences and Peers” for 2010. These two classes will graduate in mid December. Two other schools are entering the review stages of the program and the last two elementary schools have signed on for the program to be taught after Christmas. As of this writing, 103 students are enrolled with an estimated 50-60 students to be taught in 2011.

PC Young also attended and took part in the “Race Against Drugs” Conference for Grade 5 students. This was held at the North Simcoe Recreation Centre with about 550 students attending over the two days. Dave ran the “Wreck Your Life Pit Stop” with Constable Mike Sibley.

He attended both area high schools for a day each, and taught the “Truth or Consequences” Drug Conferences for Grade 9 students. Students discussed with Police, eleven different topics surrounding alcohol, drugs and other substance abuse, civil/ criminal liability, and the consequences of drinking and driving.

Last month, PC Young attended a seat belt training clinic, and this month after completing several installations has become a certified installer. Now, as seat belt clinics are arranged by the Simcoe Muskoka District Public Health Unit, Dave can attend and assist using his new skills.

November 7-13, 2010 was “Crime Prevention Week” in Canada. The theme was “Connecting to Kids Today, Preventing Crime Tomorrow”. On November 4-6, 2010 PC Young attended a conference in Niagara Falls to learn about this national campaign. Upon his return he ran a display in Mountainview Mall and spoke at length to the public on Policing as a Career, The Youth Criminal Justice Act, Drug Use, Personal Safety and a variety of other topics.

Two lucky winners received a Midland Police Service golf shirt for completing a ballot. PC Young also gave many Station tours and had different front line officers speak to interested youth around the duties of a Police Officer.

Midland Police Service was proud to have PC Young added to the Crime Stoppers Gala event as a member of the colour party. A dinner was held and funds were raised for that vital organization. The following day, Dave drove to Innisfil with Inspector Wheeldon and was on hand for the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Festive R.I.D.E. Launch.

PC Young kept up his foot patrol initiative on King Street and attended several civic committee meetings.

RIDE/Foot Patrol:

During the months of November 2010, Midland officers conducted a total of (54) hours of RIDE.

In addition, a total of (109) hours of foot patrol were conducted in our high visibility locations, including the downtown area, rotary trail, NSSRC and others.

INCIDENTS OF INTEREST: (Summary of November Incidents)

Domestic Assault

On Monday November 1st 2010, the Midland Police Service received a telephone call regarding a female that had been assaulted by her common law spouse. Police attended but the suspect had fled. On November 2nd 2010 the suspect attended the Midland Police Station where he was arrested, charged with Assault and Breach of Probation, and was held for a bail hearing in Barrie Court House on Wednesday, November 3rd 2010. Investigation revealed that the suspect was also on probation.

Lengthy Investigation Leads to Theft & Fraud Charges

In July of 2008, the Midland Police Service was requested to commence an investigation into allegations involving the theft of corporate funds from a Midland business.

Investigation revealed that over a period of years an employee, working within the head office accounting department, had diverted corporate funds for personal use.

On October 19, 2010, the employee was arrested and charged with Fraud Over \$5,000 and Theft Over \$5,000. It is alleged that several hundred thousand dollars was stolen by the employee. She is scheduled to appear in Midland Provincial Court on December 9, 2010.

Use of Cell Phones while Driving

The Midland Police Service would like to remind the public that the use of a cellular telephone while driving is prohibited by law. The Midland Police have laid a total of (13) charges related to the new legislation under section 78.1(1) of the Highway Traffic Act.

“These are just the violations officers are seeing on patrol in a marked Police vehicle. Most people identify the marked vehicle well in advance and are able to conceal their phones until the patrol vehicle passes by. This poses a real safety concern because the drivers are dividing their attention between operating their vehicle and carrying on a conversation. That division of attention could be the difference between keeping proper control of your vehicle and preventing a tragedy or being involved in a tragedy that could affect the lives of many....”

The charge carries a \$155 fine including court costs and victim fine surcharge.

Theft of Wallet

On Thursday, November 4th, 2010, a shopper at a local store had left her purse which contained her wallet, unattended while she was looking at some product. As she looked back, she saw a male running away with her wallet. She called out for help and two other male shoppers came running to help by chasing the male. Also involved in the foot pursuit was an off duty OPP Officer.

The male was captured and was returned to the store where Midland Police were called. The wallet was returned to the owner. The male was charged with Theft Under \$5,000 and Possession of Stolen Property Under \$5,000.

Domestic Assault

On Sunday, November 7th, 2010 Midland police were called to a residence in Midland. There was a disturbance at the residence called in by a female. Police learned that the male was asking about some firearms that he had. The situation escalated and the female tried to get away from the male a number of times, but he kept pushing her back into a room. Eventually the female got out of the room and ran downstairs to call 911.

The man was arrested for assault and forcible confinement. He has been held pending the outcome of a bail hearing.

Shoplifting

On November 17th 2010, the MPS received a telephone call from security at a local store in Midland regarding a shoplifter. Police attended and were advised of a female who had selected a number of items and removed those items from the packaging and placed them in her purse. She proceeded to change the pricing of several items as well. Security arrested the accused prior to her leaving the property. Police attended and charged the accused with Theft Under \$5,000, Possession Under \$5,000 and Fraud Under \$5,000, and released her on an appearance notice.

Robbery

On the 23 September 2010, at approximately 2:39 pm, a male party entered the CIBC Bank located at 274 King Street, in the Town of Midland. The lone male was armed with a large knife and demanded money from two Customer Service Representatives. After receiving an undisclosed amount of money, the suspect fled on foot southbound on King Street.

Through investigation and with the assistance of the public, police identified the culprit. On the 17 November 2010, members of the Midland Police Criminal Investigations Branch, along with members of the Orillia OPP Street Crime Unit located and arrested the male party for robbery.

The male was transported to the Midland Police Service and has been charged with Robbery with Violence, Weapons Dangerous and Carrying a Concealed Weapon. The male was held in custody pending the outcome of a bail hearing.

A Naughty Person now Off Santa's List

On Saturday, 27 November 2010, at about 11:00 a.m. a man walked into The Beer Store located in Midland, Ontario.

He brought some cases of empties in, and when he arrived at the counter, the staff was in the back, out of eyesight from the front. The man opened his jacket and picked up a plastic coin box with the Rock 95 logo on it. The Beer Store is collecting funds on behalf of the Rock 95 Toy Drive for Christmas.

The man was observed adjusting the box before the employees emerged from the back. The man presented his empties, received his cash for the empties and left the store. All this was captured on video. Police observed the video and later saw the man in the downtown of Midland, and charged him with Theft Under \$5,000.

Brothers Arrested

On Monday, November 29, 2010, at approximately 11:25 a.m., the Police attended a residence located on the Westside of Town in reference to a disturbance/family dispute involving two brothers, one eighteen and one fifteen years of age. According to the complainant a dispute between them turned violent and they fought for nearly two hours.

Officers entered the apartment and found that a shelving unit and furniture had been strewn about and a plastic shelving unit had been damaged. The mother told the attending officers that it had been damaged during the fight. It was also learned that one of the boys was on probation with a condition to attend school - which he was not.

Both were arrested and charged for the mischief to their mother's property. One of the boys was also charged for breaching his probation order. Upon arrest, one of the boys was found to be in possession of 0.8 grams of marijuana and was subsequently charged with CDSA 4(1) as well.

Both were released on a Promise To Appear and Officer in Charge Undertaking.

Mischief

On 30 November 2010 at 8:00 p.m., Midland Police received a call from a female who advised that a known male had kicked in the door of her residence located on the eastside of Town.

When Police arrived on scene they found an intoxicated male, who is known to Police, seated on a bench inside of the porch of the residence. The bottom two hinges of the door were broken off the frame of the door and complainant was crying.

Police spoke with the female who advised that the male does stay at her place from time to time but he does not have a key. The female went on to say that she normally only lets him stay if he is sober.

The male was arrested and brought to the Police Station and charged with Mischief and Breach of Probation.

Midland Police Officer Retires After 33 Years of Service

Sergeant Tim Vaillancourt of the Midland Police Service has decided to retire after 33 years of Policing service to the communities of Penetanguishene and Midland.

Sergeant Vaillancourt started his career with the Penetanguishene Police Service in 1978 where he worked on the front line as a Police Constable serving the citizens of Penetanguishene.

He joined the Midland Police Service in 1990. He has served the community in many capacities. He was a front line officer, a canine handler, and a firearms instructor for the Service. In September of 1996, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Throughout his career with the Midland Police Service, Tim Vaillancourt has loyally served the citizens of Midland.

Sergeant Vaillancourt's last day of service was December 13th, 2010.

Members of the community were invited to attend the Station on December 11th, 2010, to wish him well on his last scheduled dayshift.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasury Report – 2010 to Date

A question arose with regard to the tagging of the formula applied to the variances in the year to date report. This item was deferred to Chief Osborne for clarification at the next regular meeting.

Overages in the Board's portion of the 2010 to date budget were reviewed and discussed. Areas of note were Legal Fees and Conference Expenses.

S. Kramp questioned the Board's policy on conferences and how many members have attended conferences in 2010. Chairman McKenzie advised that he did not have the information in front of him, however, he suggested they meet following this meeting at which time he could provide him with accurate information.

Cheque Register

MOTION made by G. MacDonald that the Cheque Register for the month of November 2010, be approved as distributed.

SECONDED by J. Attwood.

VOTE – Carried.

Remuneration

MOTION made by G. MacDonald that the Remuneration Report for the Midland Police Services Board for the month of November 2010, be approved as presented.

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| R. MCKENZIE | \$ 500.00 |
| J. CONTIN | \$ 400.00 |
| J. ATTWOOD | \$ 00.00 |
| J. DOWNER | \$ 200.00 |
| G. MACDONALD | <u>\$ 200.00</u> |
| | \$ 1,300.00 |

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 November 17th, 2010, the previous balance reported, reconciled to September 30th, 2010, was \$10,835.72. One transaction occurred since then with the current balance reconciled to October 31st, 2010 being \$10,828.22.

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

At the meeting held on November 15th, 2010, the previous balance reported, reconciled to September 30th, 2010, was \$3,170.36. One transaction occurred since then with the current balance reconciled to October 31st, 2010 being \$3,171.12.

10. MIDLAND POLICE SERVICES BOARD 2010-2012 STRATEGIC PLAN:

The Midland Police Services Board 2010-2012 Community Based Strategic Plan was disseminated to the Board for their review.

11. MIDLAND POLICE ASSOCIATION ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Doug Geffros, President of the Midland Police Association, was in attendance at this meeting and introduced himself to the new Board members. He advised that the some members of the Service are participating in “Cops for Cancer” on February 5th, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, and hopes the Board members can make it out to support the cause. He also spoke to the success of the “Battle of the Badges”, a competition that was held between local emergency services to see which Service could raise the most food to donate to persons in need over the holiday season.

12. NEW BUSINESS – Nil.

13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

The date for the next meeting is Wednesday, January 19th, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:05 p.m.



Rob McKenzie
Chairman

January 19th, 2011