

Minutes of the **Community Policing Committee Meeting** held on May 17th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium, Community Centre, Ontario.

PRESENT:

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Fic

MEMBERS: Councillor Wendy K. Weller
Doris Daigle
Nyla Davidson Koomans

ALSO PRESENT: Constable Sandro Cave- OPP KL Detachment
Constable Darren Baumrann- OPP KL Detachment

AUDIENCE: 7 Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

Chair Elaine Fic called the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Doris Daigle

Appointing Secretary

THAT Nyla Koomans be appointed as Recording Secretary for the May 17, 2017 Community Policing Meeting.

Carried

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the May 17, 2017 meeting of the Community Policing Committee be adopted with addition and amendment.

Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded by Doris Daigle

Previous Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Community Policing Meeting held on March 8, 2016 be adopted.

Carried

5. Correspondence

None

6. New Business

Presentation by Constable Cave
-Elder Abuse and scams

Constable Cave started his presentation with several types of scams which currently are victimizing not only senior citizens but the community as a whole. Scams are being perpetrated by the use of computers and telephone. One example provided involves people receiving a call from a person representing themselves as a federal employee from the Revenue Canada Agency.

They begin by advising the individual who answers they are highly indebted to the Canadian Government and they must pay a certain amount by way of credit card or a Western Union. They stress a great importance to pay up as soon as possible or the victim will risk losing their homes, or other valuables. Constable Cave stressed no one calling you should ever ask for your credit card number, social insurance numbers (SIN) or pension information. Going one step further he advises it is unwise and unsafe to carry your SIN card, unless you are going to Service Canada, a job interview or dealing with your bank. No one should ask for your SIN. His advice is leaving it at home. If the caller is not willing to provide the information they requested, the caller will begin bartering by saying they can cut the amount owing the government in half. The caller is willing to receive their payment in gift cards from Walmart. Bottom line, if you don't know the person calling, do not engage them, better yet if you have call display, simply do not answer.

Another popular scam through the computer is not just one of financial abuse, but mental abuse as well. This involves frauds representing themselves as single/widowed, and looking for company of the opposite sex. It is a longer scam, where the fraudsters continue to communicate their victims for a while before they describe some sort of issue that requires money right away. They represent themselves wealthy but unable to withdraw money due to their local residence, but if they could borrow money from you and ensure they will pay you back, and often suggest they will pay you even more than they owe.

Often fraudsters use a calling card therefore making it very difficult to block the caller, the number does not exist. The calls or texts usually are coming from Asian or African countries.

Although for some individuals, it may be difficult to understand how people fail to recognize the scam, however in the local townships there has been over 300 victims. It is important to realize if you give out information willing to one on these fraud, you are indebted to pay it back, fraud or not.

Constable Cave also advise that Sergeant Witty requested the constables to remind people about distractive driving, mainly involving the use of cell phones, Distractive driving deaths has now surpassed drunk driving fatalities. The fine for this offence currently can reach over \$400.00. It is now under consideration to increase this offence to match DUI's. If you choose to have your cell phone with you, pull over before answering or risk fines and possible injuries.

-Additional Business

Nyla requested we consider sticking to the meetings by-monthly whether the OPP's are unable to attend. Although no motion was made, it was agreed to stick to the schedule. The Committee could use the meeting brain-storming, and determining other stakeholders we can tap into.

Question #1

A member of the audience put forth a concern about three local fires which occurred in one night. 'Do residents have a need to be concerned?' Constable Cave advised there is not a need to be over diligent. He was limited to the information he could provide. However his response left attended with a more relaxed safe feeling.

Question # 2

Members of the audience asked how they can know when the next meeting will take place. Elaine advised they would put a memo at the Post Office window.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Doris Daigle
Seconded by Nyla Koomans

Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Carried

