

Minutes of the Altona Police Board Public meeting held on Thursday, September 12th, 2013 held at 4:30 p.m. in the Altona Civic Centre Council Chambers.

Present were: Kevin Bell, Terry Wiebe, Perry Batchelor, Archie Heinrichs, Leanne Braun and Delores Loewen.

Regrets: Melvin Klassen

Gallery – Don Radford

1. Call to order
Chair Kevin Bell called the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. Approval of agenda
No additions to the agenda.
3. Approval of minutes

MOTION: Terry Wiebe – moved Archie Heinrichs – seconded – THAT the minutes of June 10th, 2013 public meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Altona Police Service Monthly reports
 - 4.1 Plum Coulee – June 7th – September 4th
 - 4.2 Altona – May, June & July

MOTION: Terry Wiebe – moved – Archie Heinrichs – seconded – THAT the Board approve the monthly police reports as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Plum Coulee Policing Agreement

Board members reviewed the present Towns of Altona and Plum Coulee Policing agreement. Discussion was held on the number of years of the new agreement, amendments to items Item # 5. (first paragraph), item #6 (a), Item #9 b (first and second paragraph); upon approval of the Police Board and Town Councils a signed copy of the agreement must be forwarded to the Director of Policing.

MOTION: Leanne Braun – moved Kevin Bell – seconded – THAT the Memorandum of Understanding between the Towns of Altona and Plum Coulee has been reviewed;

AND THAT the Altona Police Board tasks the Chief of Police to revise the presented Memorandum of Understanding as per Board discussions regarding Item # 5. (first paragraph), item #6 (a), Item #9 b (first and second paragraph);

AND THAT the amended Memorandum of Understanding be forwarded via email to all Board members for final approval.

CARRIED.

6. D.A. Security Agreement

Chief Batchelor reported that D.A. Security has been providing guarding services for the Altona Police Service. This has worked very well, the present agreement requires renewal. Chief Batchelor will review the agreement with the owner of D.A. Security and report back to the board at their next meeting.

7. Full Dispatch

Chief Batchelor reported that the Altona Police Service is working towards having all calls go through dispatch instead of our present system; where calls are relayed from our office to the Officer's on duty cell phone. This is something that the Service is looking at implementing in the future.

8. Fine Option Agreement

Chief Batchelor reviewed the fine option agreement. Chair Kevin Bell to sign agreement on behalf of the Altona Police Board.

9. Review of Procedures & Policies

Board members tabled the review of procedures & policies to a future meeting. Discussion was held on vision/mission statements. Board members agreed to continue discussions on the statements at their next meeting.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Review of response for the letter addressing additional police officer

Board members reviewed the letter received from Glen Lewis Executive Director of Policing. The letter is in response to a letter sent by the Altona Police Service to Minister Swan. The letter noted that the Police Officer Recruitment Fund was a federal initiative and advised the Police Board to forward a letter to The Honourable Steven Blaney. The Board asked that Chief Batchelor prepare a draft letter to be sent to Mr. Blaney. Board to approve via email.

10.2 Review of response for the letter addressing Bill 33

Chief Batchelor reviewed the letter from Glen Lewis responding to the letter sent by Altona Police Board regarding Bill 33.

Chief Batchelor reviewed a media release from AMM depicting some changes to Bill 33 which includes exemptions regarding some of the RMs not being required to amalgamate. Board members felt this was a positive change. Chief Batchelor was asked to draft a letter requesting that the "one entity policing" clause be exempted as well.

11. Financial Update

Chief Batchelor reviewed the financial statements, noting that most items are either under or on budget. Chief Batchelor noted that preparations for the 2014 are starting and requested that Dan Gagne the Town of Altona Financial Officer be asked to attend the next Altona Police Board meeting to review the budget process and projects for the 2014 budget. Board approved.

12. Annual Report

Chief Batchelor reminded Board members that an annual report must be prepared and submitted to the Minister's office.

Next meeting date was scheduled for December 5th, due to a number of conflicts the next Public meeting of the Altona Police Board is scheduled for November 28th, 2013

13. Adjournment at 6:15 p.m.