

MINUTES of the Warman & Martensville RCMP Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 12th, 2012
Council Chambers, Warman City Hall

PRESENT: Mayors Sheryl Spence, Kent Muench
City Manager Ivan Gabrysh
Councillors Kendall Shram, Tyson Chillog
Staff Sergeant Kevin Weber, Detachment Commander
Staff Sergeant Roger Tournier, Asset Management Liaison F-Div HQ
Sergeants Warren Gherasim, Mark Ochitwa
City Clerk Janice Hudson

ABSENT: City Manager Scott Blevins

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 4:08 PM

OLD BUSINESS: No carry-over business from meeting of September 19th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Area Map & New Detachment

Sgt Weber presented the map of four-detachment rural outline and its breakdown of amalgamation. Twenty-five (25) members fall under the umbrella.

Sgt Tournier was introduced. He spoke regarding his asset management position and involvement with potential new amalgamated detachment and the options available. He is here to get things rolling. Mayor Spence expressed that discussion between Council is needed and of utmost importance.

Discussion followed regarding a need for: cells (cost of approx. \$250,000 each), joint services, design of new detachment. Each detachment design is different and customizable.

It was noted that: Delisle and Radisson detachments will remain community.
There could be a possibility to include health services or Traffic, etc.
General Contractor should be cleared by RCMP.
Costs are 70/30 under a municipal contract (under 5,000 pop. is provincially funded under new PPSA)

Councillor Shram inquired as to what is next step? Reply by Sgt Tournier is "a commitment and decision from the Cities". Further; that Municipalities build or private build, or rent/lease for cost recovery.

Mayor Muench asked about timeframe. It was stressed that the impact of not building could mean no amalgamation and loss of 24-hour policing. Separation would cause for difficulty in efficient and effective operations.

Discussion of location: mid-way between Martensville and Warman would be ideal, but not currently realistic due to condition of roads/highway. Sgt Gherasim suggested talking to the Reeve Judy Harwood of the RM of Corman Park at December 19th meeting to discuss a potential location of new detachment.

Sgt Tournier left the meeting. (4:42 PM)

Crime Stats, Reporting, Concerns

Sgt Gherasim reviewed the Crime Stats for last three months (reduction in crime since last report and since last year), and updated open cases. There is an increase in motor vehicle accidents due to weather.

Sgt Weber discussed the reporting format, noting that a “Mayor’s Report” can be pulled at any time for a specific period. Most agreed that the compiled, Detachment Commander’s report is preferred.

Mayor Spence raised concerns from Greenview Estates regarding speeding on Centennial Boulevard. Sgt Gherasim ensured that enforcement has been done in this area of concern. If any signs are currently missing, they should be put back up promptly, as this defends any court action. It was reiterated that the speed within City limits is 40 km/hr unless otherwise posted, and that any speeding issues should be directed to the RCMP.

Staffing & Scheduling

Sgt Ochitwa spoke regarding staffing challenges and missing members....one member lost, one on parental leave, one on days only, and one injured. However, two will return in January and a new member has been hired from cuts, so 2013 will provide some relief with back to five members per watch. Sgt Ochitwa recognized the flexibility and over time put in by the members.

More good news – a Detachment Clerk position (provincially hired and funded) has been approved and will be based in Martensville. This will help keep the members on the road and greatly assist with admin.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 10th @ 4:00 PM in Martensville

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:25 PM