



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021, 4:15 pm
Electronic Meeting

Members Present **Brian Read, Chair**
 Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and Board Secretary
 Heather Frook, Provincial Appointee
 Carl Kuhnke, Provincial Appointee
 Steve Adams, Councillor
 Tim Elphick, Councillor
 Krista Miller, South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Commander
 Ryan Olmstead, South Bruce O.P.P. S/Sgt.

Guests **Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO**

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:22 p.m.

Motion:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the Agenda for the October 21, 2021 meeting as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - September 16, 2021

Motion:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the minutes from the September 16, 2021 meeting as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 By-Law Enforcement Agreement

Heather Frook entered the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

The O.P.P. provided a break down for the Brockton By-Law occurrences:

- 2021 YTD – 14 Calls for Service classified as Municipal Bylaw
 - Parking – 5
 - Snow Removal – 2
 - Dumping of Garbage – 2
 - Fireworks -1
 - Off Road Vehicle – 1
 - Fire Ban – 1
 - Re-Opening Act – 2
- 2020 – 18 Calls for Service classified as Municipal Bylaw
 - Parking – 7
 - Snow Removal – 4
 - Firearms (BB guns) – 2
 - Noise – 2
 - Fire Ban – 3

The Board discussed the appropriateness of the By-Law Enforcement Agreement, and the response that would be provided by the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer in comparison to the O.P.P.'s enforcement capacity. Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that calls for service are first directed to the Communications Regional Centre which are then transferred to the appropriate Detachment Dispatch, and then a local officer must determine whether the call for service should be enforced by the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer or O.P.P. depending on the legislative requirements and detail of the call. It was noted that since a call for service was initiated, the call for service would still be billed regardless of whether the Municipality or O.P.P. respond.

The Board discussed the importance of health and safety, and risks to the By-Law Enforcement Officer in responding to certain calls, noting that continued assistance from the O.P.P. would be supported.

The O.P.P. advised that particular wording must be included in the agreed upon By-Laws in order to grant the O.P.P. authority to enforce and lay charges.

Dieter Wertz, Building and Planning Manager provided information on the collaboration between staff and the O.P.P. during the drafting of the agreement.

Sgt. Olmstead responded to an inquiry about the classifications of dispatch and occurrence types in order to provide the most appropriate response.

The Board discussed the implications that may occur if an agreement were not enacted. Inspector Miller advised that all South Bruce PSB's were asked to review whether they had existing agreements with the O.P.P. as per the Police Services Act (PSA), and absent agreements, the O.P.P. do not have the authority to enforce By-Laws unless they receive a call for service and Provincial legislation allows for charges to be laid, such as the Highway Traffic Act. The

agreement would be reviewed annually by the Detachment Commander as per the PSA.

Action: The Board directed the Building and Planning Manager to provide the By-Laws to the O.P.P. for final review, and adjustments to ensure the wording granting O.P.P. enforcement authority is included. The Detachment Commander will review the By-Laws and bring them back to the next PSB meeting.

Once approved by the PSB, the By-Law Agreement will be brought to Council.

4.2 False Alarm By-Law

The Board discussed the proposed False Alarm By-Law, clarifying that the Municipality are responsible for invoicing. It was noted that Brockton Council approved the associated fees for the False Alarm By-Law on October 12, 2021 in the 2022 Fees and Charges By-Law.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller noted that she had not yet reviewed the By-Laws, including the False Alarm By-Law.

The Board discussed the enforcement involved in the By-Law, and whether it should be included in the overall agreement since the nature of the False Alarm By-Law involves providing a report of statistics to the Municipality for invoicing offenders.

It was noted that the O.P.P. will respond to the call to determine the type of occurrence which would be scored as false alarm call for service, and then provide the details to the Municipality.

The Board discussed panic alarms installed for safety, and whether they would be considered as a false alarm. The O.P.P. advised that the false alarm report could include building or personal alarm malfunctions, and that the data can assist in the appropriate response. Inspector Miller advised that the individual has the opportunity to appeal to the PSB.

Action: Detachment Commander Krista Miller to review the False Alarm By-Law and provide comments and/or adjustments to the Building and Planning Manager and the PSB at the next meeting.

Carl Kuhnke left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

4.3 By-Law Enforcement Complaint Policy

5. Accounts

5.1 Accounts 09/07/21 to 09/24/21 - \$259.20

5.2 Accounts 09/24/21 to 10/06/21- \$217,065.90

Motion:

Moved By Steve Adams

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the accounts from 09/07/21 to 09/24/21 in the amount of \$259.20 and the accounts from 09/24/21 to 10/06/21 in the amount of \$217,065.90.

Carried

6. Items Carried Forward

6.1 Court Security

Detachment Commander Krista Miller reported that courts continue to occur virtually.

Inspector Miller informed the Board that Sgt. Keegan Wilcox was promoted to a S/Sgt. at the Grey Bruce Detachment, and Sgt. Marla Barfoot will take over Sgt. Wilcox's former role with the South Bruce Detachment. The Board congratulated both officers on their new positions.

6.2 Black Cat Radar and Solar Speed Signs

The BlackCat speed radar was installed for the third time this year, with two more planned installs for October.

The solar speed signs were installed on the east and west hills on Durham Street in Walkerton on September 16th and will remain until the end of October for a total of 6 weeks as per the manufacturer's suggested timeline. The Municipality of Brockton and Bruce County have discussed leaving the signs up an additional two weeks until October 29th in "incognito mode", to determine how the radar signs affected traffic. Incognito mode allows data to be recorded but drivers are not shown the speed they are travelling. Some vandalism occurred on one solar speed sign and staff addressed this issue. The Board noted that residents have shared positive feedback on the solar sign installations.

The Municipality of Brockton have provided the O.P.P. access to all collected data to date.

Sgt. Ryan Olmstead discussed the speed signs installed on Durham Street, and that focus patrols also occurred on the hills. Sgt. Olmstead informed the Board of data collected along May Street in Walkerton, advising that 22 vehicles out of 3,000 were travelling over 65km/hr, representing less than 1% over the 15 km/hr allowance for speeding. Sgt. Olmstead reminded on the importance of understanding the details of complaints noting that complainant was instead concerned with drivers not obeying stop signs rather than speeding.

The Board suggested installing the Black Cat Radar on Lake Rosalind Road 4 and Lake Rosalind Road 1.

The Board remarked on a complaint of speeding on Sideroad 15 and noted that Black Cat Radar data was collected on the road in 2020.

The Board discussed speeding concerns in Chepstow, and former data collected in the hamlet.

The Board noted the suggestion from a Councillor to purchase four new solar signs which will be brought forward for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

7. Information/Correspondence

7.1 Financial Report - September 2021

8. New Business

8.1 Remembrance Day Wreath

The Board authorized the purchase of a wreath for the Walkerton Remembrance Day ceremony and discussed who would represent the Board in laying the wreath if the ceremony would occur in-person.

Motion:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board authorize spending up to \$100.00 on a wreath for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 102 (Walkerton)'s Remembrance Day ceremony.

Carried

8.2 2022 Municipal Budget

The Board reviewed the 2022 proposed budget, and noted that changes in Provincial legislation and Board composition may impact the budget.

The Board Secretary will inquire with the Municipal Chief Financial Officer regarding the fines budget.

The Brockton Special Council Meetings are scheduled for January 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and February 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the 2022 Brockton Police Services Board Budget as presented.

Carried

8.3 2022 O.P.P. Billing Statement

The Board discussed the 2022 O.P.P. Billing Statement, noting that the year-end reconciliation is still forthcoming which will reconcile costs from 2021 and 2022.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller responded to inquiries about the "Master Code", advising that the category is a catch-all for all areas as some types of charges are not always specified in detail when officer's complete data entry.

8.4 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics July-September 2021

The Board discussed the number of tips received, and remarked on the increased availability for online reporting as well as options to submit anonymous complaints through the O.P.P. website. A \$2,000 donation to the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce has been included in the 2022 Budget.

9. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - September 2021

Calls for Service of Note:

Sexual Assaults

Charges were laid in one Sexual Assault investigation while the other one was deemed to be unfounded.

Other Crimes Against a Person

These Calls for Service largely involved Threatening occurrences as well as one Criminal Harassment investigation.

Theft

Two of these occurrences involved the theft of marijuana plants. Three of them involved the theft of licence plates.

- The Board discussed thefts of gas and stolen vehicles in the detachment area.

Mischief

The Mischiefs in the past month have involved a number of smashed mail boxes, smashed pumpkins and egg throwing. As well a soap dispenser in a public washroom was damaged. Recent media stories point to a growing trend on social media for youth to conduct and videotape acts of mischief and then post the results on Social Media. We are not aware of that being the case in the South Bruce area.

Motor Vehicle Collisions

One Personal Injury collision resulted in damage to a gas line in the East Ridge Industrial Park prompting a small evacuation of the building immediately adjacent to the MVC scene.

Two collisions involved motor vehicles striking pedestrians while reversing out of a driveway. Thankfully the injuries received were minor in nature.

COVID Related

Officers responded to only 1 COVID related call for service in the month of September. These types of calls for service dropped off after the summer.

A Vaccine Passport protest was held in downtown Walkerton on October 12th. The OPP's Provincial Liaison Team liaised with the organizers to ensure a safe and peaceful protest.

Officers were also asked to assist Hanover PS during a large Vaccine protest in the Town of Hanover at the beginning of October.

By-Laws

Thirteen By-Law related calls for service have been received in Brockton YTD. Two of those calls for service were referred to the Municipal By-law officer.

- 2020 – 18 Calls for Service scored occurrence type “Municipal By-Law”
 - 4 of the 18 calls in 2020 were referred to the Municipality for follow up
- 2019 – 27 Calls for Service scored occurrence type “Municipal By-Law”
 - 7 of the 27 calls in 2019 were referred to the Municipality for follow up
 - The majority of the calls for service were related to parking, snow removal and animal complaints.

Speed Enforcement

S/Sgt OLMSTEAD has been working with Municipal staff regarding speeding concerns raised on Hinks and Fischer Dairy, Victoria Street South and May Street. A significant collision was reported recently on May Street causing damage to parked vehicles.

S/Sgt OLMSTEAD has also been addressing speed issues identified by the portable radar signs coming down the East hill into Walkerton on Durham Street.

One Stunt Driving charge was laid as the result of driving behaviour on Durham Street in the Town of Walkerton.

37 E-Ticket's issued proactively within the Municipality of Brockton in September.

Foot Patrol

Twenty three hours of Foot Patrol were scored this month along the trail system and in the downtown core. There were no issues identified by the officers.

Crime Stoppers

South Bruce OPP received 0 Crime Stoppers tip during the month of September.

False Alarm Report:

A total of 27 false alarms have occurred year to date.

- The Board discussed proactive messaging that could occur once the False Alarm By-Law has been passed by Council in order to notify business owners and members of the public of the new process.
- The O.P.P. responded to an inquiry regarding the information provided to help the Municipality determine whether the alarm was at fault, noting that additional data can be provided in the next month's report. The Board thanked the O.P.P. for their willingness to work with the PSB and offer additional data to help streamline decision making processes.

Detachment Updates:

The Kincardine School Resource Officer drafted a Back to School "All Boots on the Ground" plan for the first two weeks of school. The focus of this campaign was for uniform members to conduct mobile and foot patrol to ensure the safety of students arriving/leaving school and during high school lunch hour. The campaign was held for the first two weeks of the school year and 51 hours of patrol were conducted by the officers.

The week of October 18th – 22nd is Teen Driver Safety Week. Driving safety messages recorded by South Bruce officers are being played at the High Schools during morning announcements for the whole week. The messages target driving behaviours as follows:

- October 18, 2021 – Speeding
- October 19, 2021 – Impaired Driving
- October 20, 2021 – Seatbelt use
- October 21, 2021 – Distracted Driving
- October 22, 2021 – Stunt Driving

South Bruce OPP welcomes Daniel ZIZIAN our newest recruit who just reported the last week of September. We look forward to watching how he progresses over his probationary period.

We are hosting a Cops for Cancer fundraising bike ride on Friday October 22nd, with officers from all police services in Grey Bruce cycling from Walkerton to Kincardine. Please consider sponsoring a cyclist for this great cause!

- Sgt. Olmstead provided additional information on the current funds raised, and hopes to hold the event annually.

Inspector Miller responded to an inquiry regarding the School Resource Officer, noting that no hours have been allocated to Brockton.

The Board remarked on the data collected on May Street, and the complainant's concerns of pedestrian crossings.

The Board noted that stunt driving has been occurring at one of the local high schools.

The Board discussed altered vehicles and loud exhausts which have concerned elderly residents. Sgt. Olmstead explained the legal requirements for modified vehicles, and noted that officers have patrolled Tim Hortons' and had discussions with drivers to provide education on the matter and notified officers to continue targeted enforcement. Inspector Miller remarked on the resolution passed by the City of Pickering regarding loud mufflers which was discussed at the last PSB meeting.

The Board recognized the service and volunteerism provided by officers in the O.P.P. Auxiliary Program.

10. Other Business

11. Next Meeting

The next Brockton Police Services Board meeting is November 18, 2021 at 4:15 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourn at 6:43 p.m. to meet again on November 18, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried