

**Mark Your Calendar !!**

**Special General Meeting of the Members**

**7:00PM March 17, 2009  
Community Resource Centre  
15 Lake St., Killaloe**

At the September Annual General Meeting, a resolution was passed directing the Board of COPKA to review Bylaw #1. This is a bylaw relating to the conduct or governance of the affairs of the Corporation.

A Bylaw Review Committee has been struck and their recommendations have been presented to the Board. Revisions to this bylaw will be addressed and voted on at the Special General Meeting of the Members in March.

Copies of the revised bylaw will be available for review beginning March 1st at:

- Community Resource Centre in Killaloe, and
- R. Howe's Law Office at 46 Murray Park Street, Barry's Bay.

The second order of business will be the election of Board Members to fill existing vacancies. COPKA's Nominating Committee has been hard at work interviewing potential candidates and a slate of names will be presented at this meeting. Nominations may also come from the floor.

If you need a ride to the meeting, please give us a call. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like your vote represented, a proxy form can be used. Please contact us for further details.

**Executive Changes**

It was with regret that the Board recently received resignations from Pat Cybulski and Dan Harrington. On behalf of our members, the Board extends a sincere thank you to both gentlemen for their contribution to COPKA.

As a result of the vacancies, the Board has already taken steps to prepare for the election of new board members. The Nominating Committee will present a list of candidates to stand for election at the Special General Meeting of the Members in March.

## **Initiatives and Successes**

### **1. Cruiser Speeding / Observer Network**

Since COPKA's Observer Network brought the issue forward, the OPP has successfully resolved the problem of cruisers speeding through built-up areas. Volunteers are welcome to join our Observer Network.

### **2. Restorative Justice: Killaloe**

In December, COPKA received a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Interviews for the Program Coordinator are ongoing. The successful candidate will be selected shortly, getting this new initiative underway early in the new year.

*“Restorative justice is a valued-based approach to responding to wrongdoing and conflict, with a balanced focus on the person harmed, the person causing the harm, and the affected community. Restorative justice focuses on transforming wrongdoing by healing the harm, particularly to relationships, that is created by harmful behaviour.”*

*Dr. Tom Cavanagh*

### **3. Video Surveillance**

It has come to our attention that the Killaloe OPP's holding cell video does not have recording capacity. This recorded data is important evidence for protecting both the person in custody and the police officers involved. COPKA raised this issue with Acting Staff Sgt. Colin Slight. He informed us that the OPP intends to upgrade all detachments. COPKA is pleased to report that the Killaloe upgrade will be completed by the end of March 2009.

### **4. CPAC (Community Policing Advisory Committee)**

Members of COPKA continue to attend the monthly meetings of CPAC, presenting community concerns to the OPP and municipally elected officials. As an incorporated non-profit community-based organization, COPKA remains dedicated to:

- working with our partners for positive change in policing
- helping citizens file complaints about policing
- raising awareness of rights and responsibilities for police and citizens
- developing a restorative justice program for the Killaloe area.

**For more about COPKA's activities and volunteer opportunities,  
please contact us.  
We'd love to hear from you.**