



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, December 21, 2023, 8:30 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
 Brandon McTaggart, South Bruce O.P.P. Acting S/Sgt.

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on December 21, 2023 as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - November 14, 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 November 14, 2023 as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Accounts

The Board suggested that the account descriptions could include that the Purolator shipping costs are associated with false alarm invoicing.

Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

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

- Accounts 11/08/23 to 11/22/23 - \$220,352.16
- Accounts - 11/22/23 to 12/06/23 - \$18.64

Carried

6. Items Carried Forward

6.1 November 2023 False Alarm Report

The Board noted that there is some recovery to offset the cost of the call for service.

6.2 Court Security

The Ministry of the Attorney General is installing cameras at the courthouse, though other security concerns are present. There are discussions about installing video monitoring stations at the front door. Inspector Keegan Wilcox noted that additional special constables and administrative officers would be used to monitor the video surveillance when able to do so.

The courts are continuing to be offered in a hybrid format but depending on the preference of the judge and the matter being discussed.

It was noted that the last court security assessment tool was completed 1.5 years ago. Inspector Wilcox advised that after the camera installation, the assessment tool will be rewritten, and top priorities can be reidentified.

6.3 Black Cat Radar/Solar Speed Signs

The Board noted that the signs along Ridout Street seem to be slowing down drivers. The Board discussed the development at Ridout Street and the future impact on traffic, as well as the proposed sidewalk installation plan.

7. Information/Correspondence

7.1 November 2023 Financial Report

7.2 O.P.P. Detachment Board Information/Community Safety and Policing Act

The Board discussed the OAPSB's presentation materials and suggestion that existing Police Services Boards and Municipalities collaborate on the preparation for the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA), such as the creation of governance documents, estimates/budget, and plan for insurance coverage.

The Board Secretary noted that Bruce County Clerk's have started informal discussions on the requirements to be completed, such as by-laws and budgeting.

The Board suggested that a Transition Committee be formed in order to collaborate among the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board members to prepare for the CSPA.

The Board noted that the municipalities could identify their South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board Council representative who could serve on the Transition Committee.

The Board discussed the process for appointing Provincial Appointees to the joint board, noting the preference that a new pool be created rather than using the existing pool of candidates as some Boards have vacant Provincial Appointee seats currently.

The Board directed the Secretary to draft a report to Council on the proposal for a Transition Committee and the update on the CSPA.

Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby recommend that a Transition Committee be established to discuss the requirements involved in the creation of the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board prior to the Comprehensive Police Services Act, 2019 being sworn into force.

And further that the Transition Committee consist of members from the existing South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Police Services Boards, an elected official from the Municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine, and South Bruce, and municipal staff.

And further that a report come forward to the Council of the Municipality of Brockton including the recommendation for a Transition Committee.

Carried

8. New Business

8.1 2024 Police Services Board Tentative Meeting Schedule

Resolution:

Moved By B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule as proposed with meetings to occur at 9:00 a.m. at the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Office in Walkerton:

- January 18, 2024
- February 15, 2024
- March 21, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 20, 2024
- September 19, 2024
- October 17, 2024
- November 21, 2024
- December 19, 2024

Carried

9. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - November 2023

Inspector Keegan Wilcox reviewed the Detachment Commander's Report:

Calls for Service of Note

Violent Crime:

Assaults - During the month of November 2023, there was 1 assault investigation that was completed in Brockton. This investigation was related to an assault during a neighbour dispute and charges have been laid.

Property Crime:

Break and Enter- During the month of November 2023, there was 1 break and enter investigation completed in Brockton. This break and enter into an apartment resulted in the theft of a purse. This investigation remains on-going.

The Board discussed the increase in Break and Enters.

Theft Over \$5000-There were 2 theft over \$5000 investigated during November. One of the thefts resulted from a theft from a storage unit and the other involved a theft in a familial setting.

Frauds - There were 3 frauds investigated in November which is down from 6 in the previous year. These 3 frauds included 2 online scams and a credit card fraud.

Traffic:

Through the month of November 2023, officers remained dedicated to traffic safety through proactive efforts in our communities. Over the course of the month, officers conducted 27 RIDE programs, apprehended 3 impaired drivers and laid 66 charges in relation to a variety of Highway Traffic Act offences in the Municipality of Brockton.

The Board discussed the effectiveness of the R.I.D.E. program.

Foot Patrol - 43.5 hours of foot patrol were dedicated in Brockton over the month of November.

Inspector Wilcox noted that there were 3 Crime Stoppers tips in the month of November within the Municipality of Brockton.

Detachment Updates:

Acting Staff Sergeant Henry Thalen completed 6 months on a Temporary Assignment as the Detachment Manager in South Bruce. Henry had a great impact on the detachment during his time here and I would like to thank him for his dedication and leadership. On that note, Acting Staff Sergeant Brandon Gale has joined us on a Temporary Assignment as the Detachment Manager in South Bruce. I'm looking forward to working with Brandon in this role.

On November 27th, 2023, PC Sam Wurfel transferred to the South Bruce detachment from Caledon. Sam is a welcomed addition to 'A' platoon.

10. Other Business

The Board inquired about the controls for towing in our area, discussing an incident involving a fraudulent towing company in another community. Inspector Wilcox advised that a Provincial towing program is used, and companies are vetted through a Provincial application process annually.

The Board extended holiday greetings and well wishes for the new year.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board meeting hereby adjourns at 9:20 a.m.

Carried