

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHITEWATER REGION TOWNSHIP

OCTOBER 22, 2007

There was a meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee held in the Whitewater Region Council Chamber on Monday October 22, 2007. Present were Chair David Bennett, Art Cobb, Andy Dunlop, Brad McIlquham, John Pratt, Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant David MacDonald and Constable Janice Sawbridge. Also present were members of Whitewater Region Council, Horton Township Council and members of the Upper Valley CPAC.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

2. MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2007

The Committee reviewed the Minutes.

Moved by Art Cobb, seconded by Brad McIlquham that the Minutes of the August 13, 2007, meeting be adopted as read.

Carried.

3. SPEEDBOARDS

Dave Bennett welcomed and introduced Dale Visneskie, President of Davtech who had brought the Onsite 400 Speedboard. The Committee members and visitors went outside to view the Speedboard working on Codden's Main Street.

Returning to the Council Chamber there were questions and discussion about the Speedboard. The Speedboard operates on batteries which can be recharged overnight, or by using solar panels. The life span of the Speedboard is about ten years and the batteries five to six years. The machine is highly visible and collects statistical data which is very useful to the Police, its secondary use is as a sign to warn motorists of problems ahead on the highway. The message board can program up to 200 messages. The model shown tonight sells for \$22,000, rental or leasing arrangements are available. However this particular unit has been used for a year so is available for \$12,000.

There was discussion among the group about the purchase of a Unit, there are four Townships in the CPAC group and in Renfrew Area there are two Police Boards, Renfrew and Admaston/Bromley. Staff Sergeant MacDonald suggested if the six Councils were to purchase the Speedboard for the Renfrew Area then the OPP would look after the operation of the Speedboard. The data collected by the Speedboard can be used by the OPP to determine where their resources are needed and it is good for the public to see it out there. He suggested contacting Lanark to get a copy of the agreement between the OPP and Police Services Board there when they purchased a

Speedboard. Chair Dave Bennett asked the group to pass a resolution if they were in favour of jointly purchasing a Speedboard.

Moved by Art Cobb, seconded by Andy Dunlop that CPAC would ask Davtech to hold the demo 400 Model Speedboard until the end of November 2007 at which time we would purchase it for January 1, 2008.

Carried.

After a Coffee Break, the visitors left and the regular meeting continued.

4. **COMMUNITY POLICING - REPORT**

Staff Sergeant MacDonald reviewed the Business Plan Commitments. He commented that he would hope to have the Auxiliary help with the Speedboard sign if it is purchase. The Auxiliary program was discussed, members are volunteers who are trained but do not carry guns. Many are young people hoping to join the police force, which they do and this causes continuous turnover.

Constable Sawbridge reviewed the Community Policing Report.

5. **COMMUNITY INPUT**

Dave Bennett referred to a problem in Horton Township, of 4-wheelers using the CNR right-of-way, which had been reported by Christine Oates. Sergeant MacDonald promised to follow up with Christine Oates.

John Pratt referred to 4-wheelers using the K&P Trail near Calabogie, especially at weekends – again speeding is a problem.

Andy Dunlop referred to problems in White Lake with speeders.

Art Cobb referred to the continuous problem of speeders on Highway 17 through Cobden. Sergeant MacDonald reported that Constable Huet spends a lot of time in Cobden issuing a lot of speeding tickets.

The Committee discussed the Speedboard purchase. Art Cobb expressed his appreciation that a decision was made tonight rather than letting the issue dangle for some time. Brad McIlquham felt McNab/Braeside Council would prefer the smaller amount if the costs were divided by six instead of four. Andy Dunlop thought it might be easier to manage the speedboard if there were only four Townships involved. John Pratt felt that there should be six out of six townships involved.

Staff Sergeant MacDonald suggested that the speedboard would be worth the investment as speeding is an issue that generates most complaints, everywhere.

Dave Bennett suggested that he would attend the Admaston/Bomley Police Services Board which will meet on Tuesday 23 October 2007, to present the idea of purchasing a Speedboard together. He also agreed to approach the CAA in Ottawa, who have many members in this area, to see if they would be interested in contributing towards the purchase of the speedboard.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to meet again on Monday December 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Greater Madawaska Township Council Chamber.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Andy Dunlop, seconded by John Pratt, that this meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

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Chair

Secretary