

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MORDEN  
POLICE BOARD**

**June 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Rich Harries (Chair), Heather Francis, Brad Neduzak (Chief of Police), Brian Minaker, Ted Fransen, Larry Danielson, Danselle Neufeld (Secretary)

**Absent with Regrets:** Nil

**1.0 Recognize a Quorum**

**2.0 Approval of Agenda – June 9, 2015**

Motion – Heather Francis

Seconded – Ted Fransen

**3.0 Approval to Adopt Minutes – March 10, 2015**

Motion – Heather Francis

Seconded – Larry Danielson

Carried

**4.0 Follow –Up of Police Board Training**

On March 24, 2015 the Morden Police Board met in Ste, Anne for additional training. Heather Francis explained how this was an excellent opportunity to meet other police board members from across Manitoba. Of particular interest, was a report from Rick Linden where he explains the cost of policing in relation to what the media portrays to the general public.

**5.0 Policy Manual Discussion**

The Police Board met earlier to discuss where they want to go in terms of policy. Ted Fransen will be meeting with Chief Neduzak to develop a strategic plan. The Police Board requested that Chief Neduzak supply them with any information regarding Morden Police Service's mission and vision. Larry Danielson stated that they will be using Altona's policy as a base, but wanted to make sure that the philosophy of the policy matches the community of Morden. Mr. Danielson said it is important to have a community approach to policing. He will be helping to gather and develop information of the Policy Manual.

## **6.0 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Membership**

The Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) is a national organization dedicated to excellence in police governance in Canada. Their goal is to improve the effectiveness of civilian bodies that govern local police services. Currently, the Morden Police Board is not a member of the CAPG. Rich Harries suggested that now would be a good time to join. The cost is approximately \$440 for the year.

Motion – Ted Fransen

Seconded – Brian Minaker

Carried

## **7.0 Police Chief's Report**

Chief Neduzak informed the board that as the weather has been getting nicer, there has been an increase in petty thefts. This, along with Manitoba Public Insurance sponsored check stops, has been keeping officers busy. Morden Police Service conducted the Distracted Driver Program over the early summer, which mainly targeted drivers using their cell phones. Chief Neduzak says that there are other MPI funded check stops that will be happening throughout the rest of the year.

The Annual Chiefs of Police meeting is coming up in August. A common issue that seems to be appearing is police calls that include mental health concerns. Police resources are being used to “guard” mental health patients, for hours, taking them off their normal duties. Chiefs across Canada are looking for a better solution to this issue. Several agencies have a mobile crisis unit that assists in mental health calls. This has been found to work well for the agencies that use it.

Due to a recent death of an Edmonton Police Service member who was shot in the line of duty, we are reminded how important officer training is. The Regional Support Tactical Team continues to train often to help prevent against such an incident.

On this day, Morden Police Service hosted the Manitoba Law Enforcement Torch Run. Cst. Edwards organized this event where Police Board Members, police officers and councilors participated. Money raised was donated to Special Olympics Manitoba. Cst. Edwards has informed us that the next event will be a Polar Plunge and is scheduled for February.

## **8.0 Moment of Silence**

Chair Rich Harries asked that there be a moment of silence to honor fallen police officer, Cst. Daniel Woodall of the Edmonton Police Service.

## **9.0 Issues from the Public**

Alec Fedorchuk inquired as to why we do not currently have 24 hour policing, and wonders when we can see this take place.

Chief Neduzak wanted to clarify that there is indeed 24 hour access to police. There is always a member available. In regards to having members on shift 24/7 we would need to take into consideration things like, cost and staffing levels, training/sick days. In order to do this wisely and safely, the police service would first need to hire 3 or 4 more officers.

## **10.0 Other Business**

Ted Fransen attended the Winnipeg Police Service Public Consultation and spoke on his experience there. Mr. Fransen says that the event was held at the Millennium Library and was well organized. There were facilitators at each table that were able to answer any questions. The hope for the future is to be able to host forums in Morden.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

-Date of next meeting will be September 15, 2015 at 7:00.

## **11. Media Break**

This is a 5-10 minute break that allows the media to ask any questions that they have.

Motion to adjourn meeting (8:45 p.m.): Ted Fransen, Brian Minaker (Carried)

Motion to Move In Camera: Rich Harries, Brian Minaker (Carried)

Motion to Move Out of In Camera: Larry Danielson, Ted Fransen (Carried)

Next Meeting September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.