



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2023, 4:15 pm
South Bruce OPP Detachment - Walkerton Office
25 Bruce Road 19, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0

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
 Keegan Wilcox, South Bruce O.P.P. S/Sgt.

Guests Present **Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services**
 Brian Dales, Dirtpigs Representative

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby accepts the agenda for the meeting on March 2, 2023 as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Delegations

3.1 Dirtpigs Tournament Update

The Board introduced the topic to Mr. Coleman and Mr. Dales as the matter was discussed previously in September 2022 after concerns were raised by the O.P.P. about the event.

Inspector Krista Miller noted that there was a significant draw on resources including a call for service on the Friday night, and over the weekend. It was noted that historically paid duty officers were used for the event, and the Inspector inquired if the Dirt Pigs would reinstate paid duty officers with the O.P.P.

Mr. Dales provided a background on the previous use of paid duty officers and that a meeting was often held with the O.P.P., EMS, Fire, and Health Unit prior to the event. In the past, notification was received late resulting in the Dirt Pigs being unsuccessful in obtaining paid duty officers. The organization has continued to use private security to cover the event.

Mr. Dales discussed the individuals serving alcohol and information provided by the Liquor Licence Inspector.

The O.P.P. noted that there were request for calls for service over the weekend and an incident that occurred at Lobies Park Campground, as well as concerns brought forward from officers.

It was noted that a meeting would be held with the involved parties to alleviate these concerns for the 2023 event. Mr. Coleman provided information on the security involved with the event.

Carl Kuhnke logged into the Conference Call meeting at 4:32 p.m. and the Board passed motions to formally call the meeting to order and accept the agenda. The delegation continued after the motions were passed.

Mr. Coleman discussed the situation that occurred at Lobies Park Campground, and direction taken by staff. Mr. Coleman informed the Board of the security protocol at the Campground, and staffing coverage for the Dirtpigs tournament. Mr. Coleman advised that groups are not allowed to bring open alcohol outside their residence (tent/trailer). The O.P.P. described the impact on their officers and ways the matter could be resolved in the future.

The Board discussed the bar service at the event, and the suggestion of over service of underage individuals being served alcohol at the event. Mr. Dales reported that O.P.P. officers were not seen on site conducting walk-throughs, and noted that service shut down at 1:00 a.m.

Mr. Dales noted that Dirt Pigs would prefer to hold an Operational meeting prior to the event as was completed in prior years. The O.P.P. and Dirtpigs will schedule a meeting this year.

Mr. Dales and Mr. Coleman left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - January 19, 2023

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adopt the minutes from the meeting on January 19, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Carl Kuhnke informed the Board that he had paid back the December 2022 Honorarium to the Municipality.

Councillor Tim Elphick noted that Council would be interested in obtaining data from the speed signs installed in Cargill and Chepstow.

6. Accounts

The Board Secretary described the process associated with parking ticket fines. The Board inquired for clarification on the Purolator costs.

Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

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

- Accounts 12/31/22 to 01/25/23 - \$2,218.20
- Accounts 01/26/23 to 02/10/23 - \$220,331.25

Carried

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 Donation of Online Auction Proceeds

7.2 Remembrance Day Parade Letter

The Board discussed the benefit in having a proactive conversation between the Legion, Municipality and the County of Bruce to address the concerns from 2022 and better plan for the 2023 parade.

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby request the Director of Operations to engage with the Walkerton Legion in advance of the next Remembrance Day in order to coordinate sufficient and appropriate traffic control measures.

Carried

7.3 Anti-Impaired Driving Campaign

The Chair will contact the Town of Hanover about the campaign.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

7.4 False Alarm Report - January 2023

The Board noted the current decrease in false alarms and the recent reminder in the Brockton Buzz newsletter.

7.5 Court Security

The Committee met and the planned installation of surveillance cameras was a topic of discussion on the agenda. A planning meeting will be held to discuss additional information, though it appears that secured parking for the judiciary will be moving forward and the Committee continued to advocate for a single point of entry. The Committee discussed the recommendation to connect 207 and 215 Cayley Street.

The Inspector noted that a business case for an additional CCM special constable has been submitted, and there may be funding under the new service delivery model.

The Board discussed the increased administrative work and the staffing associated with the courthouse.

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce - Invitation to Golf Tournament

Brian Read and Carl Kuhnke noted conflicts with the tournament date.

8.2 January 2023 Financial Report

8.3 February 2023 Financial Report

9. New Business

9.1 Council Comments in Budget Meeting

Inspector Krista Miller discussed an email to the Police Services Board regarding the Deputy Mayor's comments made during the Municipality of Brockton's Budget Meeting. Inspector Miller expressed concern that the Council member inferred that Brockton is overlooked by the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment, and the impact of these comments on officers.

The Board discussed that the comments were made in terms of the policing contract and billing model, and not directed at officers specifically.

The Inspector noted that the Board and Council have not made direct comments that they are not receiving adequate policing, and requested to know additional information if there is a concern. The Inspector reminded the Board of their role to evaluate the policing for Brockton and suggested that Council could bring concerns forward to the Board, noting the disapproval of the comments made at the Budget Meeting.

The Board provided context that the comments were made during budget deliberations in a financial lens surrounding the billing model, and the cost Brockton pays for policing per household in compared to other communities. The Board discussed their focus on solidifying the operational plan and remaining clear on priorities for the detachment, and continuing to advocate for community needs such as foot patrol, sharing information with Council, and taking progressive steps to evaluate the calls for service.

The Chair offered to contact the Deputy Mayor to obtain clarity on the comments made and will bring an update to the next meeting.

The Inspector noted that the Policing Bureau could be contacted to answer questions on the billing model.

9.2 Public Safety Grant Funding

Inspector Krista Miller reported that a meeting is being held on March 9, 2023 with the Ministry of the Solicitor General, municipal staff, and Councillor Kym Hutcheon to discuss public safety grant funding as a follow up from the Municipality of Brockton's delegation to the Ministry at the ROMA Conference.

9.3 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce - Donation Request

The Board discussed the request, and the funds already budgeted for their annual donation. The Board suggested providing the full \$2,500 donation using additional funds from the joint online auction proceeds as a one-time additional donation for 2023 only, and continuing with their annual \$2,000 donation in 2024.

Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby donate \$2,000 to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce for 2023 with a \$500 one-time supplement from the joint online auction proceeds for a total donation of \$2,500.

Carried

Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby donate \$786.03 of the joint online auction proceeds to the Walkerton and District Food Bank.

Carried

10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report

10.1 2022 Year End Report

The Board discussed the motor vehicle collisions, and the previous suggestion of having a collision reporting centre. The O.P.P. submitted an interest in having a reporting centre located in Walkerton which was denied. The Board asked the Inspector to obtain statistics to determine the number of MVC's that could qualify for accident reporting. The Board discussed types of collision reporting centres, and other alternatives that could be investigated to help decrease the call for service.

Councillor Elphick suggested that information on the Cargill and Chepstow speed signs be included in the year-end presentation to Council.

10.2 January 2023 Report

Calls for Service of Note

Violent Crime

Sexual Assaults – charges have been laid in each of these occurrences.

Property Crime

Break and Enter – all Break and Enters occurred to outbuildings. In one case a significant amount of tools were stolen.

Theft – one occurrence involved the theft of fuel. The rest involved the same business address. The business is considering the purchase of cameras and increased lighting.

Fraud – the frauds included a variety of scams ranging from credit card fraud, bank scams and identification theft.

Mischief – both occurrences involved damage to motor vehicles that appeared to be targeted.

Traffic

Focused Patrol - A Focused Patrol has been created for the Village of Cargill to address an identified concern during the commuter hours. Approximately 10 hours of dedicated enforcement has been completed with one warning and one charge.

Other

Foot Patrol – 69.25 hours

Crime Stoppers Tips – 1

In Car Camera Implementation – All officers in South Bruce including our CCM staff are in the process of taking the on-line In Car Camera (ICC) training. Installation of the ICCs in each frontline cruiser is schedule to begin in March. Every frontline OPP cruiser will have front facing and rear seat facing cameras as well as Automated Licence Plate Reader technology.

Body Worn Camera Implementation – issue of Body Worn cameras to all frontline officers is expected within the year.

Community Events

Battle of the Badges – South Bruce OPP won back their hockey pride during an exciting game on Family Day. The organizers did a fantastic job of organizing and with an amazing turnout from the community will be making a donation to the Hospital Foundation.

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

The next Brockton Police Services Board meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board meeting hereby adjourns at 6:10 p.m.

Carried