



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Police Advisory Board Meeting
June 15, 2015 4:00p.m.
Sanford Council Chambers

Present:	J. Daniels	Chair
	C. Osborne	CAO
	V. Swinamer	Councillor
	L. Zinck	Provincial Representative
	G. Pineo	Citizen Representative
	R. Meehan	Citizen Representative
	D. Chubbs	RCMP

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Daniels.

1. Oath of Offices

Councillor Victor Swinamer and Raymond Meehan read and signed the Oath of Offices.

CAO Osborne declared that both were officially sworn in and the documents would be confirmed with the Commissioner of Oath and she advised they could now participate in the meeting.

2. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

CAO Osborne indicated with the resignation of Councillor Michael Campbell who was the chair of this board a new chair and vice chair is required to be elected.

CAO Osborne called for nominations for chair.

MOVED and SECONDED that Councillor Jennifer Daniels be nominated as chair.

Nominations ceased for the position of chair and Jennifer Daniels was acclaimed as chair.

Nominations were called for vice chair.

MOVED and SECONDED that Raymond Meehan be nominated as vice chair.

Nominations ceased for the position of vice chair and Raymond Meehan was acclaimed as vice chair.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 17 & March 17, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of February 17, 2015 and March 17, 2015 be approved noting any errors or omissions.

Motion Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

5. Update RCMP

D. Chubbs reported the policing activities since January to March 2015. He noted the statistics from last year to this year remains equivalent. He suggested there are a few minor discrepancies' such as Actual Crime/Provincial Activities which has increased from the previous year. He confirmed that traffic related incidents had a slight increase in this reporting period. He reported Other Criminal Code stats are decreased from last year at this time period. He indicated Crimes Against the Person have increased from last year. He reported the Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision to date are at two versus last year there was one during this timeframe. He advised there is an increase under Injury Motor Vehicle Collisions as well as for Property Damage Vehicle Collision, noting a portion is due to the severe weather encountered late in the season.

CAO Osborne asked what Actual Criminal/Provincial Activities include. D. Chubbs confirmed it would include liquor enforcement, or any provincial act which generate occurrences and would be recorded in that category.

He reported a Safety Officer was elected for the seniors groups. And referred to a letter that was distributed which provides praise and grateful feedback concerning the Hants County Senior's Safety Coordinator program. He mentioned the Safety Officer has been very active and formed numerous community partnerships. He noted that the Safety Officer is also involved with the 211 directory which is directed towards elder abuse and to date has two referrals through the program. He felt it was a very effective program and the safety officer is doing a very good job coordinating. CAO Osborne asked if the other two units contributed funding for the two year pilot for the Senior's Safety program. D. Chubbs confirmed the two units had commitment financially.

He noted that Hantsport attended a Town Hall meeting last week where there was discussion over a community watched program as well as the senior's safety program. He indicated there was not a good turnout for the meeting and it was suggested that a meeting be arranged in West Hants in the future. He added there was also interest in dealing with cyber-crime especially with the youth. He confirmed they intend to provide training in the schools and provide lectures on cyber bullying.

He reported that Staff Sergeant Dan Austin has officially transferred and he is temporarily filling the responsibilities of the detachment. He noted the replacement has been named and they are hoping for a short turn around.

He confirmed that Staff Dan Austin secured funding from the district to purchase another bicycle which will be used primarily in the county. He explained there are now three mountain bikes for their patrols. He suggested it is a very worthwhile venture as they can be utilized at community events or significant policing events. He felt it was a good way for the members to meet people in the community. He noted they have dedicated two bikes to the event on July 1st in Hantsport. He added that training will be provided to five members for this patrol.

He reported on Mud Hero which is a two day event in July adding that the promotor does a very good job organizing and explained there will be dedicated policing resources. He confirmed they need to bring in extra police resources for this event to be posted at Martock. G. Pineo suggested there have been issues in the past with traffic and asked if this had been considered. D. Chubbs confirmed the issue has been discussed and the promoter agreed to advertise the different exits to take to get to the event to try and prevent congestion of traffic in certain areas.

CAO Osborne asked D. Chubbs to check on complaints in regards to camping on the side of the road and ramps that could be hazardous. D. Chubbs agreed to investigate the matter further.

There was a brief discussion on community meetings and how to engage the public in order to address any concerns they may have for the police. Chair Daniels asked if consideration was given to have the COP groups to participate in these events as well. D. Chubbs agreed that this would be very beneficial and may help recruit new volunteers. It was agreed that community meetings could be worked on in the fall. The board agreed to have a meeting in September and set a date and the Municipality could provide support to promote the event.

CAO Osborne requested that the RCMP provide the board with a comparative of statistics from the year prior to see the impact. D. Chubbs agreed to provide this information in a chart or graph form to present to the board in order to reflect the

trends. He explained they are seeing trends in mental health issues and drug trafficking trade which is starting to set up shop in the area.

Chair Daniels asked what is being done to deal with mental health issues for the policing services. D. Chubbs indicated that he is sitting on a committee which consists of representatives from Capital Health, Hants Community Hospital, and EHS to discuss who they reach out to for assistance for mental health cases. He suggested that a lot of their time is being taken to deal with these issues.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. New Business

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.