

Police Services Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 4:15 P.M.
Location: South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment
25 Bruce Road 19, Walkerton

Present:

Chair: Brian Read
Members: Councillor Steve Adams, Councillor James Lang, Detachment
Commander Krista Miller
Staff: Secretary – Sarah Johnson
Guests: Mayor Chris Peabody
Absent: Sgt. Keegan Wilcox

1. Call to Order

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

2. Appointment of Chair

Councillor Steve Adams nominated Brian Read as Chair.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang
That Brian Read be appointed as Chair for the Police Services Board.
Carried.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Brian added two new items to the agenda under New Business: Provincial
Appointments to Police Services Board, and Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams
That the Agenda for the January 17, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services
Board be accepted.
Carried.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Review of Meeting Minutes dated November 21, 2018

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang
That the Minutes of the November 21, 2018 meeting of the Brockton Police Services
Board be accepted.
Carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes of November 21, 2018

Steve commented on the number of wildlife car accidents. The Board discussed
deer crossing signage and communication with regards to wildlife accidents. Krista
informed the Board that the O.P.P. contacts the Ministry of Natural Resources
regarding these issues, and offered to complete a report on wildlife accidents.

Steve commented on the recent distracted driving legislation. The Board discussed
that the legislation has been tightened up, and unfortunately there are more
accidents caused by distracted driving rather than impaired driving. Krista explained

that distracted driving is difficult to enforce since officers must visually see the driver on their cellphone. The officers must be strategic with enforcement.

7. Accounts

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the accounts be paid as follows:

7.1 Dates: 11/13/18 to 11/28/18 \$173,096.00

7.2 Dates: 12/01/18 to 12/11/18 \$173,766.55

7.3 Dates: 12/12/18 to 12/31/18 \$2,307.84

Carried.

8. Items Carried Forward

8.1 OAPSB 2019 Membership

The 2019 OAPSB Membership was renewed on November 19, 2018 by the Board Secretary.

8.2 Black Cat Radar

The Black Cat Radar was ordered by the Municipality of Brockton's Works Department and arrived on January 16, 2019. The Works Department will install the Black Cat once arrangements have been made with the O.P.P. Detachment.

The Board discussed where the radar is stored, and Krista confirmed that the Work's Department is responsible for storage and maintains the Black Cat as was practice with the previous Speed Spy. The O.P.P. will maintain the software for the Black Cat.

Krista explained that the software will show details, traffic volumes, traffic speeds, and class of vehicles.

The O.P.P. are able to show results for speeding inquiries brought forward to the Board.

Mayor Chris Peabody entered the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

The Board questioned how the Black Cat Radar works. Krista explained that the Black Cat will show volume of traffic, time of day, day of week, speeds, and size of vehicle. Krista also elaborated that when there is a physical presence on the road, the public will usually slow down once they see the officer. Krista also discussed that using a physical Speed Limit sign can also show false readings since the public will usually slow down once they see the sign.

To gain a true picture of the issues arising with speeding, the Black Cat Radar provides valuable information. The Black Cat can help support resident's complaints and help officers organize resources and focus patrols, allowing for more strategic enforcement.

The O.P.P. held a focus patrol in Chepstow, and James commended the focus patrol.

Steve commented on a speeding issue that arose four years ago in Paisley with gravel trucks. He agreed that the Black Cat would be another helpful tool to deal with complaints and ensuring safety.

An officer will be assigned to the Black Cat Radar to specialize in the software. Krista informed the Board that she will share the process of the Black Cat when the first report is completed.

The Board inquired about the process for the Black Cat. Krista explained that the O.P.P. will talk with the complainant, then put up the Black Cat to retrieve data. The Black Cat usually will be up for 72 hours. Arrangements will also need to be made with the Works Department and officers to establish a timeline. Once results are delivered, a report will be presented at a Police Services Board meeting, or the results will be provided directly to one of the Board members.

The Board also discussed the possibility of ordering an additional Black Cat Radar if the first model is successful. Krista informed the Board that the South Bruce County Committee are applying for a grant to get a Black Cat.

8.3 Marijuana Legislation

Brian mentioned that he prepared a report on his findings from the Zone 5 meeting in May 2018 that will be presented to Brockton Council at the January 22, 2019 meeting.

The Board discussed the new training that is being introduced for Police Services Board members. However, the previous Provincial Government had proposed this so there may be changes. Brian inquired with the Zone 5 members at the December 2018 meeting, but no additional answers were provided.

The Board also discussed the Municipal Community Safety Plan which must be implemented by 2021. A planner will likely prepare the plan and the cost would be charged to the municipality.

The Board discussed cannabis legislation and their concerns regarding storage, and returning property in the same condition since cannabis will have an expiration date. The Board voiced concerns on the condition of storage and preventing cross-contamination.

Brian inquired if legislation has changed with O.P.P. Krista noted that there has not been a significant increase in enforcement. As the legislation progresses, that may change. Overall there has been no significant change. She explained that officers have been educating the public that the legislation for open marijuana in a vehicle is consistent with legislation on open liquor in a vehicle.

Several communities in the area have opted in for the retail sale of cannabis. On January 8, 2019 Brockton Council unanimously voted in favour of allowing the retail sale of cannabis in the Municipality of Brockton.

The Board discussed marijuana lottery licenses, and that no communities in the area have received a license.

8.4 Spring Auction

In May 2018, Kincardine and Brockton held joint police auction. The auction is normally completed every two years. Police property that has not been returned or claimed is stored locally and then auctioned off.

In May 2018 the auction was held in Tiverton with the Municipality of Kincardine and Brockton. Bill Bell and Brian assisted with the auction. The Municipality of Kincardine are looking after the finances. The funds are to be dispersed between both municipalities. The profit is usually \$300 to \$400 dollars. Dean Leifso was previously inquiring with Kincardine on the status of the finances. Brian will follow up with Kincardine.

It is expected that the next auction will be held in Brockton.

8.5 Court Security

The last Court Security Committee meeting was in November 2018. The committee is addressing moving to single point entry at the courthouse. The committee also completed the courthouse security assessment tool. The committee will meet Monday, January 21, 2019 with court staff to get their input. The next committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 31, 2019 to provide copies of the tool and recommendations.

The committee decided to include specific recommendations regarding courthouse security in the report. A number of security and safety issues that have been identified.

The main focus is on single point entry with magnetometers. There is an issue regarding swipe access of doors.

Brian inquired about the fire code and James explained from his firefighting experience that firefighters are given an access code or lock box for buildings. The Fire Chief may work with the O.P.P. regarding gaining access or a key code.

Steve questioned how the magnetometers work and Krista explained that they are metal detectors similar to airport security. Most court houses have magnetometers.

Brian mentioned that he and Bill Bell toured the courthouse with O.P.P. Detachment Commander Dana Earley in 2018. Brockton Council also toured the courthouse with Dana Earley in 2018.

Krista discussed the many issues in courthouse.

Steve mentioned that at the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting, Brockton Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Watson was going to contact the County of Bruce regarding the courthouse.

Mayor Chris Peabody is interested in lobbying for a new courthouse. He will be meeting with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services about the courthouse. Krista will share the Court Security Committee's safety and security concerns with the Mayor. Mayor Peabody mentioned that if the courthouse is left in its current state, Brockton's courthouse might be merged with Goderich or Owen Sound. The Mayor's goal is to not have the courthouse merged with Owen Sound.

The Board mentioned that recommendations to make courthouse building safe will be costly.

9. Information/Correspondence

9.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending November 1-31, 2018.

Presented for information.

9.2 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending December 1-31, 2018.

Presented for information.

10. New Business

10.1 Approve Purchase of OAPSB Zone 5 Membership

An invoice for the 2019 OAPSB Zone 5 Membership was presented to the Board for review.

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board purchase the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Zone 5 Membership for 2019 in the amount of \$250.00.

Carried.

10.2 2019 Meeting Schedule

Brian met with James and Steve prior to the Board meeting to update the Councillors on the Police Services Board. The Board would like to move to monthly meeting.

The O.P.P. will make arrangements to attend meetings when they are scheduled.

The Board set the following meeting dates:

- Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
- Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
- Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
- Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

- Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
- The Board will meet at the call of the Chair for July or August.
- Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
- Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
- Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
- Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

Mayor Peabody mentioned that he talked to Lisa Thompson about the Police Service Board Provincial Appointee. Brian mentioned that at the December 2018 Zone 5 meeting, they also discussed the Provincial Appointees being on hold. Brian will ask Dean Leifso for the names of the Provincial Appointees.

10.3 2019 Budget

The Board reviewed the 2019 draft budget for the Police Services Board.

Mayor Peabody inquired about the harmonization of the O.P.P. bill rate. Krista confirmed that it had changed two years ago. The base price was being phased in. The O.P.P. Contract will show the cost per household. The contract will be due in June 2019. The Municipality will be provided with the proposed contract a month ahead of time. O.P.P. Sergeant Peter Marshall is the contact for our area. Mayor Peabody would like the contract negotiations completed sooner than later. He made the comment that contract negotiations were not smooth four years ago. Krista will contact Sergeant Marshall. Krista suggested that the municipality may find that the new model is smoother.

Brian stated that his report mentions O.P.P. coverage and billings.

The Board discussed the 2019 draft budget for the Police Services Board.

Steve questioned the \$2,200 budgeted for employee benefits. The Board discussed that they were under the impression that this payment will be completed soon. The Board Secretary will confirm with Brockton's Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor Peabody was concerned with Sacred Heart High School and Walkerton District Community School's reliance on the O.P.P. for behaviour issues. Krista confirmed that both high schools do have an O.P.P. Resource Officer. Mayor Peabody was concerned that Walkerton District Community School was relying heavily on the O.P.P. to control student behaviour.

The Board inquired about the yearly cost of auxiliary officers. The Board felt that since the auxiliary officers is a provincial program there should not be a cost for this service. The Board Secretary will confirm with Brockton's Chief Financial Officer.

The Board inquired as to why no figures were listed for By-Law enforcement. The Board Secretary will confirm with Brockton's Chief Financial Officer.

The Board suggested that training will likely increase due to legislation requiring that Police Service Board members are mandatorily trained. If the

figure is over budget, the Board will account for the expense in 2019. The Board agreed to leave the budgeted figure as is.

The Board inquired about the membership fee due dates, and whether the budgeted figure could be reduced. The Board Secretary will inquire as to the usual due dates.

The Board mentioned that the Supplies budget should be reduced to \$800. The Speed Spy was purchased in 2018 and should be removed from the 2019 budget.

The Board inquired about ordering a second Black Cat in the future. The Board discussed the options to reduce the Supplies budget, putting money into reserves, or budgeting in 2020 for the Black Cat. The Board Secretary will confirm with Brockton's Chief Financial Officer.

The Board inquired about the Legal Fees budget. Brian will confirm with Dean Leifso, and the Board Secretary will confirm with Brockton's Chief Financial Officer.

The Board discussed the telephone pager budget. Krista explained that the pager is a panic alarm system in courthouse that goes to officer's pagers. Bell Canada will no longer supply the paging system by June 30, 2019. The Board discussed moving to cellphones instead. The O.P.P. can ask that pagers be replaced by text to talk cellphones. Special Constables could text each other using their work phone and not use their personal phones. Krista can inquire regarding the cost. The cellphones would not require data. The cost would only be for two cellphones and their monthly plans.

The Board discussed the advertising budget. Steve inquired regarding promoting more O.P.P. campaigns. Steve mentioned the East Ridge Business Park sign is available. Mayor Peabody stated that Darren Holm offered that the O.P.P. could use his two LED signs for free. The Mayor asked that the Board send Mr. Holm a note welcoming the offer. The Board also mentioned that promoting 211 would also be beneficial for residents.

Mayor Chris Peabody left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

The Board discussed revenues regarding the Provincial Court Offences. The Board Secretary will confirm with Brockton's Chief Financial Officer.

Brockton Council will hold special meetings to discuss the 2019 Municipal Budget on February 20, 2019, February 21, 2019, March 6, 2019 and March 7, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre.

10.4 OAPSB 2019 Spring Conference

Brian has registered to attend the conference.

10.5 OAPSB Zone 5 Presentation on Community Safety and Well-Being Planning in Ontario

A presentation on Community Safety and Well-Being Planning in Ontario was presented at the OAPSB Zone 5 meeting on December 11, 2018 and has been provided to the Board for information.

A Community Safety and Well-Being Plan has to be developed by January 2, 2021. Steve questioned the authority of the project. Krista confirmed that it is the municipality's responsibility but the O.P.P. would assist as a participant. The goal is to move the needs of the community to focus on social development instead of having reactive responses. Krista talked to Brian about Bruce County's Safe Communities Committee that received designation from Parachute Canada. Brockton is supposed to have a representative on the committee. The Safe Communities Committee have completed a risk assessment. Krista recommends that the Board and municipality utilize the Safe Communities Committee. The Board discussed sending a letter to Brockton Council or the Police Services Board regarding Brockton's representation on the committee. Brian discussed the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan with the Chair of Hanover's Police Services Board to create a joint committee with surrounding municipalities.

Krista discussed situation tables and explained that the majority of cases are brought forward from the legal system (usually the police) regarding mental health, criminal behaviour, or drugs. These cases are usually intermingled. Organizations who provide relief are not the justice system. A social justice response is helpful in providing services and resources.

Steve mentioned that the plan is a good topic to address at the next Board meeting. Steve asked whether templates of the plan are available. Krista mentioned that Wellington has started a plan. Krista will pull examples of plans for the Board.

10.6 Zone 5 Meeting

Brian attended the December 11, 2018 Zone 5 meeting in Orangeville.

The next Zone 5 meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Owen Sound, hosted by the Owen Sound Police Service.

10.7 Provincial Appointments to Police Services Board

The Provincial Appointments was discussed under Item 10.3

10.8 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

The Plan was discussed under Item 10.5

11. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report – Date: November to December 2018

Krista Miller reviewed her Detachment Commander Report:

- The one Sexual Assault reported during this time period was Domestic related.

- Although our Assault complaints remained status quo for this time period we still see a slight increase year to date. Fifty percent of the assaults reported were domestic related.
- We saw an increase in Theft Under complaints and we remain up considerably in both Theft Over and Under complaints. These continue to involve property that is left unsecured or entries into unlocked sheds, garages etc.
- Frauds show an increase for this time period. Fifty percent were on line related, one was a credit card fraud.

Krista explained that advertising and education are completed by the O.P.P. Steve stressed senior vulnerability for fraud. Krista also explained that the banks are also beneficial in catching fraud, and educating seniors.

- We saw a spate of Mischief in the form of graffiti on a number of buildings, including a private business, the Agricultural Building at the Walkerton arena, Sacred Heart High School and the Fire Hall. Investigation thus far has not revealed the origin of the tag "DPK".
- There was a significant increase in Property Damage collisions this year. Twenty-nine percent of these collisions were as a result of striking a deer. Eighteen percent were confirmed as weather related. Eleven MVCs were due to damage being caused in a parking lot and the at fault driver leaving the scene.
- On Saturday, November 24, 2018 we held a "Stuff the Cruiser" event from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in front of the Foodland and Valumart in Walkerton. We partnered with our Auxiliary Program for this worthwhile event. The food collected was donated to a local charitable organization. Feedback provided was that this year's "Stuff the Cruiser" event was even more successful than previous!
- On November 30, 2018, officers from South Bruce partnered with students from Walkerton District Community School for a United Way fundraiser. A spirited game of Dodge Ball was enjoyed with the Elementary children in attendance followed by a challenging game of indoor soccer with the high school students. Students paid a donation to come and watch which was donated to the United Way.
- At the end of November, an investigation by our Community Street Crime Unit culminated in an arrest of four individuals, three of which were from Brockton, in Listowel. Over \$11,000 worth of drugs headed to this area were seized and over a dozen charges were laid.
- A meeting was held with the Mennonite and Amish Road Safety committee on Saturday, December 8, 2018 in conjunction with MTO and other road safety stakeholders to discuss winter driving safety and other topics.
- The Festive RIDE initiative for which Brockton has grant funding for Paid Duty RIDE continued through the Holiday Season. Numerous RIDE programs were conducted with positive results showing no impaired related charges.

- We have four new recruits who just started their training at the Provincial Police Academy. They will be joining us in February 2019. Another two have been assigned to join us in May.

Krista also noted that there was a homicide in January 2019.

The Jeremy Hogg investigation is ongoing.

Two significant arrests were made on January 16, 2019.

Krista inquired if the Board would like an annual report, or if the O.P.P. should present to Council. The Board was in favour of Krista presenting an annual report to Brockton Council. The Board mentioned that this would be a positive information piece for the community.

Steve inquired if there is anything Brockton can do regarding advertising on behalf of the O.P.P. The Board suggested adding a section for the O.P.P. in the Brockton Buzz Newsletter. Krista will contact the Board Secretary to put advertisements in the Buzz.

12. Other Business

Steve commented that a request was brought forward to Brockton Council to review the Highway 21 corner for road improvements. The O.P.P. are well aware of this issue. Brockton Council supported this petition. There has been a recent focus patrol on this corner.

Steve inquired as to the O.P.P.'s Text 911 service. Krista explained that text messages would go to the Communications Centre in London.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 4:15 P.M.

14. Motion for Adjournment

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That we do now adjourn at 7:00 p.m. to meet again on February 28, 2019 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.