



**VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE – WOLFORD
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers



Present: Members Dell Bower
Doug Struthers, Mayor
OPP Liaison SSgt Mike Francis

Gallery: None.

Pecuniary interest: None.

Additions to the agenda:

Under Correspondence, Chair Bower added two letters from OAPSB re: Proposed procedural policy Sections 76 – 78 of the Police Act, and re: Collective bargaining.

Under New Business, Member Struthers added Provincial appointment.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

*Moved by D. Struthers, seconded by D. Bower
That the agenda of the August 13, 2014 meeting be adopted as amended.
Carried.*

*Moved by D. Struthers, seconded by D. Bower
That the minutes of the May June 18, 2014 meetings be adopted as circulated.
Carried.*

Delegations: None

Correspondence:

1. Letter to SSgt Francis re: appointment. Received and filed.
2. OAPSB letter re: Sections 76 – 78 of the Police Act. Deferred to next meeting. At the next meeting, the Secretary is to provide copies of said sections and a report on the issue at hand.
3. OAPSB letter re: Collective bargaining. Received and filed.

Business arising from the minutes:

Hamilton PSB re: Suspension with pay. The Secretary is to confirm the action of the OAPSB membership regarding this matter and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Police Report and Statistics:

1. SSgt Francis reviewed the monthly report for June and for July.

New Business:

1. **Review of the OAPSB Annual Conference.** Mayor Struthers reported that one of the main topics of conversation at the Conference was the OPP costing formula. With the provincial election, OAPSB delegates were uncertain as to what may happen to the

formula after the election, under a minority or majority government and under which political party. There was lots of speculations i.e. population base, household base, etc.

2. **Minutes of OAPSB Zone 2 May 22 meeting.** Received and filed.
3. **Newspaper article re: Community events traffic control.** Chair Bower understood that a number of municipalities were concerned about event organizers who volunteered to attempt to direct traffic during events. SSgt Francis noted that such organizers did not have any authority under provincial legislation to direct traffic; only paid duty police officers are entitled to do so; event organizers must contact the OPP to secure the presence of officers.
4. **Council resolution R-103-14 re: collective agreement.** Mayor Struthers has had numerous conversations with MPP Steve Clarke.
5. **OPP re: bicycle replacement.** SSgt Francis reported that the OPP required new bicycles to meet new equipment requirements. Sharing the two bicycles with the North Grenville PSB would significantly reduce the cost; the share for Merrickville-Wolford PSB is approximately \$750. The Merrickville Lions Club had donated the bicycles about ten years ago.

It was agreed that, for the next meeting:

- SSgt Francis is to present a report on OPP bicycle usage over the past few years.
- The Secretary is to prepare:
 - an up-to-date financial report, including projected expenses to year-end;
 - a resolution to approve the expenditure of one bicycle, either for the current fiscal year or for next year; and,
 - a memo on the disposition of Corporate assets.

It was also agreed that the Secretary is to prepare a letter for the Chair to sign to be sent to the Merrickville Lions Club explaining the reasons and the cost for two new bicycles, to request suggestions for the disposition of the two current bicycles, and to request a donation to buy one bicycle.

6. **Grenville County 2014 - 16 Action plan.** SSgt Francis indicated that the OPP appreciates receiving input for PSBs from all over the Province. Mayor Struthers encourage the OPP to continue to seek opportunities to partner with community-based groups to promote the OPP's three pillars of the action plan: engagement, education and enforcement. Chair Bower looked forward to receiving the report on the current action plan to ascertain results, and to provide input.
7. **Provincial appointment.** It was agreed that the Secretary is to prepare a letter for the Chair to sign to be sent to the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services, urging the Minister to appoint the Provincial appointee as soon as possible.

In Camera: Not required.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

*Moved by D. Struthers, Seconded by D. Bower
That this meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.*

Carried.