

November 21st, 2013

South Frontenac Township Police Services Board Meeting
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Sydenham

Board Members

Present: Gary Davison
Ron Sleeth
Mark Schjerning

Staff: Staff Sergeant Gary Ouellette

Secretary: Wayne Orr, CAO

Officers: Nancy Onlock
Jean James
Kevin Prentiss
Bernie Leblanc

1. Call to Order

Gary Davison called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Delegations - none

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Ron Sleeth

Seconded by Mark Schjerning

THAT the minutes of Oct 23, 2013 be accepted.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

5. Staff Sergeant Report

Staff Sergeant Gary Ouellette provided the following report:

- Thefts while at 12 for October and Mischief Charges at 13 are both an anomaly. Year-to-date numbers are still on trend. False alarms are down considerably on a year-to-date basis. It was also noted that 911 calls /hang ups are lower for both the month and the year-to-date. This is good news as each of these calls require two officers to be dispatched, consuming valuable resources
- Overtime results are still trending lower than budget. This is a result of the efforts of the Sergeants and the rest of the officers.
- The extension agreement has been drafted and is in process
- The new Community Services Officer will be holding an Anti Bullying program at Perth Road Public School on November 29th at 10:00 am for Grade 2 and 3 Students
- Marine Statistics for 2013 were circulated
- The 2014 Business Plan will be coordinated by Nancy Onlock from Smith Falls Regional Office. A draft is to be circulated near the end of January.

6. Update on Costing Formula – Verbal Report from Wayne Orr

Wayne Orr updated the Board on the November 4th, 2013 Billing Model Engagement Session held in Bancroft. The OPP in responding to pressure, are proposing a new Billing Model that would address the principles of fairness and transparency. This was not about reducing the total policing cost, but rather redistributing the total provincial costs across municipalities. The group looking at reducing overall costs to municipalities has no timeline to report. Currently per household costs vary dramatically from the low \$100s to in excess of \$600. This is a result of the inconsistency of contract procedures and historically negotiated deals (for example, South Frontenac was on the 2003 formula until the end of 2013). The proposed model would be composed of a base cost, which all municipalities would share in and a call for services component based on the number and type of reactive calls for service. It is anticipated that this would bring the 2015 average household cost to approximately \$369. For South Frontenac our 2012 cost is \$234. Adjusting for the extension agreement change in formula, the reductions to OMPF funding and the increase in salaries, policing cost for 2014 are estimated at closer to \$300. This still means a significant increase for 2015. This redistribution is based on old unadjusted information from the existing contracts and serves to redistribute costs without linking those to the direct costs within the municipality.

Moved by Ron Sleeth

Seconded by Mark Schjerning

That the Police Services Board recommend to Council that:

- Council endorse the Board’s position that policing costs should be directly attributable to the services delivered within the municipality, and
- That redistribution or sharing of costs across municipalities is not an appropriate cost to be borne on the property tax bill, And further
- That prior to any further consideration on this matter that the background costs for each municipality be adjusted to reflect current formulas to determine if the rationale for such a change is valid.

Carried

7. Correspondence – none

8. Public Comment – none

9. Other Business

Staff Sergeant Ouellette confirmed approval has been granted to fill his position following his retirement at the end of January 2014. He reviewed the anticipated recruitment process. It was agreed that the Board will be fully involved in the final selection. If an Acting role is required this will be determined by the Region and may take into account Staff Sergeant Gary Ouellette’s input. If the hiring decision has not been made by his departure, it is likely they will place someone in the Acting role who is not competing for the role.

The Draft December newspaper Ad was circulated for comment. The 2014 budget for this advertising is maintained.

10. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Thursday March 6, 2014 - 9:00 a.m., South Frontenac Detachment

11. In-Camera

Moved by Ron Sleeth

Seconded by Mark Schjerning

THAT the Board move In-camera.

Carried

Moved by Ron Sleeth

Seconded by Mark Schjerning

THAT the Board move out of In-camera.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Moved by Mark Schjerning

Seconded by Ron Sleeth

THAT the Police Services Board meeting of November 21st, 2013 be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Carried.

Chair Gary Davison

Secretary Wayne Orr