

**MINUTES
CITY OF MORDEN
POLICE BOARD**

November 20, 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 Creation of the Police Board

1.1 The purpose of the Police Board is to improve transparency and accountability. This is not a complaint department; there are other channels for that. Meetings are open to the public and will be held four times a year.

2.0 Chief Neduzak's Report

2.1 Police Commission presentation to Police Chiefs was held November 19. Up until this time Police Chiefs have not been included in Police Board training. A day long sessions was held for the Chiefs on the role of the Police Board.

2.2 Chief Neduzak attended the Manitoba Association for Chiefs of Police meeting (MACP) recently. Approximately 50-60 Chiefs from across Manitoba met to discuss current policing issues. It was decided that they would bring the three most major issues to the attention of the Justice Minister. They are as follows:

2.2.1 Provincial funding in detachments needs to be more uniform. Larger police forces will received provincial grants to fund the hiring of new officers, while smaller detachments that have a need for more officers, get denied.

2.2.2 There is a large amount of time that police officers spend on non-law enforcement issues. For example, officers will deal with a mental health patient for hours at a time. This time will be spend at the hospital waiting for a doctor to examine the patient. The Chiefs agreed that they are looking for assistance from the hospitals in this regard.

2.2.3 The Block by Block Program has been used in many cities. It is a program that committee members meet to discuss re-offenders in the community. The goal is to find the root of the problem and find a way to help the individual, rather than see them continuously come through the Justice system.

2.2.4 Police agencies report monthly to Statistics Canada. Non- law enforcement issues however, do not get reported as Statistics Canada does not have provisions for this. A large amount of policing involves things such as: mentoring programs, school talks, school liaison, ride alongs, school lock down policies and

procedures, drug and alcohol talks and driver's education talks. Police Chiefs would like to see this part of policing documented with Statistics Canada.

2.3 Traffic Involvement

2.3.1 Morden Police Service has conducted several traffic enforcement programs his fall. They have been funded from Manitoba Public Insurance. Road Safety Week was held October 11-14. Fifteen traffic offences and six written warnings were issued. The School Safety Program was held October 15-25. The goal here was to target drivers that were distracted in school zones. Thirty-two offence notices were given. The Distracted Driver Program was just held.

3.0 Other Business

3.1 Training

Ted Fransen reported on the training he was recently able to attend. There were four sessions held at Winnipeg City Hall. He was able to attend one of these sessions and was able to hear speakers such as Rick Linden, Chair of the Manitoba Police Commission and Devon Clunis, Chief of Winnipeg Police Service. Chief Neduzak suggested to the Board that it might be beneficial to have Mr. Linden attend and offer his advice to on Police Boards and how they are run.

3.2 Andrew Minor

Andrew Minor attended Morden Police Service on September 4, 2013. He is the Executive Director of the MB Police Commission. Mr. Minor went over his role as Director and offered his support to the Morden Police Service and the Morden Police Board.

4.0 Registered Guest(s)

4.1 Myrna Mayor attended and asked for clarification on the MPI funded programs around the school. She has read the weekly Police reports in the newspaper and wondered why we are not in school zones more often. Chief Neduzak responded by saying that as much as they would like to be there all the time, this is not practical. Officers will get called to other calls, but they do drive past the schools several times throughout the day; specifically during the morning and when school lets out. Ms. Mayor asked if perhaps there could be a reminder put in the local newspaper that there are school patrols being done. Chief Neduzak said that this is already being done but that a special release could be done.

5.0 Other Comments

5.1 Heather Francis asked Chief Neduzak what his five year plan was for crime prevention. Chief Neduzak said that this is hard to predict as needs are constantly changing. One thing the Chief would like to see is information sharing between different agencies (i.e. CFS, Probations etc). Sharing certain information would allow the agencies to better help the individuals that are dealt with frequently.

5.2 Heather Francis stated that she had been on her ride along with Morden Police. She said that it was a very good experience.

Motion to Commence: Brian Minaker, Heather Francis (Carried)

Next Meeting: February 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.