

Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board Meeting Minutes

City Hall, Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
October 29, 2024
1:00 p.m.

Present:

Ron Gervais, Mayor
Dezai Bair-Patel
Patricia Lafreniere, Councillor
Christine Reavie
Michael St.Jean

Also Present:

Inspector Stephan Neufeld, OPP, (entered meeting at 1:20 p.m.)
Acting Staff Sergeant Mary, OPP
Victoria Charbonneau, Recording Secretary

1. Land Acknowledgment

2. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Michael St.Jean

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the agenda of the Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board meeting of October 29, 2024, be approved.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

- July 17, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Dez Bair-Patel

Seconded by Christine Reavie

That the minutes of the Pembroke Police Services Board meeting of July 17, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. OPP Report

a. OPP Detachment Commander's Update

- Quarterly Report (July - September 2024)

Presented by Inspector Neufeld

The presentation and discussion included the following highlights:

- It was noted that the report is in a new format. It was clarified that the report and statistics are specific to Pembroke.
- Overall, this quarter 7.8% in violent crime trending 12% year to date (YTD) in violent crime
- Property crime 20% decrease this quarter YTD trending downwards at 6%
- Drug crime this quarter saw a decrease of 60% quarter YTD slight increase of 12%
- Motor vehicle collisions 47% overall YTD decrease of 17%
- Overdose statistics YTD slightly below 2023 with 38 occurrences in 2024 vs 27 occurrences in 2023
- There is a Victim Services Specialist now in house at the detachment. This position has proven invaluable along with having regular Victim Services office hours to connect victims to appropriate resources.

New Business

a. Fortification By-law – Director Sauriol (Planning, Building and By-law Enforcement)

The report was reviewed and discussion included the following highlights:

- The OPP were consulted in the drafting of the by-law
- The potential challenge of video surveillance cameras on private property and adjacent property owner's privacy. It was stated that should there be a dispute it would likely follow the complaint process.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Michael St.Jean

That the by-law regarding the Fortification of Land be presented to the Planning and Development Committee of Council at its meeting of November 5, 2024 for their direction, as presented.

Carried

b. Automated Speed Enforcement – Clerk Charbonneau

The presentation and discussion included the following highlights:

- Questions were raised around the tolerance of ASE (e.g. 1 km over 10 km over) are we able to set the threshold
- Public perception of installation of this equipment
- In experience of the OPP, the cameras do work as a deterrent, however they should be placed in strategic locations with the objective of community safety

- That the Board and Council consult with public and or review data to identify areas of concern for public safety and place cameras in those locations that are deemed of concern
- Review of reports from speed signs and speed cameras (threshold is 1 km over speed limit)
- Critical to determine where ASE equipment is placed in areas of public safety concern only.
- Balancing the perception of a money grab and the objective of increasing public safety
- Playgrounds are currently not in the by-law as community safety zones. In order to include them on the ASE program they would have to be named in the by-law and determination of shifting traffic to other routes would need to be considered. It was stated that there are other measures than ASE to mitigate speeding
- Are the school zones in force 12 months out of the year when school is not in ? is the limit able to do this?
- Question arose that strategic installation of ASE equipment could free up OPP resources
- If ASE program is entered into, does the city have the ability to dictate where these go and what the threshold with different locations for different reasons

Motion:

Moved by Dez Bair-Patel

Seconded by Christine Reavie

That the Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board endorse and recommend to Council, that the City of Pembroke pursue entering agreement with the County of Renfrew for Automated Speed Enforcement on City of Pembroke Roads that meet the Ontario Provincial Government criteria using the Local Authority Services (LAS) provide solution.

Carried

- c. Board Insurance Update
Presented by Clerk Charbonneau
Clerk Charbonneau presented the report.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Christine Reavie

That the Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board endorse staff to enter into an insurance agreement with Intact Insurance

- d. Community Watch Zone Addition – William Street
Clerk Charbonneau presented the report. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:
The presentation and discussion included the following highlights:

- boundaries for this new proposed block of the Pembroke Community Watch are best described as William Street starting from Supple Street to Herbert Street
- area was canvassed by community volunteers for interest and responses received from residents was positive.
- endorsing the initiative will see some community watch signage placed within the new zone.

Motion:

Moved by Michael St.Jean

Seconded by Dez Bair-Patel

That the Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board approve a new Community Watch Zone with boundaries including William Street starting from Supple Street to Herbert Street

- e. OPP Billing Statement
Presented by Inspector Neufeld, OPP

The report was presented for information.

Traffic Enforcement – Elgin Street
Presented by Councillor Lafreniere

The presentation and discussion included the following highlights:

- There was a speed limit sign went missing from the Elgin Street playground
- Concerns over the new playground and increased pedestrian traffic in the area and discussions have been had over the anticipated further increase from new subdivision in the area and how it will grow. There are a number of mitigating factors that will help control this

- f. Notice of Motion – Illegal and Toxic Drug Enforcement Measures
Presented by Mayor Gervais

The presentation and discussion included the following highlights:

- Highlighted that the notice of motion will be coming to the November 5th Council meeting and has not been debated
- Committee agreed to wait for the topic to be brought to Council for discussion and decision.

9. Correspondence

- Email – Zone 2 Meeting (September 2024)

The Chair reviewed the email with the board for information.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2025. When a date is solidified, it will be posted on the City of Pembroke website.

11. Motion to Adjourn**Motion:**

Moved by Dez Bair-Patel

Seconded by Christine Reavie

That the October 29, 2024, Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board meeting adjourn at 2:44 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary