

Pembroke Police Services Board Meeting

City Hall, Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
July 28, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Present:

Ron Gervais, Chair
Pauline Edmonds
Malcolm Montgomery
Michael St Jean

Regrets:

Christine Reavie

Also Present:

Inspector Stephan Neufeld, OPP
Heidi Martin, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Michael St. Jean

Seconded by Malcolm Montgomery

That the agenda of the Pembroke Police Services Board meeting of July 28, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Minutes

- Receive minutes of May 18, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Malcolm Montgomery

Seconded by Michael St. Jean

That the minutes of the Pembroke Police Services Board meeting of May 18, 2022, be received as circulated.

Carried

4. Presentation

- Fire Team K-9's Headquarters Presentation

Jeff Hinch, Director of Operations & Service Dog Coordinator and Kat Forder, Director of Marketing and two therapy dogs with Fire Team K-9's Headquarters located on Boundary Road in Pembroke, were present to provide the Board with an overview of their services. The presenters offered the use of a therapy dog who would be owned by K-9's Headquarters but would work and stay with one handler (guardian) to assist in the

detachment after significant incidents, those needing support during interviews and therapy sessions, etc. The dogs would have approximately two years of training prior to being placed in the detachment. As K-9's Headquarters partner with Wounded Soldiers there would be no cost for obtaining, training, or raising the dog however there would need to be a small operating budget for food, grooming, and vet care. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- The therapy dog senses those who require support
- The therapy dog is for the whole detachment but would stay with one handler
- Dogs come from reputable breeders and the following breeds used due to their good temperament, high drive, and trainability: Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherds, Doodles
- K-9 Headquarters' provide 6 million liability insurance
- Working life of a dog is approximately 8 years, following the 8 years, testing is completed yearly to ensure the dog is still able to work

The Chair thanked the representatives from the Fire Team K-9's Headquarters for their interesting presentation.

5. Reports

a. OPP Detachment Commander's Update

- Quarterly Report (April - June 2022)

Inspector Neufeld provided an update indicating that

- Overall year to date statistics is trending in the right direction,
- Slight decrease in violent crimes, incidents being reported in the senior facility (resident to resident/, resident to staff) are being reported as a sex assault which form a bulk of the calls for this service
- Due to the success of the Street Crime Unit, there has been a significant decrease in the break and enters
- There has been an increase in drive-offs of gasoline, The detachment has encouraged gasoline suppliers to put pay in advance or pay at the pump policies in place
- A significant increase in shop lifting probably due to the high cost of food
- Mischiefs have increased year to date
- Bail violations as we are slowly increasing as compared to 2021 when the courts were still closed due to COVID
- mental health calls still very much cause calls for service that engage police
- additional mental health team in partnership with Community Mental Health is available now to cover 7 days/week for day and evening shifts
- Noise complaints remain high
- Unwanted persons has seen a significant spike
- Motor vehicle collisions remain stable. The Collision Reporting Centre is going well
- There has been a significant increase in the traffic statistics (speeding, seatbelts and impaired driving)
- A meeting was held with the PBIA in May regarding CAMSafe, and discussions regarding community policing
- Foot patrol during Pride Events received positive feedback especially due to the police visibility and those present were engaged and supportive

- Over the Canada Day Long Weekend both highway and water patrols were conducted
- Safe on 17 was a one-day blitz targeting aggressive driving on highway 17
- The July 5th bank robbery in the City of Pembroke is still under investigation
- On July 18th, the Smith Fall's Communications Centre officially closed its doors. Dispatching since the spring of 2022 has been conducted from North Bay
- In-car and body worn cameras program is underway, Cruisers are now all equipped and body work cameras are slowly being rolled out across the region
- Aboriginal and Friendship Centre at the Pembroke Mall is open and OPP representatives met with their staff
- Upcoming events
 - annual Kids and Cops Fishing Derby being held on August 13th – 9 a.m. to 12:00.
 - Civic Long weekend is the traditionally the most dangerous weekend of the year,
 - Operation Decibel will be held during the 3rd week of August where illegal and improper mufflers will be targeted
 - Beginning on September 1st, school bus and school zone enforcement will be taking place.

6. Old Business

a. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update

The Chair provided a verbal update indicating that he was communicating with the consultant and the steering committee has narrowed down the risk factors and continuing to move forward. The group is close to being finished however that does not mean it is finished as the plan has to be constantly updated.

7. New Business

a. Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Zone

The Chair indicated that the Neighbourhood Watch Program has asked that the Pembroke Waterfront Park be recognized as a neighbourhood watch zone. He also indicated that he is working with the City's Operations Department regarding cameras to be installed in the area and asked the Board for their permission to continue these discussions. A discussion was held with the following points raised:

- OPP have increased presence and are monitoring the Waterfront area
- A number of individuals from the Neighbourhood Watch Program are willing to patrol the area on a regular basis
- Neighbourhood Watch Signs have previously been purchased and could be utilized in this area.
- A Safety zone would heighten awareness

Direction:

The Police Services Board supports that the Pembroke Waterfront Parks be designated as a Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Zone and the Chair was directed to work with City staff to investigate the camera options available for the waterfront area and bring back a recommendation to the next Pembroke Police Services Board meeting.

b. Municipality of Brighton Resolution

The Chair reviewed the report, and a discussion was held with the following points raised:

- Parameters are very strict to initiate an amber alert

- Public now has a heightened level of attention to an amber alert
- Missing persons protocols are established
- Need to be careful not to dilute the message and the purpose of the amber alert

The Chair will report back to the Mayor that the Police Services Board did not support this resolution.

8. Correspondence

a. CAMSafe Update – Email from D/S Ashley, Belleville Police

The Chair referred Board members to the correspondence recently received and listed the various measures used to promote this new program.

b. Angus Campbell Drive Concern

The Chair referred the Board to the recent email received.

c. myFM Community Spotlight: MADD Canada Signs

The Chair referred to the recent media coverage regarding the new MADD Canada Signs installed throughout the City.

d. Annual Kids & Cops Fishing Derby Set for August 13, 2022

The Chair referred to the recent News Release regarding the annual Kids & Cops Fishing Derby set for August 13, 2022 and reminded Board members that the PSB provides a donation to the event.

e. Pembroke Heritage Murals

The Chair circulated information received from the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee regarding a new proposed “Pembroke Police Services 1878-2013” mural for the Heritage property known as Victoria Hall, 42 Renfrew Street, Pembroke.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Chair indicated that due to the Municipal Election being held on October 24, 2022, the date has been changed to one week earlier.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Motion:

Moved by Michael St. Jean

Seconded by Pauline Edmonds

That the July 28, 2022, Pembroke Police Services Board meeting adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary