



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023, 9:00 am
Location: 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
 Keegan Wilcox, South Bruce O.P.P. S/Sgt.

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke
Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby accepts the agenda for the meeting on June 15, 2023 as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Delegations

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - May 18, 2023

The Board noted their support for the recommendation of including the date and time of false alarm occurrences in the notice letter being sent to alarm system owners.

Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke
Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adopt the minutes from the meeting on May 18, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Accounts

- 6.1 Accounts 05/03/23 to 05/17/23 - \$62.16
- 6.2 Accounts 05/17/23 to 06/02/23 - \$220,352.16

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick
Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

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

- Accounts 05/03/23 to 05/17/23 - \$62.16
- Accounts 05/17/23 to 06/02/23 - \$220,352.16

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 May 2023 False Alarm Report

Keegan Wilcox, South Bruce O.P.P. S/Sgt. advised that two false alarms reported at the Brant Landfill were reclassified and should be excused from the May 2023 False Alarm Report. The O.P.P. will investigate an alternative process to deliver the reports in order to adjust the auto clearing process so that reclassified calls for service do not appear on the report. The O.P.P. analyst is also investigating a way to identify panic alarms in the report.

The Board noted that Council further discussed the definition of the fees which increase incrementally by \$100 after four (4) calls for service.

The Board discussed whether to amend the definition of an "At Fault False Alarm" in the By-Law in order to clarify it as a being a police call for service, rather than the interpretation of a police response requiring an officer to arrive on scene, as the call for service is still made to dispatch and redirected to officers prior to any cancellations being made by the alarm system owner.

The Board suggested that the False Alarm By-Law be revised in the future to include changes in definitions.

7.2 Court Security

7.3 Black Cat Radar

A report was received on data along Robinson Street, identifying that the 85% are driving under the speed limit.

The Board discussed locations to install the Black Cat Radar in the future.

The Walkerton and District Food Bank arrived at 9:26 a.m. for the auction proceeds cheque presentation. The Board recessed at 9:26 a.m. to complete the cheque presentation. The meeting resumed at 9:40 a.m.

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1 May 2023 Financial Report

8.2 Thank You Letter from Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.

9. New Business

The Board discussed the Durham Street Bridge Replacement, and proposed options presented to Brockton and Bruce County Council. The O.P.P. advised that the detour route would not create additional challenges for officers unless there was a large call for service elsewhere. Further alternatives will be brought forward for consideration by Bruce County Council.

The Board discussed the resolution passed by Brockton Council to temporarily change the speed limit to 40 km/hr along Ridout Street from Maple to McGivern Streets in order to address pedestrian safety concerns, noting that long-term measures would be further considered as infrastructure replacements will be needed in the future as development occurs on Ridout Street.

S/Sgt. Wilcox will contact the Dirt Pigs to set up an operational meeting to confirm event details for the Dirt Pigs Tournament August 17-19, 2023.

The Board discussed alternative report formats from other PSB's. S/Sgt. Wilcox noted that the Ministry of the Solicitor General is looking into standardizing reports for PSB's in the coming months. The Board noted that the needs of a Detachment or Board can differ as to the information required in order to ensure adequate policing.

10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - May 2023

S/Sgt. Keegan Wilcox presented the Detachment Commander report:

Calls for Service of Note:

Violent Crime:

Assaults - There were 2 assaults investigated during the month of May. One of the assaults occurred during a domestic dispute and the other occurred during a dispute at an unwanted person call for service.

Property Crime:

Break and Enter - 2 break and enters were reported during the month of May. 1 of the break and enters was reported at a Municipal Landfill site. The e-waste container was entered and various e-waste electronics were stolen. That investigation is on-going. The other break and enter was in relation to a domestic dispute where charges have been laid.

Fraud - There were 4 frauds reported during May. All 4 of the frauds were considered cyber fraud. In one of the cases over \$25,000 was paid to an unknown source. That investigation is on-going. In 2 of the remainder of cases no money was exchanged as the complainants identified that it was likely fraudulent.

Drug Crime:

As a result of an extensive investigation conducted by the Community Street Crimes Unit, 2 search warrants were executed in Brockton. The warrants were executed with the support of the Community Street Crimes Unit (CSCU), Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU -Central and West Teams), Emergency Response Team (ERT) and OPP Canine. Officers arrested and charged 2 individuals and have seized the following items as a result of the investigation: Approximately \$18,000 in controlled substances and a quantity of offence related property which includes a cross bow, a 12 gauge shotgun, brass knuckles, scales and cell phones.

Traffic:

Impaired Driving-Officers apprehended 3 impaired drivers in May of 2023. 1 of the impaired drivers was apprehended at a RIDE check. 1 of the impaired drivers was apprehended as a result of a domestic dispute investigation and the 3rd was apprehended as a result of a motor vehicle collision.

Traffic Enforcement/ Education - Over the month of May, officers issued 108 Provincial Offence Notices for a variety of Provincial Offences. Further to this, they issued 69 formal warnings for a variety of Provincial Offences.

Canada Road Safety Week - Officers participated in the Canada Road Safety Week traffic safety initiative that was established to address the big 4 causal factors in serious collisions on OPP roadways. During the weeklong initiative officers charged drivers for the following offences: 94 speeders, 5 fail to wear seatbelts, 1 careless driving, 1 stunt driving, and 1 fail to stop for a school bus.

Other:

Crime Stoppers - 0 tips specific to Brockton were received from Crime Stoppers in the month of May

Foot Patrol - 38.25 hours of Foot Patrol were dedicated over the 1 month period in Brockton.

MCRT - MCRT supported detachment members and responded to 26 mental health related calls for service. Of these 26 calls for service, 22 of them were diverted away from an apprehension and the hospital. MCRT continues to be a vital component to our detachment and the program continues to demonstrate positive impacts on the community.

The Board discussed the MCRT grant and the willingness to submit an application to continue this valuable service.

Detachment Updates:

PC Brad Ferguson was the successful applicant for a position within the Protective Services Section within the OPP. PC Ferguson started in his new position at the end of May. PC Ferguson has been a valued member of the South Bruce OPP Detachment for a considerable amount of time. We wish PC Ferguson all the best in his new role.

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board recommend that the Municipality of Brockton engage with the South Bruce O.P.P. on preparing and submitting a grant application for the MCRT program.

Carried

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

The next Brockton Police Services Board meeting was rescheduled to September 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board meeting hereby adjourns at 10:12 a.m.

Carried