



**Brockton Police Services Board Minutes**

Thursday, September 7, 2023, 9:00 am  
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. Detachment Commander**  
**Henry Thalen, South Bruce O.P.P. Acting Staff Sergeant**

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Board congratulated Detachment Commander Keegan Wilcox on the promotion, and welcomed Acting Staff Sergeant (Acting S/Sgt.) Henry Thalen.

**Resolution:**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on September 7, 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 - June 15, 2023

**Resolution:**

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adopt the minutes from the meeting on June 15, 2023 as presented.

**Carried**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

## 6. Accounts

### Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

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

- Accounts 06/02/23 to 06/15/23 - \$693.15
- Accounts 06/15/23 to 07/05/23 - \$-2,628.79
- Accounts 07/05/23 to 08/02/23 - \$220,440.81
- Accounts 08/02/23 to 08/22/23 - \$78.71

**Carried**

## 7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 June 2023 False Alarm Report

7.2 July 2023 False Alarm Report

7.3 August 2023 False Alarm Report

Inspector Keegan Wilcox reported that the False Alarm reports are currently excluding residential alarms and inquiring for further clarification to rectify this issue as residential alarms were previously provided on the False Alarm reports.

The Board discussed some repeat offenders, and the overall positive influence in reductions when reviewing the monthly reports.

7.4 Court Security

Inspector Keegan Wilcox reported that the committee are setting up a meeting to occur in October. The Ministry of the Attorney General are discussing camera systems and other smaller items being reviewed at the Courthouse.

7.5 Black Cat Radar/Solar Speed Signs

The Board discussed the current placement of the solar speed signs and suggestions for future installations of both the Black Cat radar and the solar speed signs.

7.5.1 Invoice for Speed Sign Battery Replacement

**Resolution:**

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve payment of the invoice from The Battery Pro in the amount of \$569.52 for the solar speed sign battery replacements.

**Carried**

7.6 Grant Opportunities

The Municipality of Brockton submitted the MCRT grant for the South Bruce Detachment area. The Municipality of Kincardine is hosting a grant for Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Grant. South Bruce and Grey Bruce Detachments will submit a joint application for two (2) FTE's and equipment. Both Municipalities are waiting to hear back on grant approvals.

Inspector Keegan Wilcox discussed other grant opportunities such as bail compliance and vehicle theft.

**8. Information/Correspondence**

8.1 Police Services Board Composition Update

The Board discussed the Board composition and comments made by Brockton Council, noting the preference for greater representation for inland and shoreline communities.

The Board discussed the cost associated with the current proposal, and the representation on the current Board member structure.

The O.P.P. discussed the structure in Wellington County where the County holds the O.P.P. contract for the municipalities, and the Board represents the entire County to collaborate on serving each community's needs.

8.2 June 2023 Financial Report

8.3 July 2023 Financial Report

8.4 August 2023 Financial Report

8.5 Brockton Council Resolution - Durham Street Pedestrian Safety

It was noted that the resolution should specify that the traffic calming measures occur at the intersection of Durham Street East and McNab Streets.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 False Alarm By-Law Exemption Inquiry**

The Board discussed the inquiry, noting that the False Alarm By-Law does not mention any exemptions, apart from panic alarms.

Inspector Keegan Wilcox advised that he is reviewing all reports and occurrences.

### **9.2 2024 Budget**

The Board agreed to maintain the same budget as 2023 until new information is provided from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding the Board's future.

## **10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - June to August 2023**

Detachment Commander, Keegan Wilcox reviewed the report.

The Board noted the three (3) Motor Vehicle Collisions that occurred at Highway 9 and Bruce Road 3.

**Action:** Inspector Wilcox to investigate the Motor Vehicle Collision from August 16, 2023 at 16:30 which was marked as "Other". Inspector Wilcox further advised that he would also look into the Crime Stoppers statistics as they seem low for summer reporting.

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

#### Violent Crime:

Assaults - The majority of the assaults investigated during this reporting period involved Intimate Partner Violence and/or violence within a family setting.

#### Property Crime:

Break and Enter - 5 break and enters were reported during this reporting period. 1 of the break and enters has been solved and an arrest has been made. The other 4 remain on-going and include break and enters to an out-building, 2 construction sites and the landfill.

Fraud - 6 frauds were reported over the 3 months in Brockton. Each of these frauds included online scams or credit card frauds.

Theft Under - 10 theft under \$5000 incidents were reported over the 3 months. 2 of the thefts involved stolen bicycles and 3 of the thefts involved shop-lifting. There was 1 occurrence that was determined to be an accidental gas drive-off.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle - On June 23rd our Community Street Crimes Unit investigated a stolen vehicle. As a result, they arrested 2 individuals for being in possession of the stolen vehicle in Brockton and seized a small quantity of drugs.

#### Drug Crime:

Drug Trafficking - In August our Community Street Crimes Unit investigated an individual in Brockton for trafficking cocaine. An arrest was made and approximately \$12,000 of cocaine was seized along with other offence related property which included a vehicle.

#### Traffic:

Collisions - 1 fatal motor vehicle collision was investigated over the 3 months in Brockton. That investigation remains on-going.

Impaired Driving - 5 impaired drivers were arrested over the 3 month reporting period in Brockton. 1 of the impaired drivers was apprehended while entering a RIDE program. Further, there were 3 warn-range suspensions issued as well.

RIDE Programs - Officers remain dedicated to conducting RIDE programs throughout the year to further support education and enforcement relating to impaired driving. Officers conducted 48 RIDE checks in Brockton over the 3 months.

Traffic Campaigns - It was a busy summer for traffic campaigns. Officers participated in 3 traffic campaigns during the summer months which included Canada Day Safety Week (Canada Day week), Operation Safe Driver and Civic Long Weekend. Each of these campaigns targeted different unsafe driving practices. Officers remained visible and provided education and enforcement to further support safer roads.

#### Other:

Crime Stoppers - 3 Crime Stoppers tips were received for Brockton during this reporting period.

Foot Patrol - 134 hours of Foot Patrol were dedicated over the 3 month period in Brockton.

MCRT- MCRT remains engaged and supports our detachment and communities very effectively. Unfortunately summer statistics are not yet available but our

MCRT worker remains very busy in her role and continues to make a very positive impact in the community.

OPP Cadet Program - In the summer the OPP announced the return of the Cadet Program to the organization. This is a great opportunity for somebody who is interested in policing but feels they are not quite ready to become a Constable. We are very excited that this program has returned and I am hopeful we will have a new Cadet in the coming year.

#### Detachment Updates:

After 30 years of policing Inspector Krista Miller has retired from the OPP. Retired Inspector Miller had a very positive impact in the South Bruce Detachment area over her 5 years here in the Detachment Commander role. We wish her well in retirement.

Sgt. Marla Barfoot has accepted a promotion to Staff Sergeant, Detachment Manager at the Grey Bruce Detachment. Marla has been a long-serving member of the South Bruce Detachment and her leadership will be missed in South Bruce and I'm confident she will be a great addition to the Grey Bruce Detachment.

Acting Staff Sergeant Henry Thalen has accepted a Temporary Assignment as the interim Operations Manager at the South Bruce Detachment. Henry has been with us since late June and has brought with him a wealth of experience that has supported him in this role.

Sgt. Deb McClure has been identified as the new permanent Staff Sergeant, Detachment Manager here in South Bruce. Deb is coming from In-Service Training and will be a great addition to our team. Her start date is anticipated to be the 27th of November 2023 at which time A/S/Sgt. Thalen will return to his home position in Grey Bruce. I'm looking forward to Deb's arrival and working with her moving forward.

## **11. Other Business**

### Dirtpigs Tournament

Acting S/Sgt. Henry Thalen reported that the event went well, noting an arrest that occurred at the venue due to intoxication. There were O.P.P. R.I.D.E. checks occurring close to the Walkerton Community Centre. The venue had been reviewed on the Thursday with event organizers, and walk-throughs occurred early Friday and Saturday to set the tone. There were no issues at Lobies Campground - an officer drove through the campsite in an unmarked vehicle on Friday night which proved to be an effective presence.

**12. Next Meeting**

The next Brockton Police Services Board meeting was scheduled for October 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and later moved to November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. due to scheduling conflicts.

**13. Adjournment**

**Resolution:**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board meeting hereby adjourns at 10:11 a.m.

**Carried**