

MINUTES
CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
(REGULAR)

Board Room
Chatham-Kent Police Headquarters

March 20, 2012
Time: 10:15 A.M.

PRESENT:

Motion

Mrs. Pat Bélanger, Chair
Mr. Uly Bondy, Vice Chair
Mayor Randy Hope
Councillor Art Stirling
Mrs. Diane Daly
Chief Dennis Poole
Deputy Chief Clare Wiersma
Mr. Gary Weir, Administrative Asst.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

3. **Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2012**

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Councillor Stirling,

“MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2012.”

Carried.

4. **Reports from Chief of Police:**

4.1 **Elevation/ New Hire**

Moved by Councillor Stirling and seconded by Mrs. Daly

“MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ELEVATION/NEW HIRE:

Elevation:

- **E.C.O. Brock Bechard to Level 4 effective April 1, 2012.**

New Hire:

- **ECO – Part Time Cheryl Zimba to Level 1 effective April 2, 2012.”** #1237

Carried.

4.2 **Board Citation – Operation Red Nose**

Chelle and Duncan Davidson were in attendance. They have made the Operation Red Nose Program a success since its inception here in Chatham-Kent. They have put in thousands of volunteer hours to make it successful. Chelle and Duncan were congratulated for a job well done.

Chair Bélanger presented Board Citations to Chelle and Duncan Davison.

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mrs. Daly,

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT DATED MARCH 12, 2012.” #1238

Carried.

Mrs. Davidson advised that Operation Red Nose has been in operation for 15 years and she and her husband have been involved for 12 of the 15 years. She said that they have enjoyed working with the many volunteers. They are up to almost 500 volunteers. She said that it is so nice to see that so many people care about this community.

On behalf of the community, the Mayor thanked Chelle and Duncan for their time and effort put into the program. He said that there were other communities that were not successful in this program, however our community continue to thrive by their leadership. He wished them good luck in all their future endeavours.

5. **Reports from Deputy Chief:**

5.1 **Operational Support Branch 2011 Annual Report**

The Operational Support Branch is comprised of three sections, Patrol Support managed by Sergeant Mike Domony, the Emergency Communications Centre managed by Sheri Oliphant and Professional Standards, managed by Staff Sergeant Rose Kucharuk. Inspector Wess Dore is the overall Branch Commander.

The section managers were present to address their sections.

In conclusion Staff Sergeant Kucharuk thanked senior staff including Inspector Dore, Chief Poole, Deputy Chief Wiersma and the members of the Police Services Board for their continued support of the Operational Support Branch.

Chair Bélanger thanked Rose for the presentations and also mentioned that Rose was awarded the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the International Police Association Gimborn Scholarship in June of 2011, and will be attending the International Police Association Conference Centre at Gimborn near Cologne, Germany for training in the summer of 2012.

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mayor Hope,

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT DATED MARCH 6, 2012.”

#1239

Carried.

Announcement of Appointment of the new Deputy Chief of Police

Chair Bélanger advised that today she has the pleasure of announcing that Sergeant Gary Conn has been selected as the Deputy Chief designate for the Chatham-Kent Police Service. She extended congratulations to Gary on behalf of the Board.

The Board conducted a province wide search for candidates with the assistance of Feldman-Daxon Partners search firm, and conducted a series of internal and external interviews. After the completion of the process, the Board was unanimous in its decision to appoint Gary Conn as the next Deputy Chief of Police, to replace retiring Deputy Chief Clare Wiersma.

Gary's swearing-in ceremony will take place on Friday April 27th at 3:00 P. M. at the Civic Centre Council Chambers.

Gary commented that it was truly an honour and privilege to have been selected as the Deputy Chief designate for the Chatham –Kent Police Service. He is looking forward to the challenges and responsibilities associated with the position of Deputy Chief and continuing the collaborative partnership with the citizens of Chatham-Kent. He said that working with the professional team provided by the members of this service is an additional honour and privilege for him as well.

6. **Acknowledgement Letters**

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mayor Hope,

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTERS.”

Carried.

7. **Highlights of the PAO Annual Seminar held February 27 and 28, 2012**

Mr. Bondy advised that the relevant topics can be brought to the Board's attention during the in-camera meetings for information.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Bondy,

“MOTION TO RECEIVE.”

#1240

Carried.

8. **Notification of East Side Pride Annual Golf Tournament – May 26, 2012.**

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Bondy

“MOTION TO RECEIVE.”

Carried.

9. **Non-Agenda Items**

9.1 **Photo Radar Issue**

The Mayor brought up the issue of photo radar and wondered if we would be able to utilize this system. He said that he noticed that this issue was brought up in the Drummond report. He feels this could be an asset to us.

The Chief advised that he agrees and that all it would take is for the provincial government to make a very small amendment to the Highway Traffic Act to re-instate it to allow it to be legally re-instated.

The Mayor asked if the Board would consider a letter to the Minister asking for some autonomy in the implementation of photo radar.

The Chief will draft a letter for the Chair’s signature and that a copy be sent to the Premier.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Bondy,

“MOTION TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY SUPPORTING AMENDEMENT TO THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT TO RE-INSTATE THE USE OF PHOTO RADAR AND FURTHER THAT A COPY BE SENT TO THE PREMIER.”

#1241

10. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 17, 2012, in the Board Room.

11. **Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Hope,

“MOTION TO ADJOURN”

Carried.

Time: 11:22 A. M.

Pat Bélanger, Chair
Chatham-Kent Police Services Board