

Minutes

City of Morden Police Board



Wednesday June 12th, 2019 @ 3:00pm – Morden Civic Centre

Present: Rich Harries (Chair), Chief Brad Neduzak, Stephen Ross, Linda Doerksen, Hank Hildebrand, Jim Hunt and Pam Goertzen (recorder) guest – Curtis Warkentin

1.0 Call to Order at 2:57 pm

2.0 Regrets:
Nil

3.0 Adoption of Agenda:
M: Hank S: Linda, Carried

4.0 Approval of Previous Minutes March 20th, 2019:
M: Stephen S: Jim, Carried.

5.0 Delegations:
Nil

6.0 Executive Reports:

A – Chief's Reports

Brad had circulated the reports for the month of May and asked if anyone had any questions. Brad discussed the recent stolen vehicle files and thefts from motor vehicles and explained that the department is working on getting a handle on who is out and about in the evenings. Brad explained that all the vehicles have been found and most were damaged. There are two motor bikes still unrecovered at this point. Brad mentioned that our stats are up slightly from last year. He spoke about the departments involvement in Tim Horton's Camp Day and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The money raised from the torch run goes to Special Olympics. There was a great turn out from the Ecole Morden Middle School with hundreds of kids joining the run which started at the RCMP station and ended at the Morden Police Service. Brad also

asked the board if they would be interested in hearing from Cst. Jon Goertzen from the Regional Support Tactical Team. Jon is the Team Leader and they recently received a \$38,000 grant from Criminal Property Forfeiture for equipment. The board was interested in hearing from Jon.

7.0 Other New Business:

Cst. Jon Goertzen from the Regional Support Tactical Team attended to speak to the board regarding the new equipment that was purchased using the grant money from Criminal Property Forfeitures. The team purchased several items to be used in less lethal incidents. It was explained that right now all members have three less lethal options – tasers, pepper spray and baton. The members of the Tactical Team had the same options up until their recent purchases. They now have different gas options – OC and CS – which are used to toss into rooms and fill the room with smoke. They have a 40 mm launcher which can launch ferret rounds (gas) or foam batons from a distance if they are unable to get close enough to toss in the gas. They have a pepper ball gun, flash bangs and a less lethal shot gun (bean bag). All the members of the tactical team have received training for using this equipment through Winnipeg Police Service. Two members – Cst. Goertzen and Cst. Thiessen from Winkler have also received the instructor course for this equipment. Brad spoke about the policy that Jon and Deputy Chief Kalansky from Winkler Police Service have created for the team. Stephen asked about whether there would be some equipment that the police service or the tactical team could receive from Criminal Property Forfeiture. The majority of the seizures are cash seizures or vehicles.

8.0 Financial Report:

A – 2019 YTD update

Brad advised that we are OK and have no issues at this point and the accounting system is getting better. Brad shared an update on the new vehicle the Tactical Team is looking at getting from Winnipeg Police. It's ready for us to have but they are waiting on their new vehicles before we can have that one. Brad also discussed the application process which has begun for the new Constable position. The first phase is closing on June 28th at which point the applications are screened and selections are made to move on to the second phase. In the second phase people are expected to complete physical tests, exams, eye tests, etc. Brad is expecting to have someone hired by Fall and they are looking at sending the new recruit to Regina for Recruit Class in January 2020. If the successful candidate is trained then they will be able to begin work sooner. Brad explained that himself and his two sergeants – Sean Aune and Chris Flook do the screening and then Mary Anne from Human Resources sits in on the interviews with them.

9.0 Old Business:

A – Police Services Act Review

The Board received information regarding the Province doing a review of the Police Services Act that came out five years ago. They want to see what's working and what's not working. The Board decided that it would be wise to have an active role in this if the Province wants to speak with stakeholders. Brad advised that the Province has hired Scott Kolody (retired RCMP D Division Commanding Officer) to do this review. At this point this is just for information and will remain on the agenda.

B – 2019 Community Engagement

Rich asked the board if they had any ideas on engaging the community. In 2017 they did a community survey and had committed to doing further engagement activities within the community. Rich asked if there are any volunteers to take charge of this idea. There was discussion on having a "Town Hall" format where the police inform and educate the public. Possibly have a demonstration day or open house at the Police Station where you can invite the public and the media. Stephen asked if we could contact Candace Olafson from the Chamber about getting businesses involved and Rich advised he would look into this. Brad will think about different ideas and come to the board to talk about it at the September meeting.

10.0 Closing Question Period:

Nil

11.0 Next Meeting Date:

September 24th, 2019 at 3:00 pm (Morden Civic Centre)

12.0 In-Camera at 3:55pm

M: Linda S: Hank, Carried

13.0 Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 04:48pm



Pam Goertzen (recorder)