



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 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 OPP Detachment Commander
 Brandon Gale, South Bruce OPP Acting S/Sgt.

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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 January 18, 2024 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 - December 21, 2023

The Board discussed the proposed Transition Committee. It was noted that all municipalities are holding budget meetings so decisions have not yet been made by any other municipalities regarding the Transition Committee.

The Board discussed the costs associated with the OPP contract and comparisons with other municipalities. Inspector Wilcox suggested that the Board could have a discussion with the Municipal Policing Bureau prior to the Board's amalgamation to discuss the OPP contract.

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

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

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Accounts

6.1 Accounts 12/06/23 to 12/31/23 - \$216,356.25

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

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

- Accounts 12/06/23 to 12/31/23 - \$216,356.25

Carried

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 December 2023 False Alarm Report

Inspector Wilcox advised that the new vetting process for alarms reviews each occurrence to check for any obscurities. It was noted that many false alarms are accidental trips and proactive steps are being taken.

7.2 Court Security

Inspector Wilcox advised that the Committee are waiting on camera installation which will be a positive move forward. The Court Sergeant had a site visit and agreed with the Committee's recommendations for installation locations.

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1 Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 Update - Report CLK2024-02

8.1.1 Brockton Council Resolution - Appointment of Brockton Council Representative on South Bruce OPP Detachment Board and Transition Committee

The Board Secretary noted an error in the report, advising that the Huron-Kinloss Police Services Board has one Provincial Representative.

The Board discussed the scope for the Provincial Representatives, and recommendation that Chair, Brian Read, apply to be a Provincial Appointee to be considered in the applicant pool.

The Board discussed current assets and whether they would be turned over to the Municipality or if they could be used by the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board.

The Board noted the benefit in having one municipality host all financial information.

Inspector Wilcox discussed enhancements with the OPP contracts and the opportunity for the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board to have a conversation on their priorities to find efficiencies to benefit each municipality.

Inspector Wilcox advised that the OPP would be willing to participate in discussions once municipalities have finalized their preparation for the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board.

8.2 Province of Ontario News Release - Ontario Putting More Repeat Violent Offenders Behind Bars

Inspector Wilcox advised that a debrief meeting was held with the Ministry noting the competitive market for funding. It is unknown at this time whether there will be more opportunity for collaboration when the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board is formed.

8.3 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. - Coordinator's Report October-December 2023

The Board noted the increased theft of stolen equipment.

Inspector Wilcox informed the Board that the community street crime unit, advising that the South Bruce and Grey Bruce Detachments work closely with municipal partners and share information in order to ensure investigations flow across the borders.

It was noted that Crime Stoppers receive funding from Police Services Boards which will be likely impacted by the amalgamated Detachment Boards.

8.4 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. - Tipster's Magazine Winter 2024

8.5 Financial Report - December 2023

9. New Business

9.1 CSPA Summit

Resolution:

Moved By Brian Read

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board authorize Tim Elphick attending the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 Summit with expenses being covered by the Board.

Carried

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

Inspector Wilcox reviewed the Detachment Commander report:

Calls for Service of Note

Violent Crime:

Assaults - There was 1 assault investigated during the month of December. This was related to an Intimate Partner Violence situation where an offender has been arrested for their actions.

Abduction - There is 1 investigation relating to an abduction. This investigation is related to an Intimate Partner Violence situation where charges have been laid against an offender for forcible confinement.

Other Crimes Against a Person - There was 1 investigation relating to Other Crimes Against a person during December. No charges were laid in this situation.

Property Crime:

Break and Enter - Both break and enters investigated during December are related to break and enters to a storage facility. Those investigations remain on-going as suspects have yet to be identified.

Mischief - 3 mischiefs were investigated in December. One of the mischiefs was to the holding cells at the OPP detachment and charges have been laid. The other 2 are related to a vandalized vehicle and a tree being cut down.

Frauds - There were 3 frauds investigated in December. Each of these frauds were related to cyber crime or credit card scams. In total approximately \$7,200 was lost by 3 victims.

Crime Stoppers Tips - 0 tips were received in Brockton in December of 2023.

Foot Patrol - A total of 48 hours of foot patrol was completed by South Bruce officers during the month of December in Brockton.

Inspector Wilcox informed the Board that Brandon Gale is Acting S/Sgt. until late February with a new permanent S/Sgt. starting their position soon.

11. Other Business

Safe Exchange Site

The Board inquired if there would be an announcement on the Safe Exchange Site at the South Bruce OPP Walkerton Detachment.

Inspector Wilcox advised that the approval of the Safe Exchange Site was a welcomed surprise, noting that an announcement will be made to the community, including a media invitation.

Detachment Update

CSO Kevin Martin will be retiring in April, and Matt Thorpe will be taking over this role. Four (4) officers participated in media training to increase the OPP's social media presence.

Battle of the Badges

The South Bruce OPP and Walkerton Fire Department will face off at the Battle of the Badges hockey game on February 19, 2024. Inspector Wilcox commended the Committee on their various partnerships and the large community uptake on the event.

Recruitment Strategies

Acting S/Sgt. Gale has been working with EMS to promote local recruitment strategies to increase retention as there has been a void in EMS recruitment. This joint venture will allow individuals to receive the option of becoming a police officer and paramedic.

12. Next Meeting

The next Brockton Police Services Board Meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourn at 10:12 a.m. to meet again on February 15, 2024.

Carried