



## **Brockton Police Services Board Minutes**

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 4:15 pm

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Walkerton Office - 25 Bruce Rd 19, Walkerton

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

### **1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m. by the Board Secretary. An item was added under New Business regarding a letter proposing a video camera directory.

#### **Resolution:**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby accepts the agenda for the meeting on January 19, 2023 as amended.

**Carried**

### **2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

### **3. Appointment of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair**

The Board nominated Brian Read to continue acting as Chair for the Brockton Police Services Board and Tim Elphick as Vice Chair.

#### **Resolution:**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

The Brockton Police Services Board hereby appoints Brian Read as Chair for the 2023 term of the Brockton Police Services Board.

**Carried**

**Resolution:**

Moved By Brian Read

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby appoints Tim Elphick as Vice Chair for the 2023 term of the Brockton Police Services Board.

**Carried**

**4. Delegations**

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

5.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - September 15, 2022

5.2 Brockton Police Services Board Notes - October 13, 2022

**Resolution:**

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adopt the minutes from the meeting on September 15, 2022 and the notes from the meeting on October 13, 2022 as presented.

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

The O.P.P. noted that they are receiving notifications from the speed signs if vehicles are driving 90 km/hr in a 50 km/hr zone and using data in focus patrols for Cargill and Chepstow. The rogers phone plan transfer has also been completed for the O.P.P. phones used at the courthouse.

**7. Accounts**

7.1 Accounts 10/05/22 to 10/27/22 - \$-200,565.84

7.2 Accounts 10/27/22 to 11/24/22 - \$414,572.52

7.3 Accounts 11/24/22 to 12/07/22 - \$-4,785.18

7.4 Accounts 12/07/23 to 12/31/22 - \$209,905.69

The Board discussed the honorarium provided to Carl Kuhnke, noting that as his Provincial Appointment was relinquished after being appointed a Councillor in November 2022, the December portion of the honorarium should be paid back to the Municipality.

**Resolution:**

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

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

- Accounts 10/05/22 to 10/27/22 - \$-200,565.84
- Accounts 10/27/22 to 11/24/22 - \$414,572.52
- Accounts 11/24/22 to 12/07/22 - \$-4,785.18
- Accounts 12/07/23 to 12/31/22 - \$209,905.69

**Carried**

**8. Items Carried Forward**

8.1 False Alarm Report - October 2022

The Board discussed receiving an update on the false alarm fine payments.

8.2 False Alarm Report - November 2022

8.3 False Alarm Report - December 2022

The Board discussed the high number of false alarms, noting that there is a grace period for key holders prior to 911 being called, and suggested that Georgian Bay Fire could perhaps provide training on the alarm system for repeat offenders.

8.4 Ministry of the Solicitor General - OPP Detachment Boards Update

The Chair spoke to the Police Services Advisor, Duane Sprague who noted that the Board could continue status quo as the Act is still not expected to be sworn into force and effect in 2023.

8.5 Online Joint Auction with Municipality of Kincardine PSB

The Board Secretary noted that the Kincardine and Brockton PSB's held a joint online auction through Metcalfe Auctions for unclaimed O.P.P. items and received \$2,572.06 as the total proceeds, and donated half (\$1,286.03) to Kincardine to divide the proceeds equally. The Board discussed which organization they wish to donate their half of the proceeds towards.

**Resolution:**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

The Brockton Police Services Board hereby defer consideration of the donation of proceeds from the joint PSB auction to the next Board meeting.

**Carried**

8.6 Court Security

The proposal is being considered by the Ministry of the Attorney General, and a meeting is being set up to discuss details about the installation of cameras at the Walkerton Court House.

8.7 Anti-Impaired Driving Campaign

The Board discussed the anti-impaired driving coaster campaign and suggested partnering with the Municipality of Kincardine and Town of Hanover PSB's to do a bulk order. The Board discussed the messaging of the campaign, focusing on the recent changes in legislation requiring breath to be given on demand.

**9. Information/Correspondence**

9.1 October 2022 Financial Report

9.2 November 2022 Financial Report

The Board discussed the retiree benefits and when this item would be removed from the budget. The Board Secretary will inquire with the Finance Department.

9.3 December 2022 Financial Report

9.4 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Coordinator Report - July to September 2022-Q3

Th Board discussed the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce material.

9.5 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Coordinator Report - October to December 2022

9.6 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Tipster Magazine Fall 2022

9.7 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Tipster Magazine Winter 2023

## 10. New Business

### 10.1 2022-2024 R.I.D.E. Grant Program Agreement

The O.P.P. R.I.D.E. programs are being scheduled, which are approximately \$600/each for 12 programs and officers are paid-duty overtime to run the program.

### 10.2 2023 OAPSB Membership and OAPSB Zone 5 Membership

The Board discussed the value of the memberships, including the benefit of networking with other Section 10 Boards and having a joint voice on mutual topics.

#### **Resolution:**

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approves payment of the 2023 Membership with the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OASPB), and the 2023 Membership with the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OASPB) Zone 5.

**Carried**

### 10.3 2023 Meeting Schedule

The Board noted scheduling conflicts on February 16, 2023 and moved the meeting to March 2, 2023.

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller reported that S/Sgt. Ryan Olmstead will be transferring to the Huron Detachment in March, and Keegan Wilcox will return for the interim. Ms. Miller also advised she is retiring in June 2023, and a new Detachment Commander will be selected by the Operations Manager.

### 10.4 Remembrance Day Parade: Road Closures and Traffic Control

The Board discussed the 2022 Remembrance Day parade, noting some issues with traffic control and the road closure. The O.P.P. previously conducted traffic control in former years but do not provide this service any longer. The Walkerton Legion was then directed to contact the Municipality of Brockton to submit a road closure application; however, there were safety concerns with the parade. The Board discussed communicating with the Legion and sending a proactive letter to identify the issues from the previous year and ensure that proper planning occurs

ahead of time to address crowding and layout for the event at the cenotaph. The Board suggested that a letter be sent to the Walkerton Legion and copies be sent to the Police Services Board and the South Bruce O.P.P. with additional information coming forward to Council.

#### 10.5 Video Surveillance Proposal

Darren Holm, of Holm Graphics sent a letter to the Council of the Municipality of Brockton regarding a proposal for video surveillance, advising that a website had been created to allow members of the public to add their address to a map identifying video surveillance cameras in Brockton, and that the South Bruce O.P.P. could use the website to contact property owners if they required access to their video cameras in order to create efficiencies in policing. It was suggested that the Municipality could access the website and/or pay for access to the site.

The Board discussed the proposal, and privacy concerns involved, suggesting that the matter was outside of the Municipality and Police Services Board's jurisdiction.

### **11. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - October to December 2022**

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller presented her report.

Items of note for theft under involved lawn ornaments, marijuana, and gas, and theft over included enclosed trailer investigations and warrants.

The Board inquired about complaints, and Ms. Miller advised that many complaints are screened out as frivolous, and any complaints under investigation would occur in a timely manner, although there are none at this time.

Ms. Miller advised that the 2022 Year End Report would be presented at the next Board Meeting and then brought forward to Brockton Council.

There was only 1 fatality in the record system, though 3 occurred in Brockton in 2022. The Board discussed the fatalities and will include any corrections in the Year End Report. The Board discussed the occurrences and the billing process involved, inquiring if there were any additional intersections of note.

The O.P.P. discussed the speed signs in Cargill and Chepstow, noting the benefits. It was noted that there were 3 traffic complaints on Ridout Street in Walkerton in 2022, and 32 complaints on Durham Street East and West in Walkerton in 2022, though the complaints may be generic and not related to speeding unless looked into further.

#### **Calls for Service of Note**

## Property Crimes

Robbery – The robbery consisted of the theft of a cell phone as a result of a fight.

Theft – A significant number of the thefts involved the theft of fuel.

Mischief – A number of the mischief calls for service involved damage to motor vehicles and in some cases appeared to be targeted. Charges were laid in one of these instances.

Arson – On December 1st, 1st Responders were dispatched to a fire at an apartment complex on John Street in Walkerton. The quick response resulted in the building being safely evacuated and no serious injuries were reported. Officers were able to transport the residents to the Community Centre until they able to be alternatively housed. After an investigation into the fire, a male resident of the building was charged with Arson – Disregard for Human Life.

## Drug Crimes

Warrant – On October 20th, a search warrant was conducted on Amelia Street in Walkerton by the Community Street Crimes Unit. Almost \$200,000.00 worth of drugs was seized from this location as well as a number of replica weapons and a loaded handgun. Five individuals were arrested and charged.

Warrant – On November 3rd, a search warrant was conducted by the Community Street Crimes Unit in Ripley resulting in the seizure of Methamphetamine and Cocaine worth over \$120,000.00. Also recovered was a stolen vehicle. Four individuals were charged due to this warrant.

Warrant – On November 15th, a search warrant was conducted in Arran-Elderslie by the Community Street Crimes Unit. This warrant took place after months of investigation and significant community concern. A large quantity of Methamphetamine was seized and a large amount of stolen property recovered. Three people remain in custody as a result of this warrant. This will have significant community impact throughout the South Bruce Detachment area. Some of the items recovered are listed here:

- Ford F150 pick-up truck
- Dodge Ram pick-up truck
- Dodge Charger
- Ski-Doo GSX snowmobile
- 2 Polaris snowmobiles
- Honda TRX All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
- Triton snowmobile trailer
- Stihl concrete saw

- Rolair air compressor
- 9 Rifles, 2 Shotguns, a Crossbow with night vision scope, 2 antique pistols, 2 pellet rifles and a large quantity of ammunition

Possession – Drug seized in all possession occurrences was Methamphetamine.

### Traffic

Impaired Driving - A call from a member of the public resulted in a male driving a tractor being arrested for Impaired Driving.

Operation Impact – Operation Impact Traffic Initiative took place over the Thanksgiving weekend. Officers laid two Impaired Driving charges during the campaign.

Festive RIDE – On 01 Dec, South Bruce OPP joined with Grey Bruce OPP and the Grey Bruce Municipal Police Services to launch the 2023 Festive RIDE campaign. A large joint RIDE was held just south of Owen Sound. During the Festive R.I.D.E. campaign, officers dedicated approximately 150 hours. 145 checkpoints were set up in all of our municipalities within the detachment area with the following results:

- 1 motorist was charged with a graduated license violation – blood alcohol above zero
- 2 driver's license suspensions were issued for a warn result at the roadside resulting from a BAC above .05 mg of alcohol
- 4 motorists were charged with Impaired Driving and had their licence suspended automatically for 90 days and their vehicles impounded for 7 days

### Other

By-law - Officers continued to work with Municipality of Brockton By-law and assisted by social service agencies to address the various encampments in the area.

Foot Patrol – 145 hours of Foot Patrol was dedicated over the three month period.

Crime Stoppers – 3 tips specific to Brockton were received from Crime Stoppers.

Training – Officers participated in the three-day multi-agency Emergency exercise hosted by Bruce Power called Huron Endeavour. This included participation of our Regional Emergency Operations Centre and a number of external resources such as our Emergency Response Team. Many best practices and lessons learned were taken away from this exercise placing South



Bruce OPP in a good position to respond to a large-scale emergency and/or nuclear emergency.

MCRT – On November 28th, South Bruce and Grey Bruce OPP partnered with Grey Bruce Health Services to launch a Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT). Julie ROBINSON, a Mental Health Nurse, is assigned to South Bruce OPP and has begun responding the Mental Health calls for service as a ride-along model with our officers. Julie will provide services including but not limited to de-escalation and short-term crisis intervention, safety planning and stabilization, referrals to appropriate services for long term support, and recovery-oriented interventions. Since its inception, Julie has responded to 30 calls for service with our officers and completed 12 after the fact referrals. Thirteen individuals were diverted away from unnecessary Emergency Room visits and were provided appropriate resources. We also continue to benefit from our partnership with MMHART who also provide a co-response model with our officers.

### **Detachment Updates**

A letter of thanks was received regarding PC GINGERICH's professionalism and compassion when dealing with the young driver of a Motor Vehicle collision.

### **Police Service Board Survey Results**

In June 2022, OPP Police Services Boards (PSBs) were surveyed to identify the metrics and information that would be most valuable to support goal setting and decision making, specific to community safety. Below are some highlights following analysis of the survey responses that can be shared with your PSBs:

- The survey was distributed to 117 OPP Police Services Boards.
  - The response rate was 91% (only completed surveys were included for analysis).
- The following metrics, currently provided to PSBs, remain of value:
  - Number of violent crime occurrences
  - Number of property crime occurrences
  - Number of Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) occurrences
  - Clearance rates for violent, property and drug occurrences
  - Number of motor vehicle collisions, including persons killed and causal factors.
- PSBs are also interested in receiving the number of other criminal code occurrences (94%), provincial statutes (72%) and federal statutes occurrences (64%)

- Cruiser patrol (97% interest) and focused patrol (71% interest) were of greatest interest pertaining to patrol hours, followed by foot patrol hours (67%).
- The type of prevention initiatives (93% interest) and the number of initiatives completed (88% interest) were of high interest to the PSBs.
- The following non-crime-related occurrences were of most interest (listed in order of interest):
  - Mental health-related occurrences 93%
  - Traffic complaints 87%
  - Opioid-related occurrences 82%
  - Domestic disturbances 78%
  - Alarms/false alarms 64%
  - Missing persons/Noise complaints 60% respectively
  - Marine/waterway incidents 50%
- Youth crime was of interest to 91% of respondents, specifically the types of crimes and number of crime-related occurrences.
- The number of criminal records checks performed for a municipality was of interest to 51% of respondents.
- The number of policing hours within a municipality was of interest to all (100%) PSBs.
- Good new stories (86% interest), detachment announcements (79% interest) and commendations (79%) were of interest to the PSBs.
- Public complaints (87%) and the number of substantiated versus unsubstantiated complaints (76%) were of most interest to PSBs.
- The Calls for Service Billing Summary Report is used by 60% of respondents for goalsetting/decision making.
- Preferred time frames for reporting metrics were equally split between two and three years(36%) (current year + 1 or 2 previous years).
- Eighty-three percent (83%) of PSBs indicated that information reported at the detachment level would meet their needs.

The OPP is continuing to assess findings, conduct research and establish methodologies to support reporting on the adequate and effective delivery of policing services to PSBs. It is anticipated that enhanced reporting to PSBs will commence in late 2023.

## **12. Other Business**

### **1. Dirtpigs**

The Board requested that an update be provided regarding the Dirtpigs tournament for the next meeting.

### **2. Battle of the Blades Hockey Game**

It was noted that the O.P.P. and Walkerton Firefighters are playing in the 2nd Annual Battle of the Blades Hockey Game on Family Day at the Walkerton Community Centre. There will be a game with the Walkerton Capitals Jr. C and public skating as well. The Board thanked the officers involved with the game.

### **3. Bail Supervision**

The Board discussed media coverage of bail supervision in the area, noting that the correctional system does not have the capacity to detain individuals for a long time period and areas could be explored for increased supervision and requirements for reporting while individuals are on bail. The Board discussed how bail supervision is implemented in rural communities, and the importance of the Walkerton Court House as a County jurisdiction and that Brockton is the host municipality for the Court House, and the support networks involved, such as STAR.

## **13. Next Meeting**

The next Brockton Police Services Board meeting was scheduled for March 2, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.

## **14. Adjournment**

### **Resolution:**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board meeting hereby adjourns at 6:40 p.m.

**Carried**