

M I N U T E S
CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
(REGULAR)

Wallaceburg Service Centre
Wallaceburg, Ontario

Tues. September 29, 2009
Time: 6:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

Motion

Mr. Uly Bondy, Chair
Mrs. Pat Belanger, Vice Chair
Mayor Randy Hope
Councillor Bryon Fluker
Mr. Reg Farquharson
Chief Dennis Poole
Deputy Chief Clare Wiersma
Mr. Gary Weir, Administrative Asst.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared

3. **Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2009**

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

“MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2009.”

Carried.

4. **Reports from Chief Poole:**

4.1 **2008 Annual Report**

Chief Poole advised that the 2008 Annual Report was prepared on behalf of former Chief Carl Herder. He said that an annual report is a requirement under the Police Services Act.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Councillor Fluker

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT.”

#955

Carried.

4.2 **Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games Security**

This is an information report to the Board of the deployment of members of our Service to assist during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games Security.

The games are being held February 12 to 28.

Our Service has committed five officers, one Sergeant and four constables to the Olympic Games Security Detail.

During this time the Chief assured that there will be sufficient officers here in Chatham-Kent to meet operational needs. The public can be insured that our level of service will not be affected.

The Federal Government through the RCMP will be paying all costs including salaries, meals, travel, accommodations and all expenses.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Councillor Fluker,

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT.”

#956

Carried.

The names of the officers deployed will not be released until their return due to security reasons. The Chief advised that when the mission is complete a report will be brought back to the Board and the officers will then be identified.

4.3 Part-time Hire – Com Centre

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

“MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF ECO PAUL LEFABVRE TO THE POSITION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR (PART TIME POSITION) EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 28, 2009, AT LEVEL 1, GRADE 7B.”

#957

Carried

4.4 Reclassification

Moved by Councillor Fluker and seconded by Mrs. Belanger,

“MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ANDREW JACONELLI TO FIRST CLASS CST. EFFECTIVE AUGUST 24, 2009.”

#958

Carried.

A letter of congratulations to be sent to Cst. Andrew Jaconelli.

5. Reports from Deputy Chief Wiersma:

5.1 Police Website

Deputy Chief Wiersma advised that the Public Information Officer position was established the first of the year. In addition to improving our relationship with the media and providing information to them and the public, one of his tasks was to develop a new website. He introduced Constable Pearce to provide details on the launch of this new website.

Constable Pearce advised that he would not be showing the website publically today as the website is 95% complete and will be officially launched October 5th.

He did verbally provide an overview of what is to be expected from the website.

He also advised that we now have a mascot which is a cartoon style white horse. A contest to name the mascot will be held and will include children through the ages of 6 to 12.

The media/public launch will be held in the Council Chambers on Mon. October 5th probably at 11:00 A. M.

Moved by Mrs. Belanger and seconded by Mayor Hope

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT.”

#959

Carried.

6. Acknowledgment letters

Moved by Councillor Fluker

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE LETTERS OF
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.”**

#960

Carried.

**7. Correspondence from the Ministry of Community Safety and
Correctional Services re: the assignment of Duane Sprague to assume
full responsibility for Zone 6 until March 31, 2010.**

This correspondence is for the Board’s information. Mr. Sprague is expected to attend the Zone 6 Meeting in March.

Moved by Councillor Fluker and seconded by Mr. Farquharson

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE CORRESPONDENCE.”

#9561

Carried.

8. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre at 10:15 A. M. on November 10, 2009.

9. **Non-Agenda Items**

9.1 90 km speed zone

Councillor Fluker inquired about the 90 km zone established in Chatham-Kent. He mentioned that Council had received two letters from individuals a few months ago expressing concern. He said that when this was first discussed it was decided to try this for a year before extending it to other roads.

Chief Poole advised that from the Police perspective this does not seem to be an issue.

9.2 Elderly Drivers

Mrs. Belanger inquired into more people 80 plus being charged with traffic offences due to accidents.

Chief Poole commented that our community is inhabited by a number of seniors. Our population age in Chatham-Kent is slightly higher than the provincial average. Why more accidents have happened in the last few months is not known, indeed there have been a number of accidents involving elderly citizens, and in addition to this in the last month or so there have been a number of letters which have been sent to the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the potential re-examination of citizens who have had interactions with Police Officers on the street with respect to their driving or their ability to drive. It has been an issue for the department.

If a family feels there is potential danger by their family member driving they will write to the MTO to indicate that their parent is incapable of driving. If the police are notified of a potential incompetent driver, the Chief will write to MTO to investigate.

9.3 Cell Phones

Chair Bondy advised that he saw on T.V. that on October 1 it will be against the law to use cell phones while driving. Chief Poole advised that nothing official has been received as yet, believed to be effective later in October.

The Police will be exempt from this legislation.

10. **Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Hope,

“MOTION TO ADJOURN.”

Carried.

Uly Bondy, Chair
Chatham-Kent Police Services Board