

Township of Laurentian Valley Community Policing Committee
June 17, 2015 Meeting

Present: Marcel Marsan, Wendy Hewitt, Elise Fuisz, Ron Moss, Brian Hugli, Julie Herbert

Regrets: Brian Burger

Visitor: OPP - Beth Ethier

May meeting minutes accepted as distributed, motion by Wendy, 2nd Marcel.

RADAR BOARD - Brian Hugli reported that he spoke to Mr. Gervais of the Pembroke Police Board. Mr. Gervais indicated that Pembroke did not wish to partner with anyone as they have already ordered their unit. He indicated that the approximate cost was \$6,500 for one unit from Traffic Innovations. As the Laurentian Valley Community Policing Committee budget is only \$5,000 the committee would need to find additional funds in order to purchase a unit for the Township. It was mentioned that funds may be available through CPAC with respect to court monies.

It was suggested that we contact Petawawa to see how they like their units and whether the statistics are beneficial. Ron indicated that he would contact David Unrau, the Director of Public Works for the Town of Petawawa, to seek information from him on their units.

Ron Moss asked for input on who determines where the boards are placed. It was suggested that it would usually be based on complaints received from the residents.

GOLDEN FRIENDSHIP CLUB - It was confirmed that the Senior Fraud seminar is now scheduled for September 3, 2015 at the Shady Nook Recreation Centre starting at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPT A ROAD - it was reported that 5 members attended on June 11, at the Township Office. It took the members approximately 1 hour to clean the ditches on our adopted section of Witt Road. It was suggested that the Adopt-a-Road program be promoted on our Facebook page.

DISTRIBUTION OF CRIME PREVENTION PAMPHLETS and DISTRIBUTE "LOCK IT OR LOSE IT" FLYERS - the distribution of our flyers is an ongoing topic of discussion. The committee is seeking alternative ways of distribution. It was suggested that the committee distribute the flyers at an inside location and not leave them on windshields of vehicles. Other methods could include attending various events in Laurentian Valley to distribute the flyers by hand. It was suggested that the committee inquire as to attendance at the Wardens Family day in August at the County of Renfrew Building.

ROCKWOOD BIKE RODEO - The bike rodeo is scheduled for June 23, at Rockwood. It was mentioned that the event that Adam holds for the older children had already taken place. Elise mentioned that she understood from a previous discussion that all of the children that participated in either event, would have their names entered into the draw for the bike that is donated from the committee each year. Elise indicated that she contacted the school and was informed that the older students were not entered in the draw for the bike. There was discussion with respect to the fact that all students should be included and that it should not be limited to a certain age group. Wendy indicated that she would contact Rockwood school and make sure that all students that participated in either event would have their names entered in the draw.

Ron presented the committee with the Ice Cream Coupons that have been circulated at the bike rodeo for the past several years. The coupons are for a small soft serve ice cream from Brum's Dairy. The committee made a great deal of them in the past and there are a few remaining. They will be handed out at this year's bike rodeo, however, the committee will discuss the possibility of something different in the future. The committee received a bill from Brum's Dairy for \$63.00 for the coupons that were handed in to them in 2014.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM - Beth will contact the committee when these programs come available.

FACEBOOK PAGE - Elise has created a Facebook page for the committee and will undertake to try and manage it and post relevant information and different events etc.

WEBSITE - Elise will contact Brian Berger regarding the website information and updates and whether or not he is will continue working with the Township to keep the page updated.

NEW BUSINESS

CH.I.P - the committee received correspondence from the Masonic Lodge with respect to the Child Identification Program. They indicated that there would be a clinic this year by the County of Renfrew Child Care Services at the County of Renfrew Building, 9 International Drive, Pembroke, on Saturday August 15, 2015. They asked if the committee would be willing to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause.

Elise made a motion to make a donation to the Masonic Lodge for the CH.I.P program in the amount of \$300. It was seconded by Marcel and all were in favour.

CONSTITUTION - There were many questions with respect to the committee's constitution. It was discovered that a constitution for the Laurentian Valley Community Policing Committee could not be found. However, Ron was able to find a draft copy of a constitution. Elise will forward it to all committee members to review over the summer and it will be dealt with at the committee's meeting in September.

POLICE RECORDS CHECKS - Ron mentioned that committee members have their Police Records Checks completed, however, some of them are older. Beth indicated that it is up to the committee as to how often the checks should be updated or whether a declaration could be signed each year. She further indicated that this is something that could be added to our constitution.

NEW MEMBERS - The new members that were to attend this meeting did not show. Ron indicated that he would follow up with them to let them know that we would not be meeting again until September.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS - Wendy indicated that she would like to see the committee plan the year in advance. She indicated that it is somewhat difficult to plan one month at a time. Additionally, she mentioned that if the year was planned in advance that the committee may not need to meet every month. This is something that will need to be discussed at our meeting in September and also with drafting of the constitution.

Wendy indicated that Fellowes High School would be willing to bus students to various areas in Laurentian Valley to clean the ditches. There are always students that need their volunteer hours and this would benefit the township as well. We are on the look out for roads that are in need of a clean up. This again will be further discussed in September.

Motion to adjourn Elise, 2nd Brian.

The committee will break for the summer months.

Next meeting September , 2015