

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MORDEN  
POLICE BOARD**

**April 17, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Alex Fedorchuk (Chair), Brad Neduzak (Chief of Police), Brian Minaker, Ted Fransen, Heather Francis, Glenn Ritchie

**Absent with Regrets:**

**1.0 Introductions**

**2.0 Explanation of Police Board**

- 2.1 Chair Alex Fedorchuk explained that the intent of the Police Board is to improve transparency and accountability in the delivery of Policing Services. Chief of Police will now report to this Police Board rather than City Council.
- 2.2 Complaints regarding personal issues or police officers will be directed to the Police Chief. Complaints regarding the Chief can be directed to members of the Board, but the formal process will involve filing a complaint through LERA (Law Enforcement Review Agency). Last year's records show that there were no complaints in Morden.
- 2.3 Meetings will ordinarily be held four times per year. Dates will be posted on the City of Morden Website, bulletin board in the Civic Centre and the local news papers. Meetings will be open to the public, except for discussions brought up "In camera" (issues involving public security, sensitive financial information or personal information).

**3.0 Chief's Report**

- 3.1 Chief Neduzak explained that Morden Police Service strives to be the best Police Service that they can be. This is done through support of City Council as well as through training and equipment.

**4.0 Other Business**

**4.1 Training**

Glenn Ritchie asked about management of training days and costs. Chief Neduzak informed the Board that certain officers have specialized training. Certain courses are taken by every officer. When an officer is reviewed they have an opportunity to express interest in certain areas of training. As time and the budget allow, officers will be sent on the courses of interest. Chief Neduzak also said that the government helps pay a portion of travel expenses required for courses.

#### 4.2 Government funded position

Glenn Ritchie had questions regarding the government funded position filled by Cst. Jonathan Goertzen. The position is currently paid for by the government (for a total of three years). Mr. Ritchie wanted to know if we were prepared to take on the cost of this after the government stops paying for it. Chief Neduzak said that the City of Morden is responsible for the wages at that point. Within the next few years the population of Morden will increase and the budget will allow for this increase. Chief Neduzak also stated that in regards to staffing, we are below the national average.

#### 4.3 Crime Prevention

Heather Francis asked Chief Neduzak what ideas Morden Police had for the future for crime prevention.

Chief Neduzak said that it is important to get into classrooms at a younger age. Progress has already been made in the fact that we have expanded from Morden Collegiate to Ecole Morden Middle School.

We also have an Officer Liaison program where officers are available at the school once a week. Students are encouraged to speak with officers if they have any questions or concerns. Information sessions have also been held for parents. This has also been a success.

#### 4.4 Bullying

Brian Minaker had questions in regards to bullying in the schools. He wanted to know if this is an issue and if it is how we handle it.

Chief Neduzak replied that this is an issue and that there are school programs in place for this.

#### 4.5 Growth of the Police Service

4.5.1 Ted Fransen asked Chief Neduzak if the growth of the police service is a result of the complexity of the community or because of the population growth.

Chief Neduzak explained that it is both the complexity of the community and because the growth of the community. People are more transient. Policing has also changed over the years. For example warrants and investigations are more detailed. They deal with more complex issues.

4.5.2 Ted Fransen asked Chief Neduzak if Morden Police Service had given any thought into having a full time Liaison with the schools. Chief Neduzak replied that this is in process. A proposal has been put forth and presented to the Government.

#### 4.6 Assisting Agencies

Ted Fransen inquired about what kind of service we can expect at Boundary Trails Hospital. Chief Neduzak replied that this is RCMP jurisdiction, but that we have an understanding with them that if they require our assistance we will assist them. Chief

Neduzak said that we have spoken with the hospital about security, however the budget does not allow for us to do this at the time.

5.0 In-Camera Minutes – 7:52 p.m.

- 5.1 Council requested that a matter be dealt with regarding a survey that was sent out to City employees after the Christmas banquet. The survey asked if employee attended the banquet. If they did not attend, the survey asked why not. One response came back very negative and made reference to the reason they did not attend was that they were made to feel unwelcome by a council member and his wife. The response alluded that the council member made rude and “uneducated” comments about police.
- 5.2 Chair Alex Fedorchuk recommended to the City of Morden Council that Police Board members received remuneration for attending the scheduled four meetings throughout the year.
- 5.3 Chief Neduzak invited the Police Board members to attend the Morden Police Service to tour the facility.
- 5.4 Chief Neduzak reported that we will be discontinuing our current Data Master. MPI will be purchasing one for us. This is a result of the check stops that we conduct for them.
- 5.5 Chief Neduzak also talked about the Criminal Property Forfeiture Program. Property that is seized from warrants is turned over to them. Police services can apply for funding from this program. It is Chief Neduzak’s hope that they will fund the Service for a new K9 truck. It would cost approximately \$60, 000.

6.0 Moved by Ted Fransen that we adjourn meeting. Seconded by Brian Minaker. Meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.