

South Frontenac Township Police Services Board –Annual Public Meeting

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, Sydenham

Board Members

Present: Ron Vandewal
Brad Barbeau

Staff: Staff Sergeant Sharron Brown

Secretary: Wayne Orr

1. Opening of Meeting

Ron Vandewal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Welcome – Chairman Ron Vandewal welcomed those in attendance. Two members of the public attended.

3. Introduction of Committee Members

The members of the Board and staff representatives were introduced.

4. Statistical Report

- 2015 reporting on the progress to the annual plan is generally ¼ behind. Priorities are set both provincially and at a detachment level with input from the Board.
- Third quarter statistics were reviewed for the four major areas of reporting. On a rolling 5 years average our levels are doing well
- Violent Crime: overall 52 year to date compared to 40 this time last year, with assaults representing 31 compared to 24
- Property Crime: overall 237 compared to 161 this time last year, with Break and Enters representing 57 compared to 40, thefts under 63 to 52 and mischief 71 to 40
- Drug crimes: overall 14 compared to 19 in the prior year
- Traffic related (Big Four): Impaired, Distracted Driving, Seatbelt and Speeding 1577 compared to 2315 last year. These numbers are skewed by gaps in staffing resources.
- From a financial perspective policing costs will increase \$36,419 in 2016 for a total cost of \$2,902,091

5. Comments from the Public:

- The two members of the public sought clarity on when an issue should be directed to bylaw or police services.
- Staff explained the role of the township's bylaw enforcement services and the potential for issues to escalate requiring the police. Residents should feel comfortable calling both Bylaw enforcement services and the OPP if they are unsure. The township's noise bylaw can be found on the township website and those in attendance were encouraged to call and seek clarification from the bylaw team on how to address concerns
- The public also inquired as to how they could be better informed about news items and asked why the email distribution of press releases stopped. The CAO and staff Sargent will explore ways to share this information.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

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7. Adjournment

There being no further business the Public meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chair Ron Vandewal

Secretary Wayne Orr