



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 4:15 pm
Electronic Meeting

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

Members Absent **Brian Read, Chair**
Steve Adams, Councillor

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

Tim Elphick, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m.

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby accepts the agenda for the meeting on September 15, 2022 as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - June 14, 2022

3.2 Brockton Police Services Board Special Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2022

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adopt the minutes from the meeting on June 14, 2022 and the special meeting on June 27, 2022 as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Board discussed that false alarm appeals will now be brought forward in open session.

The Board discussed the Black Cat Radar and solar speed signs. The Board Secretary advised that the Black Cat radar has not been installed, though the solar speed signs were installed in Cargill and Chepstow. The O.P.P. receive notification by email of vehicles speeding. Operations staff advised that the majority of drivers are obeying speed limits. Sgt. Ryan Olmstead discussed the emails received from the solar speed signs, and that focus patrols are not required at this time.

5. Accounts

5.1 Accounts 06/01/22 to 06/16/22 - \$2,116.01

- 5.2 Accounts 06/16/22 to 07/06/22 - \$208,632.79
- 5.3 Accounts 07/06/22 to 08/03/22 - \$207,337.43
- 5.4 Accounts 08/03/22 to 08/18/22 - \$62.16
- 5.5 Accounts 08/18/22 to 08/31/22 - \$207,245.00

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approves payment of the following accounts:

- Accounts from 06/01/22 to 06/16/22 in the amount of \$2,116.01
- Accounts from 06/16/22 to 07/06/22 in the amount of \$208,632.79
- Accounts from 07/06/22 to 08/03/22 in the amount of \$207,337.43
- Accounts from 08/03/22 to 08/18/22 in the amount of \$62.16
- Accounts from 08/18/22 to 08/31/22 in the amount of \$207,245.00

Carried

6. Items Carried Forward

- 6.1 False Alarm Report - June 2022
- 6.2 False Alarm Report - July 2022
- 6.3 False Alarm Report - August 2022

The Board noted that the new format was helpful in showing the date and time of occurrences, as well as the distinction for panic alarms to better understand the calls for service. The Board noted that there are repeat offenders. The Board Secretary will inquire for an update on the false alarm fine payments.

6.4 Court Security

The Court Security Committee will meet on September 22nd to meet the new CSD Manager.

The Board inquired if another security risk assessment was conducted post-COVID since the previous report would not include the additional measures conducted in the pandemic, and whether the recommendations would still be current?

Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that the committee meets quarterly and brings forward the issue each meeting, and will discuss again with the new manager.

6.5 Anti Impaired Driving Campaign

The Board Secretary reported on the uptake from local businesses who wished to participate in the campaign. The Board discussed the design for the coaster, including the Municipality's logo referencing the Brockton Police Services Board. The Board Secretary will obtain a design and quotes for the Board's review.

7. Information/Correspondence

- 7.1 June 2022 Financial Report
- 7.2 July 2022 Financial Report
- 7.3 August 2022 Financial Report

7.4 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Coordinator Report - April to June 2022

The Board noted that 39 tips were allocated to the South Bruce OPP and 7 tips in Brockton from April-June 2022.

7.5 Letter from Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce - 2022 Donation

7.6 Report to Council - O.P.P. Fail to Appear Charges Update

The Board discussed the lobbying efforts resulting in the Provincial change for the billing model which come into effect on the 2023 billing statements.

Tim Elphick, Vice Chair responded to an inquiry on cost savings, noting that the four year average would calculate an approximate savings of \$100,000; however this will motivate and change the model for the Province's future.

The Board thanked Tim for his efforts in this matter, and their appreciation for the Provincial reconciliation.

8. New Business

8.1 April to June 2022 Detachment Revenues

Detachment Commander Krista Miller responded to an inquiry on the revenue collected from online police reference checks, noting that there will likely be a significant reduction but she will bring an update for the

8.2 R.I.D.E. Grant 2022-2024 Call for Applications

The Board Secretary will complete the application with the O.P.P. and submit it to the Ministry.

8.3 Royal Canadian Legion - Remembrance Day Wreath

The Board approved purchasing a wreath for up to \$100.

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve spending up to one hundred dollars to purchase wreath #20 from the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund for the Remembrance Day ceremony in Walkerton.

Carried

8.4 O.P.P. Cell Phones

The Board Secretary advised that the cell phones used for court security are eligible to be updated to Rogers for a cheaper cost rather than the current plan which is expiring. The O.P.P. will provide information to the Municipality to update the phones.

9. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - June to August 2022

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller presented her report:

The Detachment Commander noted that the conduct complaints were ruled out as frivolous.

The Board noted the MVC at Bruce Road 3 and Highway 9, and the advocacy conducted to assist in the amount of collisions or occurring in that location. The Board discussed the roundabout solution conducted in Teviotdale and

encouraged a solution occurring soon. The O.P.P. noted that the majority of accidents occurring are fail to yield. The O.P.P. were involved in meetings with the County of Bruce and M.T.O. prior to COVID-19 regarding a roundabout. The data is from MTO which would be relied on by the County.

The increase in traffic complaints may be a result of returning to post-COVID/normalcy. There were increased RIDE enforcement as a Provincial focus due to statistics regarding impaired collisions Province-wide. Significant direction was provided to officers for RIDE and impaired enforcement.

The dangerous operations charges may be related to enforcement and the Crown laying dangerous charges on top of stunt driving. The Crown supports that in excessive speed cases, dangerous operation charge should also be laid.

The Board discussed excessive noise, and where charges/tickets would be issued. Sgt. Ryan Olmstead advised that charges could be broken down under the Highway Traffic Act under e-Ticketing. The Board suggested bringing forward statistics for the next meeting since the issue has been discussed in the past. The O.P.P. noted that excessive noise/vehicles of concern have been discussed throughout the Detachment and messaging was sent to officers as well as information packages regarding these issues. It is believed that those types of vehicles are attracting attention due to noise, and officers have a number of charges available to lay.

Calls for Service of Note

Property Crimes

We have seen a significant increase in Theft Over occurrences during the summer months. The majority of these thefts were Motor Vehicles, almost all of which had the keys in the vehicle or readily available.

Board inquired regarding whether municipalities can enact By-Laws to charge vehicle owners for idling their car with keys in ignition. The Detachment Commander confirmed that some municipalities do have By-Laws.

On 09 June the Community Street Crimes Unit conducted a warrant in South Bruce Township. The warrant resulted in the recovery of 6 motor vehicles, 8 brand new kayaks still in the packaging, two ATVs, two dirt bikes, a Seadoo, a Skidoo, a utility trailer, a car trailer and a camper trailer. Also recovered were firearms, other weapons and drugs. The total value of the property recovered was approximately \$212,000.00 and the drugs were valued at \$25,000.00. Two suspects were later charged.

Traffic

- South Bruce OPP participated in the recent Canada Day Week traffic campaign that commenced June 25th and concluded on July 3rd. South Bruce officers laid:
 - 178 Speeding Charges
 - 2 Stunt Driving Charges
 - 2 Seatbelt Related Charges
 - 2 Impaired Charges
- South Bruce OPP officers joined our Highway Safety Division officers on a Commercial Motor Vehicle blitz on Aug 3rd. They were also joined by a member of MTO.

- 19 Commercial Motor Vehicles were inspected
- 6 were pulled from service
- 13 charges were laid

The Board discussed the impact of the partnership, and the number of vehicles pulled from service.

Other

South Bruce OPP received a report of a dog that died due to a suspected fentanyl overdose. The dog and owner had been at the ball diamonds prior to the dog becoming ill. It was later determined that there was no direct evidence that the cause of death was a fentanyl overdose. Patrols were made of the ball diamond and nothing was discovered of any evidentiary value.

Dirtpigs Baseball Tournament Weekend - generated some work for our officers. On the Friday night we were called to Lobies Park due to a noisy party with 14-16 people present. Patrons were belligerent and uncooperative with security and police. Despite the Security Team's wishes that the group be removed the Campground Manager decided they could stay. The following night our officers were called to the Community Centre due to several groups fighting including the same group from the night before in Lobies Park. A significant amount of time was spent by officers getting people to disperse and one individual was arrested for Public Intoxication.

The Board discussed the tournament and security involved in comparison to previous years. In former years a liaison O.P.P. officer was assigned to work with the committee for larger events, and this year security officers were hired. The Board discussed the concerns mentioned and encouraged all parties to work together and be mindful going forward in order to hopefully prevent such issues from occurring.

Officers have engaged our Mobile Mental Health and Addictions Response Team with a number of individuals in town throughout the summer. This has proven to be a valuable resources for the officers when dealing with individuals with suspected mental health or addictions concerns.

Detachment Commander Miller advised that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed, and clinicians based in Kincardine will assist all of South Bruce Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and hopefully involve a ride along program and agreement with the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Assistance has been provided to By-Law regarding multiple camping/trespassing occurrences. Two individuals were arrested for breaching their conditions during those incidents.

Two Crime Stoppers tips were received in this 3 month period.

More than 50 hours of foot patrol was conducted in downtown Walkerton and along the trail system.

Detachment Updates

- South Bruce OPP is happy to introduce two new Sergeants to the detachment. Sgt. Tim Evans has been with the South Bruce OPP for several years and has been recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. John Hardy has been with the Huron County OPP for several years and has recently been promoted to the rank of Sgt at the South Bruce detachment.

- South Bruce OPP is happy to introduce a new recruit, PC Francois Van Jaarsveldt has recently joined the OPP. He is formerly from South Africa and successfully completed his recruit training and has now been posted to the South Bruce detachment.
- South Bruce OPP is pleased to welcome PC Hailey ALLEN to our ranks. PC ALLEN is originally from the area and has joined us after being with Waterloo Region Police Service for a couple of years. PC ALLEN is a great addition to our detachment.
- June 30th – South Bruce OPP hosted Veterans Day for all of our retired members. Several former officers from the South Bruce detachment attended for a BBQ, mingling and laughs.

The Board discussed the encampments, and assistance on homelessness matters. The Board and O.P.P. discussed the current work of Municipal staff, O.P.P., Bruce County Housing, and YMCA in responding to such matters and offering resources to individuals in need. The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP) committee continue to implement the plan, and have developed action tables, though the CSWBP is a municipal responsibility. The Board discussed the availability of resources in Bruce and Grey Counties, and the importance of lobbying the Province to support individuals.

The Board noted that the tips received from Crime Stoppers differs from the report, that seven (7) tips were received between April to June 2022.

10. Other Business

The Board inquired on a report of how things are going with the solar speed signs, and discussed the data currently being provided to the O.P.P. and whether adjustments could be made to the data being shared, comparing the ability of the Black Cat radar.

The Board inquired if data could be provided at the next meeting regarding enforcement of loud vehicles/excessive noise. The O.P.P. noted that depending on how the complaint was entered, it may appear in the database since e-ticketing allows the selection of a number of charges.

The Board thanked the O.P.P. for their presence in school zones as children returned to school.

11. Next Meeting

The Board discussed the upcoming date of their next meeting, and proposed to meet November 3rd following the Municipal Election rather than on October 20, 2022 at 4:15 p.m. during the voting period. The Board inquired on the outcome for Provincial representatives.

12. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board meeting hereby adjourns at 6:05 p.m.

Carried