

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TOWNSHIP OF GREATER MADAWASKA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 7:30 P.M

There was a meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee held in the Greater Madawaska Township Council Chambers on Monday September 19, 2011. Present were Chair Brad McIlquham from McNab/Braeside, Glenda McKay from Greater Madawaska and Allen Dick from Whitewater Region. Also present was Staff Sergeant Colin Slight and Secretary, Christina Mulcahey. Absent were Chris Blimkie from McNab/Braeside and Glen Campbell from the Township of Horton.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brad McIlquham called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the July 18th 2011 Committee meeting.

Moved by Glenda McKay, seconded by Allen Dick

That the Minutes of the July 18th, 2010 Meeting be adopted as read.

Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Chair McIlquham asked Staff Sergeant Slight a few questions about Sand Point in McNab/Braeside. Staff Sergeant Slight made him aware that he did send messages to all his staff to enforce the speed limit near Sand Point. An Officer did spend some time there as well.

Allen Dick said he was glad to see the Speed Sign out on two roads in the Township of Whitewater. It was seen on the Foresters Falls Road and in Cobden as requested. Staff Sergeant Slight said yes, coming into the town of Cobden is a good spot to set it up.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Staff Sergeant Slight handed out a graph chart to each Township representative which was specific to each Township. The chart showed reports on Traffic and Crime from July 31st – August 31st.

Staff Sergeant Slight reported that the theft section included such thefts as the public leaving their cars unlocked and unsecure with items inside. Also such situations as lawn items being left outside overnight and so on. These situations leave opportunity for theft to occur.

Chair McIlquham asked if there were any local initiatives to help remind the public to lock their vehicles to prevent theft and Staff Sergeant Slight said yes, as an example there is a media campaign called “Lock it or Lose it”.

Staff Sergeant Slight noted that the Upper Ottawa Valley and Renfrew County had a high number of fatalities. There were six on Highway 17 and the seventh on an ATV trail. Staff Sergeant Slight said they are constantly working on this issue to try and keep that number low. He met with the Killaloe and Upper Ottawa Valley detachments. There was an officer who was a Marine Operator over the summer and had 120 hours on the water. He will move into Traffic Enforcement and each shift will be directed to traffic only. All Platoons are involved and they are trying to get joint initiatives going such as intercepting radars, swapping officers in the close by areas and so forth.

Staff Sergeant Slight said they are going to submit a business case for two FTE’s traffic unit members in our area. Allen Dick asked if the two bodies would be permanent in our area or temporary. Staff Sergeant Slight said they hope to get them permanent but that is why they have to submit a business case. This probably would not happen until sometime next year.

5. SPEEDBOARD

Staff Sergeant Slight reviewed the Speedboard report with the Committee Members and there were no growing concerns. However, Chair McIlquham did note some concern about the speed in the construction zones.

Allen Dick asked if the speed board is set up in the winter. Staff Sergeant Slight said it depends on the weather conditions.

Glenda McKay questioned the sign only being used six times in the month of September and also mentioned that she has heard from “street gossip” that there is no sight of the OPP in the Greater Madawaska area. Staff Sergeant Slight said he will take all concerns back to the force and if there are specific requests for the speed board to notify him and when the time is available, they will do their best to fulfill requests.

6. COMMITTEE INPUT

Glenda McKay had some questions on Water Safety. She was aware that the OPP were out on Calabogie Lake but questioned about lakes with no public access. How could they enforce the laws and patrol on these lakes? There are many times she has witnessed people doing things they shouldn’t. Glenda McKay asked Staff Sergeant Slight if she can ask neighbors on the lake if the OPP can use their own private boat launches for access to the lake and he replied yes, that would be okay. The Marine Operators do take safety and alcohol issues seriously and they will enforce the laws.

Glenda McKay also asked if the OPP would attend Cottage Association Meetings. Staff Sergeant Slight said gladly if they were invited. They are well

equipped to answer questions however they will only show if invited and have an officer available to attend.

Chair McIlquham mentioned having an Officer attend regular council meetings at each Township to see if there are any concerns from members of Council. Staff Sergeant Slight said he could try to arrange for an Officer to come to the meetings for 15 minutes or so while on shift. The CPAC Committee meets every two months and this the formal way of communication for the Townships. However, there could be an issue arise in-between. Staff Sergeant Slight said he could try to have an arrangement set up. He took down times of Council meetings for each Township. All Committee members thought this was a good idea.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday November 21st 2011 at the Horton Township Council Chambers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Allen Dick, seconded by Glenda McKay

That this Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary