INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending June 16, 2017

REPORTS

1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

- 1. Proposed New Excess Soil Reuse Regulation and Amendments to Existing Regulations
- 2. 2016 Review of the Accessibility Transportation Standards
- 3. Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario
- 4. Bill 139 The Proposed Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017

CORRESPONDENCE

- City of Guelph Response to Intergovernmental Consultation re: Proposed Amendment to the 5-year Time Limited Exemption for Twoway Radios under Ontario's Distracted Driving Law
- 2. Township of Pickle Lake Resolution re: Ban on Construction of Incinerators
- 3. GRCA Current, June 2017

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- 1. Guelph Police Services Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2017
- 2. Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes May 11, 2017

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. None

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert									
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website		
Proposed New Excess Soil Reuse Regulation and Amendments to Existing Regulations	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	June 23, 2017	An EBR notice has been posted (013-0299) proposing a new regulation and key complementary regulatory amendments related to the management of excess soil including proposed amendments to the Records of Site Condition Regulation (O. Reg. 153/04). Amendments to the latter will make excess soil management on brownfield properties consistent with and complementary to the proposed excess soil management requirements. The proposals will have the following goals: to protect human health and the environment from inappropriate relocation of excess soil; and enhance opportunities for the beneficial reuse of excess soil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the movement of excess soil.	Staff comment will be submitted via the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	Several hundred tonnes of excess soils are being generated and brought to the City every year as a result of infrastructure projects, development projects (subdivision projects), environmental projects etc. As such, it would be in the best interests of the City to provide comments and/or concerns to the MOECC regarding the best use/reuse of the excess soils and to promote efficiency in the (re)development of brownfields located throughout the City. The City recently was awarded a "2016 Brownie Award" for its "Guideline for the Development of Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites". The City is known for its flexible and practical approach to the development of Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites. The City's environmental engineering service area was consulted several times by MOECC staff when they were formulating the amendments to O. Reg. 153/04. The City's new snow disposal facility will also function as a temporary excess soil storage area, and street sweeping storage among other uses.	Engineering Services	https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMyMzMw&statusId=MjAwOTA2&language=en		

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
2016 Review of the Accessibility Transportation Standards	Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment	July 19, 2017	The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is expected to achieve an accessible Ontario by 2025 through the development, implementation and enforcement of accessibility standards that apply to the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. The Transportation Standards under the Act set out requirements to help transportation and public transit providers as well as municipalities, universities, colleges, hospitals and school boards make their transportation services and vehicles accessible to people with disabilities. The Standards came into effect on July 1, 2011. The Act requires the review of each accessibility standard five years after it becomes law to determine whether the standard is working as intended and to allow for adjustments to be made as required. Topics of the draft changes include: Conventional transit Specialized transit Duties of municipalities that license taxicabs Accessible Parking Spaces Coordination between specialized transit services New and emerging technologies	Staff and Accessibility Advisory Committee will review the recommendations and provide feedback via the online survey.	A coordinated staff level response to the Ministry survey is considered appropriate in this case	Transit	https://www.ontario.ca/page/2016-review-accessibility-transportation-standards

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	July 30, 2017	An EBR notice has been posted (013-0094) as a Policy Proposal Notice. This discussion paper, "Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario", serves as the basis for preliminary discussion with stakeholders to inform the development of the Food and Organic Waste Framework. The Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy, released on February 28, 2017, commits the ministry to a Food and Organic Waste Action Plan with a key action being the possible banning of food waste from disposal. The Food and Organic Waste Framework will aim to: Reduce the amount of food that becomes waste Remove food and organic waste from the disposal stream Reduce greenhouse gas emissions that result from food and organic waste Support and stimulate end markets that recover the value from food and organic wastes Increase accountability of responsible parties Improve data on food and organic waste Enhance promotion and education regarding food and organic waste The intent of this Discussion Paper is to offer an early opportunity for Ontarians to provide input towards the development of a Food and Organic Waste Framework.	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	Staff response on the proposed Discussion Paper will be consistent with comments provided at Ministry Food Waste Consultation Sessions. The City of Guelph has a vested interest in diverting food and organic waste from landfill through the operation of our Organic Waste Processing Facility, thereby reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our diversion rate. Further, should the Ministry ban food waste from disposal, there may be considerations related to City operations, capacity, promotion/education, etc.	Environmental Services	Environmental Registry

			Provincia	I/Federal Consultati	on Alert		
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Bill 139 – the proposed Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017	Ministry of Municipal Affairs	August 14, 2017	Bill 139 proposes to introduce new legislation to replace the Ontario Municipal Board with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, and make amendments to existing legislation, including the <i>Planning Act</i> , to give communities a stronger voice in land use planning. If passed, the proposed changes to statutes dealing with land use planning would: • Give more weight to local and provincial decisions by changing the standard of review – the grounds for appeal on major matters would be limited to their failure to conform or be consistent with provincial and local policies • Give municipal elected officials greater control over local planning by exempting a broader range of municipal land use decisions from appeal. • Support clearer and more timely decision making • Support government priorities on climate change	the consultation deadline.	Upon initial review, the draft legislation responds to many of the City's major recommendations. Council endorsed comments from the prior consultation provide a detailed basis for responding to the proposed legislation.	Legal Services Planning, Urban Design and Building Services	https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-municipal-affairs

Public comment

Display Screens and Hand-Held Devices - 5-Year Limited Exemption Title:

Review

The Ministry of Transportation is proposing to amend the 5-year time **Description:**

limited exemption for two-way radios under Ontario's Distracted

Driving Law.

Comments

15/06/17 Due:

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> City of Guelph 1 Carden Street

Guelph Ontario N1H 3A1

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BACKGROUND

At present distracted driving legislation permits some limited use of mobile devices, under specific conditions. In practical terms, the device must be within easy reach, activated with a single push of a button and then used hands-free. It's under these quidelines that Ontario exempted two-way radios. Specifically, two-way radios, handmikes (push-to-talk systems) and portable radios ("walkie-talkies") may be used in hands-free mode, clipped to the driver's belt or attached to his/her clothing, so long as the hand-mike is not held while driving. The driver can push and hold the button to talk and release it to listen, repeating as often as necessary to conduct a conversation. The city of Guelph is requesting the exemption of use of two-way radios continue to be exempted from distracted driving legislation.

RATIONALE

The City of Guelph's (Municipal) Fleet have two-way communication devices in the majority of our municipal fleet vehicles and mobile equipment (example: Road Grader). The use of two-way radios has been a long and established practice in the City of Guelph, Municipal (Mobile) Operations. Various municipal services across all City departments, delivering critical public service such as Emergency Services, Public Works/Services, Transportation/Transit Services, rely on mobile communication devices. The use the communication device is essential to safe, effective and efficient delivery of Public Services to City of Guelph residents.

Two-way radios are used daily for sharing real time operational information, dispatching services, work crew/ work tasks coordination, emergency response and emergency notifications. A recent introduction to all City of Guelph communication radios has been dedicated emergency response buttons, allowing drivers to notify their immediate supervisors and/or By-Law Enforcement through the push of an emergency button. Unlike other mobile communications devices, two radio communication is brief and to the point. Communication Radios are purposely secured (fixed) and placed in the

vehicle/equipment to allow the driver to easily access the microphone without having to adjust his or her driving position. Notwithstanding the stringent fleet policy/procedures currently in place to prevent the use of 'other' hand held device while operating City Vehicles, two way radios should remain exempt from provincial legislation. City staff are trained in appropriate two-way radio etiquette (i.e.: brief operational information transmission use only) and aware that the use of two-way radios continues to be the only approved method of (mobile) operational communication.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKLE LAKE

RESOLUTION					
ATE:	May 23, 2017	NO: <u>17 - 162</u>			
MOVED BY:	Dellie Chartiano				
SECONDED BY:	B. Dell				

WHEREAS The Municipality of Port Hope is requesting, by resolution, the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change to revise existing legislation so as to explicitly ban construction of incinerators and phase out existing incinerators in Ontario;

AND WHERAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake respectfully holds views in this matter counter to those of the Municipality of Port Hope;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for The Corporation of The Township of Pickle Lake hereby agrees to voice its opposition to an outright ban on construction of incinerators and phase out existing incinerators in Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the Minister of Energy, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

VOTES	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	DECLARATION OF INTEREST
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CHARTRAND	/			DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTION (CHECK ONE):
MACKECHNIE	/			CARRIED: TABLED:
MILLAR				CHAIR

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Wet cool weather

Most of the climate stations in the watershed recorded a month's worth of rain during the first week of May, and the month continued to provide lots of rainfall.

A slow-moving weather system May 3 to 5 delivered heavy rainfall to southern Ontario. Rain gauges in the Grand River watershed recorded 60 to 75 mm of rain during this time. This resulted in the closure of the low level bridges in St. Jacobs and Cambridge, as well as a warning about potential flooding in New Hamburg, Ayr and at several seasonal trailer parks along the Grand River.

Many comparisons were made to the May 1974 flood; however, a great deal has changed in flood management within the Grand River watershed since that time. There are many more processes in place to improve outcomes, and the rain arrived more slowly. The reservoirs reduced the peak flows by up to 30 per cent directly downstream of the reservoirs and by about 20 per cent in the central Grand River.

May was also cooler than normal, continuing a trend set this spring.

Water levels in the reservoirs are in the normal operating range, thanks to the high precipitation. Lake Erie continues to be well above the long-term average.

Third annual report of the Water Management Plan

The third progress report on the Grand River Water Management Plan covering 2016 is complete and now posted on the GRCA website.

The plan itself was endorsed in 2014 and compiles actions from 16 partners to advance the plan's goals. Since 2014, members of the Water Managers Working Group, a committee of senior staff representing partner organizations, have been meeting quarterly. Each year the group prepares a report to summarize completed actions and track the progress of those still underway.

This continues the collaborative approach to

water management that got underway several decades ago with two previous water management plans.

Parkhill Dam project consultation underway

The GRCA is planning to build a hydro plant at Parkhill Dam in Cambridge and pre-consultation for an Environmental Assessment of the project is underway.

These pre-consultation meetings are with stakeholders and provide them with information about the project before the Environmental Assessment begins. The meetings are intended to increase awareness of the project. The stakeholder groups include regulating agencies, Six Nations of the Grand, Mississaugas of the New Credit, the City of Cambridge, nearby landowners and others.

The first public information centre to learn more about the project is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cambridge Mill – Falls Room. A second public information centre will be scheduled for September.

If you would like to be added to the contact list to receive information about this project, please email your request to parkhill@grandriver.ca.

GRCF looks back on positive results in 2016

In 2016 the Grand River Conservation Foundation provided nearly \$1.27 million for many types of projects related to the GRCA.

Over the course of the year, donations that ranged from \$5 to \$250,000 were given, mostly by individual donors.

The projects that benefited from these funds include the winter program expansion, the learning grounds at the future site of the new Guelph Lake Nature Centre, park trail improvements, an amphitheatre and natural playground at Shade's Mills, memorial trees and many more.

During the year, the Foundation raised nearly \$1.2 million. Some of this money is held for future projects and some was given out during the year.

Changes to Elora Quarry

The GRCA is taking steps to improve the visitor experience at Elora Quarry this summer, with a focus on increasing public safety and decreasing the overall environmental impact to the park.

The maximum daily capacity of the park has been set at 1,300 guests. On days when maximum capacity is reached, visitors will be encouraged to visit nearby Grand River Parks such as Elora Gorge, Belwood Lake and Guelph Lake, as well as other local attractions.

Most recently, overcrowding of this popular summer swimming location has begun to put significant pressure on the local environment around the park, as well as negatively impact the experience that visitors expect at Grand River Parks.

Subscribe to GRCA events this summer

The GRCA's parks and nature centres, as well as many partners, are offering abundant opportunities to get outside and enjoy nature close to home this summer at GRCA facilities.

These programs are now in full swing. There are more than 40 events listed in June on the GRCA's online calendar at www.grandriver.ca/calendar.

Individuals can subscribe to categories of events that are of interest to them, such as park events, sports events and fishing events. In this way, they will receive an email in their inbox each Wednesday that covers the upcoming events over the next 14 days.

GRCA offering Canoeing 101

Four Grand River Parks are offering the opportunity for local residents to experience a bit of Canadian heritage for Canada 150 by taking Canoeing 101 this summer.

This two-hour introduction to canoeing is available at Shade's Mills (Cambridge), Laurel Creek (Waterloo), Pinehurst Lake (Ayr) and Rockwood. The introductory



There were smiles all around June 6 when the last planting project for spring 2017 was done. The wet spring bodes well for tree survival, but it delayed some plantings, such as this windbreak made up of 400 Norway spruce in Haldimand. All together, about 175,000 trees were planted by the GRCA this spring.

program will help local residents become comfortable in one of Canada's very first modes of transportation — the canoe.

It includes instruction in canoe safety, paddle strokes and basic manoeuvres. It is geared towards new paddlers, or paddlers who would like to refresh their skills and get some help with their strokes. Register with a partner, or by yourself.

The \$20 canoeing sessions start at 6 p.m., but early arrival will allow paddlers to pick up their equipment and meet up with their paddling partner.

Preregistration is required and can be done online at www.grandriver.eventbrite.ca.

This issue of GRCA Current was published in June, 2017.

It is a summary of the May 2017 business conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committees, as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

The Grand River Conservation Authority welcomes distribution, photocopying and forwarding of GRCA Current.

Next board meeting:

Friday, June 23 at 9:30 a.m., **GRCA Administration Centre**

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OPEN MEETING

MINUTES - MAY 11, 2017

An Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board was held on May 11, 2017.

Present:

D. Drone, Chair

J. DeRuyter, Chief of Police

L. Griffiths, Member

P. Martin, Deputy Chief of Police

C. Billings, Member

S. Purton, Financial Services Manager

C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

J. Sorbara, Vice-Chair

C. Guthrie, Member

Judith Sidlofsky Stoffman, Legal Services

Guests:

Guelph Police Service:, Staff Sergeant Kevin King, Sergeant Rodney Cox, Sandra

Odorico, Rev. John Borthwick, and guests of retirees.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair D. Drone welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair D. Drone called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Meeting Room C, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street, Guelph.

3. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by L. Griffiths

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board convene in closed session to discuss matters that it is of the opinion falls under Section 35(4) (a) or (b) of the *Police Services Act*.

-CARRIED-

4. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSISON

Moved by L. Griffiths

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board reconvene at 2:39 p.m. in Open Session.

-CARRIED-

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Billings
Seconded by L. Griffiths
THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.
- CARRIED –

6. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

7. CLOSED SESSION RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion from the Closed Session of May 11, 2017 was reported out regarding the allocation of \$500.00 from the Community Account to Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Fore Kids Sake.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1 Minutes of the Open Meeting, Thursday, April 20, 2017

Moved by L. Griffiths
Seconded by C. Billings
THAT the Minutes of the Open Meeting held Thursday, April 20, 2017 be approved as presented.
- CARRIED –

9. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

9.1 Guelph Police Service Promotions

Staff Sergeant Kevin King: Chief DeRuyter introduced Staff Sergeant King, who joined the Service in 2001 after starting his career in Orangeville. He has worked in the Youth office, Persons Crime, Sexual Assault, and is now promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in charge of Platoon A.

Sergeant Rodney Cox: Chief DeRuyter introduced Sergeant Cox, who joined the Service in 2006, after starting his career in North Bay. He spent many years working in the Youth office, and has been very active as a board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters in our community and recently participated in the leadership of the Road to Mental Readiness Training for staff. He joins Platoon A as Sergeant.

Chair Drone thanked each member on behalf of the Board and Board members offered their congratulations.

Staff Sergeant King, Sergeant Cox and guests left the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

10. STRATEGIC ITEMS

10.1 Headquarter Renovation and Expansion Report

The report was received for information. Deputy Martin reported that the west side foundation is 95% complete and concrete has been poured for the new cell block. Yukon Concrete has replaced Con-Wall as the forming contractor. The first quarter Project update has been posted on the City of Guelph website. Chair Drone asked Chief DeRuyter to send a message of thanks from the Board to the staff for their resilience in working in a building that is being renovated around them.

11. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

11.1 Capital and Operating Budget Quarterly Report

- S. Purton reported that the March 2017 operating surplus was \$1,225,307 and represents a positive 3.1% variance to the full year budget, partially attributable to position vacancies as a result of member retirement, resignations and maternity leaves and the fact that the Senior Officers Association collective agreement retroactive payments have not yet been processed. Paid overtime is currently under budget by \$70 and is being monitored due primarily to two murder investigations that are before the Courts concurrently. These cases require significant resources with respect to Court Security and Officer testimony. Travel and Training has a green status due to surpluses in all areas except for corporate memberships. Revenues are higher than planned by \$3K due to higher than budgeted external recoveries related to deferred revenue from the Canine unit and the sale of a vehicle purchased in 2016 for an investigation. At this time, the Guelph Police Service is forecasting a year end variance. Pressures to the full year forecast that could impact the year end position include the level or severity of crime which may impact overtime and project expenses, the fluctuating US dollar which has increased prices for various equipment needs, and the success of the PEM grant application.
- S. Purton presented the Capital status dashboard, which indicated that the majority of the capital projects are for vehicle or equipment lifecycle replacements, which are projected to remain within budget for 2017. Twenty-six vehicles have been budgeted to be replaced in 2017. The Fibre to Superior Court project finished in 2016 with a \$3K surplus. The Police Radio system project continues to target the second quarter of 2017 for completion. The Police Telecommunications project finished 2016 with a \$400K surplus. The Headquarter renovation project of \$34M has a \$2.9M surplus as of the end of March 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the US exchange rate, S. Purton reported that the largest impact is on the purchase of ammunition; however, in 2018, handguns will be replaced and ammunition purchases may not need to be made in 2017. Chief DeRuyter reported that the new radio system will be fully implemented on June 1, 2017, and training of communications staff is ongoing now.

11.2 Budget Calendar 2018

S. Purton presented a draft 2018 Budget schedule for Board discussion, indicating that the Board Capital Presentation and Approval would be July 20, 2017 and the Board Operating Presentation and Approval on September 21, 2017. The City budget calendar is expected to be received in June and budget guidelines over the next few months. The capital budget will be presented to Council in November, with approval following in early December. The Board expressed interest in attending a Budget Workshop again this year, to be held September 21, 2017.

11.3 Fees and Charges Report – By-Law 149 (2016)

S. Purton reported that the current approved fees and charges were reviewed and analyzed and compared to seven other Police Services to ensure that they were comparable to what other Services are charging. As a result, a late notice cancellation fee for Special Duty has been added to the schedule and several other fees have been removed and/or amended.

Moved by L. Griffiths Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board approve the staff recommended fees and charges outlined in Schedule A provided, and that such fees and charges come into effect on January 1, 2018.

-CARRIED-

11.4 Property and Surplus Goods Annual Report (2016)

Deputy Martin reported that the auction sites GovDeals is currently in use for the sale of surplus goods such as information technology equipment or furniture. Revenue collected was previously recorded in the operating budget, but will now be recorded in the appropriate capital project. In 2016, \$10,344 was collected (\$5,000 budgeted). Surplus vehicles are also auctioned by M.R. Jutzi & Co. and Adesa. Fourteen vehicles were sold and \$84,252 was received (\$85,500 budgeted). Found and Seized Property is auctioned by Police Auctions Canada Inc. and the proceeds are deposited into the Board's Community Account to be used to support community events, wellness and safety or benefit the operations of the Guelph Police Service. In 2016, \$17,532 was received.

11.5 Human Resources Report

Chief DeRuyter presented the Human Resources Report. Bakir Medencevic and Adam Roszell have accepted Cadet-in-Training positions.

Moved by C. Billings Seconded by L. Griffiths

THAT Bakir Medencevic and Adam Roszell be appointed as a full-time members of this Service effective April 21, 2017.

-CARRIED -

11.6 Unfounded Sexual Assault Report

Chief DeRuyter thanked Sergeant Andrea Ninacs for conducting the review of unfounded sexual assaults. The reason for the report was to provide a response to a Globe and Mail article presented in February 2017 which set out the management of sexual assault complaints by Canadian Police Services. The national average of "unfounded" complaints, defined as "after a police investigation it is concluded that no violation of the law took place nor was attempted", was 19.39% from 2010 – 2014. Guelph Police Service had a 20% average over the reported five years.

In response to this article, the Guelph Police Service completed a review of unfounded sexual assaults focusing on the past four years (2013 – 2016). Investigation coding was explained and the conclusion was that Uniform Crime Reporting coding was appropriate; however, labelling of unfounded by definition is not an accurate reflection of the conclusion of most of the cases, as it is the only category where there is no accused/charged label for a subject or person of interest in investigations. In a number of cases, insufficient grounds, unsubstantiated information, false allegations and complainants who do not wish to or refuse to proceed with criminal investigations are coded as unfounded incidents. Unsubstantiated cases are being coded as unfounded.

A committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) has asked Statistics Canada to create two new classification categories, one for third-party reports and another called "founded – not solved", which would capture allegations for which evidence is limited. Statistics Canada will start reporting in 2018.

The average percent of unfounded incidents for the four-year period was 23.2%. 71% were investigated by a specialized unit directly or followed up after an initial Uniform Investigation. 20% of the cases individuals declined or refused police involvement at some stage of the investigation or did not want the matter pursued through the court system. 60% of these cases were third party complaints, such as parents, Family and Children Services, school staff or friends. 10% were false allegations.

Moving forward, the Guelph Police Service has assigned a Staff Sergeant from Investigative Services and a Sergeant of the Sexual Assault Child Abuse unit to meet with a focus group of professionals to address sexual assault issues within the City of Guelph. There has been a request for a review by police of the "Philadelphia Model", the principal component being the cooperative review of unfounded sexual violations involving police and appointed civilian representation. L. Griffiths requested more information on the Philadelphia Model. Several other recommendations were presented. Chief DeRuyter concluded by stating that the Guelph Police Service is committed to meeting the needs of those who have been victims of sexual assault and will work in partnership with community partners.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

12.1 Chief's Monthly Report

Chief DeRuyter provided his schedule of upcoming internal and external community events and meetings and highlighted the following:

- Guelph Police Service Open House at City Hall is on May 13th, which is at the start of Police Week. Working together for safer communities is the theme.
- Special Olympics Track and Field meet is on May 17th.
- Kickz Soccer final day will take place at the Guelph Soccer Dome on May 24th.

12.2 Board Correspondence Report

The report of correspondence received and issued since the last meeting of the Board was received for information with no additions. No further direction was provided by the Board.

12.3 Rescinding of By-Law 145 (2011) – Taxi By-Law

Moved by L. Griffiths

Seconded by D. Drone

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board approve By-Law 157 (2017) as presented, which repeals By-Law 145 (2011) and all amending By-Laws thereto, namely By-Laws 151 (2014), 153 (2014) and 155 (2014).

-CARRIED-

12.4 New Business - There was no new business discussed.

12.5 Information Items

- Next Meeting Thursday, June 15, 2017 at City Hall Meeting Room C
- Ontario Association of Police Boards Zone 5 Meeting Goderich, ON, Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
- Ontario Association of Police Boards Spring Conference **June 21-24, 2017**, Blue Mountain, ON D. Drone, J. Sorbara and C. Polonenko attending.
- Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference July 13-16, 2017,
 Montreal, PQ C. Billings attending
- Ontario Association of Police Boards Fall Labour Conference November 16-17, 2017, Toronto, ON

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. Billings

Seconded by L. Griffiths

THAT the Open meeting adjourn as at 3:43 p.m.

- CARRIED -

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 15th day of June, 2017.

"D. Drone"	"C. Polonenko"
D. Drone, Chair	C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant