

**Owen Sound Police Services Board  
Public Meeting  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
2nd Floor Meeting Room**

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**Media Present:** M. Sanderson; Bayshore Broadcasting

**Members Present:** I. Boddy, B. O’Leary, G. Pierce (Chairman) and B. Twaddle

**Admin. Present:** Chief W. Sornberger, Inspector S. MacKinnon  
and Acting Deputy V. Wurfel

**Staff Present:** PC C. Peddle

**Minutes:** K. Krampien

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1. **Call to Order**

*Chairman declared the Wednesday, January 27, 2016 meeting be called to order at 11:14 a.m. CARRIED*

2. **Approval of Agenda**

*Moved by B. Twaddle, seconded by B. O’Leary  
“That the agenda dated January 27, 2016 be approved.” CARRIED*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the matter listed on the agenda.  
**HEARING NONE.**

4. Presentations, deputations, and Public Question period. **HEARING NONE.**

5. **Approval of Minutes**

*Moved by B. O’Leary, seconded by B. Twaddle  
“That the minutes dated November 25, 2015 be approved as distributed.” CARRIED*

6. Business arising out of the minutes dated November 25, 2015 Public Meeting.  
**HEARING NONE.**

7. **Operational Report**

**Platoon Enforcement Statistics – November 2015**

<u>Platoon #1 – 4</u>	<u>Part-time</u>
Highway Traffic Act: 123 (includes CAIA)	Highway Traffic Act: 24 (includes CAIA)
Compliance Reports: 53	Compliance Reports: 05
Recorded Cautions: 110	Recorded Cautions: 24
Liquor Licence Act: 09	Other POA/By-Law: -
Criminal Code/ CDSA: 90	Foot Patrol (Downtown): 21.5
Other POA/By-Law: 19	Foot Patrol (High Schools): -
Foot Patrol (Downtown): 101	Shits Worked: 22
Foot Patrol (High Schools): 08	

### Traffic Safety Initiatives

**Platoon #1:** A long term goal of consistency and equal contribution of enforcement with a monthly platoon goal of 50 HTA enforcement offences. The platoon achieved 47 offences with an additional 11 compliance reports. Also a specific STEP in relation to offences in schools zones. 9 school zone offences were laid.

**Platoon #2:** Tier #1-Focus on equipment related offences such as window tint, lighting, exhaust etc. Tier #2- Focus on distracted driving. A total of 6 charges and 17 compliance reports were issued in relation to the initiative.

**Platoon #3:** Monthly traffic initiative focused on compliance in regards to vehicle equipment and obeying traffic signs. 20 charges and 5 compliance inspection reports were issued for offences related to the initiative in addition to 21 warnings issued.

**Platoon #4:** Focused on patrols in areas of current and previous public complaints as well as areas identified by officers, including school zone. Throughout the month there were 24 focused enforcement initiatives resulting in 15 charges being laid, 1 compliance report and 9 warnings.

### R.I.D.E.

There were a total of 21 on-duty R.I.D.E. checks in November. Of the on-duty RIDE checks, A/Sgt. Sullivan's platoon (# 1) conducted 9; Sgt. Green's platoon (# 2) conducted 3; Sgt. Baker's platoon (# 3) conducted 6; and Sgt. Kitto's platoon (# 4) conducted 3.

The combined statistics were:

### On Duty R.I.D.E.

- 43 officers
- 18 hours,
- 870 drivers checked,
- 21 HTA charge/cautions
- 2 CAIA charge
- 1 CDSA
- 0 Roadside test
- 0 Impaired Driving/ Over 80 charge

There were two provincially funded overtime R.I.D.E. checks conducted in November.

The combined statistics were:

- 7 officers
- 8 hours,
- 671 drivers checked,
- 12 HTA charge/cautions
- 1 CAIA charge
- 1 CDSA
- 0 Roadside test
- 0 Impaired Driving/ Over 80 charge

**Platoon Enforcement Statistics – December 2015**

<b><u>Platoon #1 – 4</u></b>	<b><u>Part-time</u></b>
<b>Highway Traffic Act: 62 (includes CAIA)</b>	<b>Highway Traffic Act: 17 (includes CAIA)</b>
<b>Compliance Reports: 22</b>	<b>Compliance Reports: 02</b>
<b>Recorded Cautions: 88</b>	<b>Recorded Cautions: 30</b>
<b>Liquor Licence Act: 17</b>	<b>Other POA/By-Law: 04</b>
<b>Criminal Code/ CDSA: 100</b>	<b>Foot Patrol (Downtown): 14.5</b>
<b>Other POA/By-Law: 106</b>	<b>Foot Patrol (High Schools): -</b>
<b>Foot Patrol (Downtown): 102</b>	<b>Shits Worked: 22</b>
<b>Foot Patrol (High Schools): 5.5</b>	

**Traffic Safety Initiatives**

**Platoon #1:** A long term goal of consistency and equal contribution of enforcement with a monthly platoon goal of 30 HTA enforcement offences, plus at least one traffic stop per officer per shift. These goals were met. The platoon had an additional initiative of enforcement in school zone. Five school zone offences were issued. Also high visibility RIDE and foot patrol for the Christmas season. A total of 55.25 hours were contributed in these areas.

**Platoon #2:** The traffic initiative consisted of an increase in season RIDE checks during the Christmas season. The platoon conducted 8 checks at various time of the day. 389 drivers were checks and 8 HTA cautions for minor equipment and document offences. In addition the monthly initiative focused on enforcement of the overnight parking by-law. Discretion was exercised in this area due to the unusually warm weather and lack of snowfall. 87 overnight parking tickets were issued during the month.

**Platoon #3:** Monthly traffic initiative focused on compliance in regards to seatbelt compliance to increase safety of the extra hazards of winter driving. Also focus on investigative vehicle stops in relation to compliance of permits, plates and validation. 4 charges, four warnings and 5 compliance reports were issued for related offences.

**Platoon #4:** Monthly traffic initiative focused on safe winter driving practices, distracted driving, aggressive driving and proper lighting and clearing of snow from windshields and licence plates.

A total of 6 charges and 9 educational warning were issued in relation to above related offences.

### **R.I.D.E.**

There were a total of 33 on-duty R.I.D.E. checks in December. Of the on-duty RIDE checks, A/Sgt. Sullivan's platoon (# 1) conducted 12; Sgt. Green's platoon (# 2) conducted 8; Sgt. Baker's platoon (# 3) conducted 7; and Sgt. Kitto's platoon (# 4) conducted 6.

The combined statistics were:

### **On Duty R.I.D.E.**

- 70 officers
- 27.25 hours,
- 1888 drivers checked,
- 22 HTA charge/cautions
- 1 Roadside test
- 0 Impaired Driving/ Over 80 charge

There were six provincially funded overtime R.I.D.E. checks conducted in December.

The combined statistics were:

- 18 officers
- 24 hours,
- 1978 drivers checked,
- 15 HTA charge/cautions
- 1 Compliance Report
- 1 CDSA
- 0 Roadside test
- 0 Impaired Driving/ Over 80 charge

## **Auxiliary Report: November 2015**

### **Operations:**

In November 2015, the Auxiliary Unit contributed 268.8 hours. Our top members this month were Stephen-James Bent, Colin Barrett, Adam Heathers and David Kennedy.

### **Community Events:**

The month of November marks the commencement of the Festival of Northern Lights. The Auxiliary Unit provided patrols every evening throughout the month. Auxiliary officers were also utilized as additional support for the Santa Claus Parade. The end of the month saw the first Annually Auxiliary Food Drive event held at Zehrs. This event has a successful past and the Unit is optimistic for another great year in terms of both food and monetary donations. All donations gathered are given to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

## Auxiliary Report: December 2015

### Operations:

In December 2015, the Auxiliary Unit contributed 205 hours. Our top members this month were Stephen-James Bent followed by Adam Heathers.

### Community Events:

The Auxiliary Unit continued their Christmas Food Drive at various grocery stores within the City. It was another successful year, collecting 1959 pounds of food and \$3370 in cash donations. The Auxiliary Unit also continued nightly patrols of the Festival of Northern Lights.

In addition to the Auxiliary food drive above, the staff members of OSPS took part in an internal food drive. A successful 1500 pounds of food was collected as well as cash donations were contributed.

### Resignations:

This month Auxiliary Officer Thomas Harris submitted his resignation as he accepted a Cadet position with our Service. I am confident Cadet Harris will become a valuable asset to the Owen Sound Police as he moves forward with his career.

In reflecting back on this past year, I would like to thank the Auxiliary members for their hard work and dedication to both the Owen Sound Police Service and our Community. This tireless group of volunteers contributed over 2000 hours of time and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

PC Mike Dazé

- There were no questions regarding Operations.

## 8. Administration Report

### November 2015 – Accident Statistics

<b>Total Collisions:</b>	<b>(46)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Collisions - East side Owen Sound	25	
Collisions - West side Owen Sound	09	
Collisions - parking lots	12	Including 06 FTR below
Fail to Remain Collisions	06	
<b>Collisions referred to CRC</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>Collisions investigated by OSPS</b>	<b>28</b>	

The most prevalent collisions this month are linked to drivers' inattentiveness (i.e. improper turn or lane change; fail to yield).

## **December 2015 – Accident Statistics**

<b>Total Collisions:</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Collisions - East side Owen Sound	17	
Collisions - West side Owen Sound	03	
Collisions - parking lots	12	Including 02 FTR below
Fail to Remain Collisions	04	
<b>Collisions referred to CRC</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Collisions investigated by OSPS</b>	<b>18</b>	

The most prevalent collisions this month are linked to drivers' inattentiveness (i.e. improper turn or lane change; fail to yield).

## **Community Services Office Report – November 2015**

### **Operational:**

- Attended Wiarton Secondary School to provide a demonstration of our Safe Driving Education Program. Program was delivered to a Grade 11 class and to community stakeholders. Attended at the request of OPP and Wiarton's Safe Communities Committee
- Provided the Safe Driving Education program to all Grade 9 students at West Hill Secondary School
- Gave 4 presentations to Grade 9 students from West Hill Secondary School surrounding the topics of Criminal Harassment and Sexting
- Delivered the one week training program for the newly hired Special Constables
- Provided a presentation on Controlled Drugs and Substances to Educational Assistants of the Bruce Grey Catholic School Board as a part of their professional development day
- Worked as the Police liaison for the Ontario Hockey League in its' game versus Team Russia hosted in Owen Sound
- Facilitated "Take Your Kids to Work Day" at the Police Station and the Courthouse
- Conducted and hired Youth in Policing applicants
- Attended the monthly Auxiliary Unit meeting

## **Community Services Office Report – December 2015**

### **Operational:**

- Attended the media launch for the Joint Festival RIDE program
- Met with management group from Keystone to present and discuss the Community Wellness Model
- Continued development of the Community Wellness Model

- Participated in sub-committee meeting for the Wellness group regarding recruiting process for a program coordinator
  - Prepared a job posting for a Wellness program coordinator
  - Interviewed a successful candidate for the Wellness program coordinator position
  - Provided an internet safety presentation to youth Keystone residents
  - Hired a new YIPI student for the afterschool program
  - Worked with the two YIPI students of project development for their work term
- There were no questions regarding Administration.

#### 10. Approval of Operational/Administration Reports

**Moved by B. Twaddle, seconded by B. O’Leary**

*“That the Operational Report be accepted as presented by Inspector Wurfel and that the Administrations Report be accepted as presented by Inspector MacKinnon.”* **CARRIED**

#### 11. Chief’s Report

- The following Chiefs reports are mandated under the Police Services Act and are the duty to report to the Board annually. These reports will be filed with the Board for future reference.

Chief presented the following 2015 year-end reports:

- **2015 Use of Force Report**  
Chief advised the board that there were seventeen reports submitted for the year. Eight incidents involved empty hand techniques. Three incidents involving impact weapon and one incident involving O.C. spray were reported. The Taser was not deployed last year however there was 3 incidents where the Taser was displayed in 2015. There was one incident where a firearm was drawn by a police officer in the presence of public, and three incidents where a firearm was pointed to affect an arrest. There were zero incidents with a firearm discharged to destroy a sick or injured animal. Our Use of Force numbers are lower in 2015 as compared to 2014 and 2013.
- **2015 Public Complaints Report**  
There were two new public complaints submitted to the Office of the Independent Police Review Director. The OIPRD deemed them both of these complaints to be frivolous and not in the public interest to proceed. These files were closed with no further action. There are no outstanding or unresolved 2015 complaints carried into 2016.
- **Special Investigations Unit**  
OSPS was involved in the investigation of one occurrence in 2015. A person riding their bicycle fell off and sustained serious head injuries. Taken to hospital, became problematic and therefore restrained. The Special Investigation Unit commenced an investigation and concluded with no officer designations being made and that the police had acted properly. Also, that the injuries to the subject were sustained as a result of the fall from his bicycle and occurred prior to police involvement.
- **2015 Joint Forces Investigation**  
While the OSPS works cooperatively with our local municipal police and OPP partners on a regular basis, regarding investigations and offenders of common interest, two Joint Forces Operations were conducted in 2015.

- **Court Security Plan**  
The Court Security Plan was updated in 2014 by implementing a security screening process which included the use of a magnetic detection device and the physical search of bags, purses and parcels, in addition to inspection of contents carried in clothing pockets. A screening x-ray machine and monitor were approved by the Ministry of Attorney General and installed in the spring of 2015. The OSPS added two new full-time Special Constable positions in 2015.
- **Firearms Report 2015**  
OSPS took possession of fifteen firearms in 2015; two handguns, eight rifles and five shotguns. Of the fifteen firearms, three were handed in for destruction by the lawful owners or the next-of-kin of deceased owners, and the remaining twelve were seized by officers as evidence or for reasons of public safety. There were zero firearms destroyed in 2015. Of the fifteen firearms obtained, two are being held for evidence pending court proceedings and the remainder awaits destruction.
- **Property Vault Audit**  
This report will be conducted and finalized in February 2016.
- **Health and Safety**  
There was one main issue raised in 2015 and personnel have been advised. It is understood that the City has budgeted to have this issue replaced in 2016.
- **Conditions of the Building**  
There does not appear to be any major issues with the condition of the police building. Some small issues were identified and a request has been made to see that these will be addressed.
- **Secondary Employment and Board/Committee Membership**  
There were nine requests from members for approval from Chief Sornberger for secondary employment and one request to sit on an external Board. This is reportable under the Act to the Board. Every year these individuals update us as to their status of working part time and we go through to make sure there is no conflict of interests.
- **Owen Sound Police Services Board Assets – Acquisition/Disposal**  
Four pieces of Board Equipment were disposed of in 2015 which was an obsolete (to OSPS) printer which was sold for \$50.00 and three unserviceable items which were safely and securely disposed via destruction and recycling. Capital purchases included office equipment, dispatch mapping software, one vehicle and 5 Tasers. A list of all of the items purchased and disposed of will be filed with the Board.
- Chief announced the presence of Officer Peddle and the reason for his attendance today is that the Owen Sound Police Service is now actively on Twitter. PC Peddle is currently putting items on from today's meeting.
- Chief advised everyone that this Saturday is the NHL Alumni game at the Bayshore and all proceeds will support the Special Olympics. He encouraged those to attend.

- The PSA is very clear that at the first meeting of every year elections be held. Chief announced the results of today's elections of the Board. Mr. Garth Pierce was re-elected as Chairman of the Police Services Board for 2016.
- Chief announced that Inspector Wurfel will be Acting Deputy for an undetermined amount of time.
- There were no questions regarding the Chief's report.

11. **Approval of Chief's Report**

***Moved by B. O'Leary, seconded by I. Boddy***

*"That the 2015 Annual Reports and Chief's report be accepted as Chief Sornberger presented."* **CARRIED**

13. **Other Business**

- There was no other business to be discussed.

14. **Motion to Receive Information Package**

***Moved by I. Boddy, seconded by B. Twaddle***

*"That the Board Information Package dated January 27, 2016 be approved as circulated."* **CARRIED.**

15. **Motion to Adjourn**

***Moved by B. O'Leary***

*"That the meeting of January 27, 2016 be declared terminated at 11:33 a.m."* **CARRIED**

***Next meeting:***

***Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. O.S.P.S. 2nd Floor Meeting Room***