

Brockton Police Services Board Notes

Thursday, October 13, 2022, 4:15 pm
Electronic Meeting

Members Present **Brian Read, Chair**
 Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Board Secretary
 Carl Kuhnke, Provincial Appointee
 Krista Miller, South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Commander

Members Absent **Heather Frook, Provincial Appointee**
 Steve Adams, Councillor
 Tim Elphick, Councillor

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Brian Read called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. however quorum was not present.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Delegations

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - September 15, 2022

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Accounts

6.1 Accounts 08/31/22 to 09/15/22 - \$-4,005.84

6.2 Accounts 09/15/22 to 10/05/22 - \$208,678.13

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 False Alarm Report - September 2022

The Board Secretary reported that there were 57 false alarms to date in 2022 and currently one outstanding invoice.

The O.P.P. advised that one address in September which reported as a false alarm was a call from a neighbour regarding a discarded fire alarm in the garbage.

7.2 Court Security

7.3 Anti-Impaired Driving Campaign

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1 September 2022 Financial Report

8.2 Ministry of the Solicitor General Update - Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and OPP Detachment Boards

9. New Business

9.1 2023 Budget

The Board noted that the budget will remain status quo as there are still unknowns as to the outcome of the Community Safety and Policing Act and structure of Detachment Boards.

9.2 Online Joint Auction with Municipality of Kincardine PSB

The Board Secretary reported that unclaimed items from the South Bruce O.P.P. are being jointly auctioned off for Brockton and Kincardine Police Services Boards via an online auction conducted by Metcalfe Auctions who will receive a commission for the sales. The majority of the items being auctioned off are bicycles.

9.3 2023 OPP Annual Billing

The Board noted the increase in billing of approximately 6.2 per cent.

9.4 Walkerton Legion - Remembrance Day Parade Request

The Board and O.P.P. discussed the letter from the Walkerton Legion. The Detachment Commander advised that the O.P.P. do not have authority to close roads unless it is an emergency, so the Legion should contact the Municipality and/or County of Bruce to close the road for the parade. A police car will assist in leading the parade, but the road closure would be the responsibility of the Legion. The Board agreed not to hire additional officers to assist with the parade. The Board noted that Durham Street is a road owned by the County of Bruce, and detour routes would need to be posted.

The O.P.P. will still make efforts to support in the Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Board suggested that the Legion contact the Municipality and County to obtain the road closure forms.

10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - September 2022

The Board discussed the Dirtpigs Tournament and suggested that a condition be imposed on the group when renting the facility to ensure liaison officers/paid duty officers are hired and a security plan is obtained to ensure an incident like this does not occur. The Board also discussed the bar management and that service clubs should be reminded of their legal responsibilities.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller reviewed her report:

Calls for Service of Note

Property Crimes

Arson – A vehicle was set on fire in Walkerton. One vehicle was destroyed, two other vehicles were badly damaged and a nearby shed damaged as well. This investigation is ongoing.

Drug Crimes

Trafficking – While investigating a number of non-related occurrences, information was received that involved drug trafficking. As a result one individual has been arrested and charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine.

Trafficking – A four month long project across three Counties, was wrapped up in September resulting in 28 people being arrested and 111 Criminal charges. Nine search warrants were involved utilizing over 100 officers in one day. Throughout the course of this investigation, police seized approximately 160 grams suspected methamphetamine, 59 grams suspected fentanyl, 68 grams suspected cocaine, 6 grams suspected carfentanyl, more than 88 morphine pills and more than 140 hydromorphone pills. Police recovered a variety of stolen property valued at more than \$36,000 and more than \$6,000 in Canadian currency. Two firearms were also seized during the search warrants.

Traffic

South Bruce OPP participated in the Long Weekend Traffic Campaign over the Labour weekend. 93 speeding charges were laid. Working in conjunction with the surrounding County Detachments, in total over 700 charges were laid – 48% off all HTA charges laid that weekend for West Region.

Other

Human Trafficking

Members of South Bruce OPP and our Human Trafficking Committee attended Kaufman's Independent Grocer on September 2nd and set up a Community

Engagement table to educate and raise awareness to community members on Human Trafficking. Educational materials as well as swag with the HT Hotline # were handed out. Many community members stopped to ask questions and many were surprised to learn that Human Trafficking occurs in our rural communities.

Community Events

Inspector MILLER and PC DIETRICH and PC INNES attended the Remembering Our Veterans service on September 25th at the Walkerton cemetery. The event, hosted by the Walkerton Legion, honoured veterans who are buried at the cemetery with their names being read aloud.

Detachment Updates

South Bruce OPP welcomed PC Justin MAGUIRE to the Walkerton office. PC MAGUIRE is an experienced officer who transferred from Highway Safety Division – Mississauga.

The Board discussed a video shared on social media on October 11th regarding theft of a propane tank from a residence. The O.P.P. encouraged residents to report incidents at the time of occurrence and notify the O.P.P. as officers may recognize the vehicle. The O.P.P. reviewed their data and noted that no thefts were reported within the last five days but will continue to search.

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

The next Police Services Board meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022 at 4:15 p.m.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.