

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD**  
**(REGULAR)**

**Boardroom**  
**Chatham-Kent Police Headquarters**

**February 11, 2014**  
**Time: 10:15 A.M.**

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**PRESENT:**

Motion #

Mrs. Diane Daly, Vice Chair  
Mayor Randy Hope  
Councillor Art Stirling  
Mr. Uly Bondy  
Chief Dennis Poole

**REGRETS:**

Mrs. Pat Bélanger, Chair  
Mr. Gary Weir, Administrative Assistant  
Deputy Chief Gary Conn

1. **Call to Order**

Mrs. Daly welcomed Mr. Tom Gervais who is the Police Services Advisor for the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

2. a) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None reported.

b) **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mayor Hope.

**“MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.”**

#1449

Carried.

c) **Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2014**

Moved by Councillor Stirling and seconded by Mr. Bondy,

**“MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2014.”**

#1450

Carried.

**3. Health and Safety Report**

Chief Poole advised that there is no formal Health and Safety Report for the open meeting. The Board was updated in-camera with respect to some WSIB issues involving personnel due to the report being a closed session issue.

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

4.1 Re-appointments

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Councillor Stirling,

**“MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENTS RENEWALS:**

**Re-appointments**

**Special Cst. Tamara Meredith and Randi Hull re-appointment renewals were approved by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services on January 31, 2014.”**

#1451

Carried.

4.2 Board Reserve Account Reconciliation 2013

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Bondy,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE 2013 BOARD RESERVE ACCOUNT AND RATIFY THE RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS AS INDICATED IN THE REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2014.”**

#1452

Carried.

Councillor Stirling enquired into the allocation of almost \$15,000.00 from the Police Services Reserve in 2013 for the Pipe Band. He asked what these funds were for and whether this was to be an annual allocation.

Chief Poole advised that this was the primary setup of the Pipe Band for acquisition of equipment, uniforms including all expenses paid in 2013, as well as covering some of their travel expenses. They generated about \$5,000 in prize money which was returned to the Board to offset the expenses. He said that the \$14,000 is the net following the return of the \$5,000. The Chief said that going forward they would be in the range of approximately \$8,000. He said that this money comes from non-budgeted funds, which are revenue generated funds.

Councillor Stirling enquired if it would be possible that on a go forward basis it could be self sustained. The Chief advised that they are looking at partnerships with the

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community and grant funding that will allow us to go forward with minimal cost to the Board.

Councillor Stirling commented that this is not a large sum of money however with the increasing pressures on Police costs and the economic climate, whether this is the best use for even \$10,000 of our funds. He said that he had planned to make a motion to cease annual funding to the Pipe Band on a go forward basis. He said that he can appreciate the start up costs but he would prefer that we work hard at finding a volunteer or a community partnership model if the Pipe Band wishes to continue. He did not feel the Board should be funding it from our Police revenues.

Moved by Councillor Stirling,

**“MOTION THAT THE BOARD NO LONGER FUN THE PIPE BAND FROM THE POLICE SERVICES BOARD REVENUE SOURCE AND THAT WE ENCOURAGE A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OR VOLUNTEER MODEL FOR THE PIPE BAND GOING FORWARD.”**

There was no seconder to the motion, so it was quashed.

4.3 Police Board Reserves Balance Report 2013

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Councillor Stirling

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2014 AND RATIFY THE RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS AS INDICATED”**

#1453

Carried

4.4 Annual Reports Operational Support Branch 2013

a) HELP Team (Mobile Crisis Team)

Cst. Brent Milne was in attendance to present this report.

The HELP Team co-ordinator is Sgt. Gabe Tetrault, who along with his other duties oversees the general operations of this team.

The HELP Mobile Crisis Team was established in 2006 as a pilot project. It is a partnership formed between the Chatham-Kent Police Service and the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, teaming a HELP Team trained Constable with a Psychiatric Crisis Nurse. Constable Milne assumed the role of the Constable assigned to the MCT in 2011. Christine Cogghe and Dan Saunders both experienced Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Psychiatric Nurses share the role of the MCT Nurse.

Cst. Milne presented the report to the Board and advised that currently there are 53 trained HELP Team members with the CK Police Service. In 2013 there

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were 303 Attempt or Threats of Suicide and 328 Mental Health Act related incidents reported to police that were investigated.

Cst. Milne advised that the MCT has been assisting other Police and Hospital Services, including the Ontario Provincial Police and Windsor Police Service in developing and implementing Mental Health Crisis Response Teams. The work goes on with the MCT networking with the Canadian Mental Health Association to provide an alternative response to persons in our community with mental health issues who may become involved with police.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Bondy,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE HELP TEAM & MOBILE CRISIS TEAM (MCT) 2013 YEAR END REPORT.”**

#1454

Carried.

The Chief commented that the de-escalation issue with respect to police interactions with the mentally ill is a national discussion. He commented that in the GTA there have been three inquests recently wrapped up and there will probably be a couple more to come. He said that the fact that we have this Team that is very proactive in their approach and of significant assistance to our front line staff we have thus far been able to avoid a lot of negative interaction with the mentally ill in our community and it is hoped that this will continue well into the future.

Chair Daly commented that we are very proud of our HELP Team.

Councillor Stirling said that he would be interested in obtaining the numbers from other municipalities for comparison.

b) Traffic (Collision Report)

Sgt. Mike Domony presented a statistical report regarding the Motor Vehicle Collision to the Board.

The Chatham-Kent Police Service has had a Collision Reporting Centre since January 2011, which is located just inside the entrance at Headquarters. It has provided a great benefit to the Chatham-Kent Police Service and the citizens we serve.

The information accumulated with three years of consistency, shows the predictable trend that most collisions are occurring and where the most traffic drives in our community. This information will enable the Service to focus more enforcement and education campaigns around these roads to attempt to drive the numbers down. This type of road safety analysis will be used to

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assist in directing patrol, enforcement, and education initiatives. R.I.D.E. and similar enforcement can be conducted at the identified locations during specific times.

Sgt. Domony advised that citizens still have a choice as to whether they want to go to the Collision Reporting Centre or request that a police officer be called to the collision site, however more people chose the option to go to the Centre in 2013.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Bondy,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT.”**

#1455

Carried.

c) Sex Offender Registry

The Chief introduced Detective Gabe Tetrault. Det. Tetrault is the officer in charge of the Investigative Support Section, which falls under the Criminal Investigative Branch. He also oversees the Forensic Ident Unit. He will provide the report for the Sex Offender Registry and the Fraud Unit

Det. Tetrault advised that Gary Oriet is the officer who is actually the financial crimes officer and our Sex Offender Registry Officer and is the author of this report. He was to present it to the Board today but was called away due to a family emergency.

The Ontario Sex Offender Registry is a provincial registration system for sex offenders who have been released into the community. These offenders must report to police every year. During the registration process, police enter information about these individuals into a data base.

Det. Tetrault reported that the numbers are almost the same as last year. He said that the system is working well and he finds the best part of the sex offender registry is that if a sexual assault is committed and it is unknown who committed the crime they can pull up the sex offender registry and it has a mapping system which will show the sex offenders that live around where the crime was committed, or if there is a missing person they can access this data base. It is current information because the sex offenders have to give us their addresses every year. The officers are out checking at least twice a year making sure that the information provided was accurate.

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Councillor Stirling

**“MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT”.**

#1456

Carried.

d) Fraud Unit

Det. Tetrault reported on the Financial Crimes Unit Report. He said that he would like to clarify the issue about the government deciding not to prosecute corporate fraud and encouraging civil litigation. The government remained interested in prosecuting those who commit frauds against vulnerable persons or egregious corporate frauds. The reasoning behind this decision is that the government believes they should protect public money more so than corporate money. They determined that the cost of prosecuting corporate fraudsters is prohibitive balanced against the weight of probability of conviction and sentencing. Chatham-Kent Police continues to receive corporate fraud complaints and consults with the Crown Attorney's Office to determine if the offence will be prosecuted. He said that corporate frauds where the corporation was not following their own policies and procedures for risk mitigation are less likely to be prosecuted, they do not follow their own checks and balances and safe guards. These are the ones the Crown Attorney is saying they are not going to prosecute because they should have had their policy measures in place to make this not happen.

The threshold of proof is also not as onerous in civil actions against those responsible, than in criminal prosecutions.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Bondy.

**"MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT."**

#1457

Carried

5. Reports from Deputy Chief

5.1 Emergency Communications Centre Fourth Quarter Report

The Chief advised that the telephone activity in the fourth quarter was quieter overall in the communication centre. He said that 911 calls are still representing approximately 18 – 20 percent of the calls.

Moved by Councillor Stirling and seconded by Mayor Hope,

**"MOTION TO RECEIVE THE FOURTH QUARTER REPORT DATED JANUARY 21, 2014."**

#1458

Carried.

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5.2 Emergency Communications Centre Annual Report 2013

Sheri Oliphant presented the Year End Report for the Com. Centre to the Board. Sheri reports to Inspector Trevor Crane who is in charge of our Community Control Branch.

Sheri advised that although the calls are down the communicators remain very busy. They have also taken on some other duties organizationally to assist other areas, i.e. CPIC, and Records Management. She said that the Fire Dispatch services has increased over the past year.

Sheri touched on the NG911 initiative. She said that she expects some movement on this issue this year in order to get software and hardware in place. At the time this report was written no Police Force had been transitioned onto this IP network. Bell is working very hard to get everyone on line in 2015. This initiative will address abandoned and undelivered calls. Sheri advised that from a budgetary perspective, maintaining \$100,000 for transition costs is strongly encouraged as they continue to examine the best technological options for the ECC.

Mrs. Daly said that as she understands it this initiative may very well be bumped back to be our problem. Does this mean our Police Services or Southwestern Ontario.

The Chief advised that it will be everyone's problem in fact a national problem, for a local community it will be our problem to assume the liability and at what level of liability we are prepared to accept. He said that 911 is a municipal entity even though it is operated here by the Police Service, it will certainly affect our Police budget but it is a municipal issue that we will have to discuss with this Board as to what our position should be and then take this to Council because it could have some serious financial implications for us.

The Chief advised that in the current system the undeliverable calls do not come to us, but what will happen when this goes into effect is that we will receive those calls and assume that liability, and if one of the calls is a legitimate call how will this be handled. This will be our challenge.

Moved by Councillor Stirling and seconded by Mr. Bondy,

**"MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT DATED JANUARY 23, 2014."**

#1459

Carried.

6. Acknowledgement Letters

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Bondy,

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**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER.”**

#1460

Carried.

7. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) Copy of correspondence from Chief Poole to Chatham-Kent Crimestoppers
- b) Correspondence from Crime Stoppers re: contribution from the Board
- c) Copy of correspondence sent to community partners inviting them to a Community Safety Symposium scheduled for February 25, 2014.
- d) Copy of Letter to the Editor re: Cyberbullying and Bill C-13
- e) Notification re: Clara’s Big Ride, March 16, 2014

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mayor Hope,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE ITEMS 7 A) – E).”**

#1461

Carried.

8. **Memorandum from Shawn Mungar and Ken Lauzon requesting approval of funds for the Citizens Police Academy scheduled to commence March 5, 2014.**

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Councillor Stirling,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE MEMORANDUM AND APPROVE THE FUNDING.”**

#1462

Carried.

9. **Non-Agenda Items**

9.1 **Internet Days**

For the Board’s information a media release went out this morning. There are many resources available on line and between teachers and parents and police are doing their best to educate and provide prevention strategies for parents, kids and teens, including seniors on how to stay safe on the internet. Crimes are increasing with the use of internet which we are all linked to permanently now and through the social media perspective, continues to grow.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014 at 10:15 A.M..”



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11. **Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Hope,

**“MOTION TO ADJOURN”.**

Carried

Time: 12 Noon

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Diane Daly, Vice-Chair  
Chatham-Kent Police Services Board