

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GREATER MADAWAKSA TOWNSHIP

DECEMBER 17, 2007

There was a meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee held in the Greater Madawaska Township Council Chamber on Monday December 17, 2007. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Andy Dunlop, Brad McIlquham, John Pratt and Constable Janice Sawbridge. Art Cobb sent apologies.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Dave called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2007
The Committee reviewed the Minutes.

Moved by John Pratt, seconded by Andy Dunlop

That the Minutes of the October 22, 2007 meeting be adopted as read.

Carried.

3. SPEEDBOARD
Dave reported that five municipalities have agreed to share the cost of the Speedboard. Admaston/Bromley Township does not wish to be involved.
John Pratt reported that one member of Greater Madawaska Township Council was absent when the vote was taken on the Speedboard, and has asked for reconsideration, but John is hopeful the outcome will be positive.
Constable Sawbridge had a copy of the invoice from Davtech which had been sent to S/Sgt Dave MacDonald, for the Speedboard at a total cost of \$13,983.84.
Andy asked about the Agreement with the OPP for the use and maintenance of the Speedboard? It was agreed it will be based on the Protocol used by Towns in the County of Lanark. If the Police decided to give up the speedboard it will come back to the Five Municipalities who contributed to the purchase.
Janice suggested that if the Speedboard is purchased in January 2008 it may not be ready for operation before Spring as it will have to have a number assigned for insurance purposes and the necessary paperwork completed by the OPP.
Dave suggested that if each Municipality wrote a cheque to CPAC the Committee could then write one cheque to Davetech for the purchase.
Brad asked if the OPP Auxiliary will look after the Sign? Janice said that the Traffic Manager's office will be in charge and the Auxiliary will operate the Speedboard.
4. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT
Janice reviewed the Police Report for October and November 2007.

Brad McIlquham commented that the OPP used to attend Council meetings, but have not done so recently and wondered why? Janice replied that Staff Sgt Dave MacDonald feels the call for service comes first.

John Pratt asked about the New Regulations to Take Speeders and Aggressive Drivers off our Highways? Janice reported that perhaps three vehicles have been impounded in this area. All vehicles are impounded for seven days and there is a minimum fine of \$2,000.

Andy Dunlop asked what jurisdiction handicap parking comes under? Janice suggested it depends on whether it is public or private property, if it comes under the Provincial Offences Act the OPP can issue a ticket, on private property it would be a By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Janice commented that the Bi-Monthly Report is in a new format which gives an overall picture of what the OPP do. John Pratt said that he would like to know how many charges there are for individual crimes such as Break and Enter, which does not show in this format.

Brad Mc Ilquham asked Janice for permission to use information from this Report for a quarterly Newsletter MacNab/Braeside is preparing for residents.

5. COMMITTEE INPUT

Horton Township - OPP Picking up Dogs

Dave Bennett reported that there had been incident in the Township recently, where an OPP Officer had picked up a stray dog on Highway 17, Thanksgiving Weekend, and taken it home, as she was unable to reach the Township Animal Control Officer. The dog had bitten a family member and attempted to bit her child, so it had been taken to the Vet who determined that it needed to be euthanized and the Township was asked to pay the bill.

Janice suggested that the protocol was to stop and pick up a stray dog if it was causing a traffic hazard, sometimes it is difficult to contact the Animal Control Officer. She suggested following up with the OPP on shift that night as this is not a usual occurrence.

Brad McIlquham raised the question of the proposal to move the Court from Renfrew to Pembroke, wondering if the Committee should write in support of keeping the Court in Renfrew. Apart from the inconvenience to people attending Court a lot more Police time will be lost escorting prisoners and giving evidence in Court. Janice said that at present Officers can work in the office and be available when called so the minimum time is lost.

John Pratt suggested getting statistics prepared on how many hours are spent in prisoner escorts, officers giving evidence in court, overtime to officers to attend court etc so the information would be readily available when the time is right to speak out. Officers are needed for enforcement rather than Court duty. After discussion the following resolution was passed.

Moved by John Pratt, seconded by Brad McIlquham

That Staff Sergeant MacDonald be asked to provide the Community Policy Advisory Committee with statistics relating to prisoner escorts, court time and overtime

Carried,

6. INVOICE FOR SECRETARIAL SERVICES

Moved by Andy Dunlop, seconded by John Pratt

That Mary Richards be paid \$400.00 for secretarial services from September 2006 to December 2007.

Carried.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held February 18, 2008 at MacNab/Braeside Township Council Chamber at 7:30 pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Brad McIlquham, seconded by John Pratt

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary