

Brockton Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 28, 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, Sgt. Paul Richardson

Staff: Secretary – Corporate Records, Licensing and Communications Assistant
Sarah Johnson

Guests: Operations/CAO Administrative Assistant Tayler Grubb

Absent: Sgt. Keegan Wilcox

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

2. Election of Vice Chair of the Brockton Police Services Board

Councillor Steve Adams nominated James Lang as Vice-Chair.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang

That James Lang be appointed as Vice-Chair for the Police Services Board.

Carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Agenda for the February 28, 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 January 17, 2019

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang

That the Minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes of January 17, 2019

6.1 Spring Auction

Brian updated the committee about Item 8.4 Spring Auction, that he has contacted the Kincardine Police Services Board and has yet to hear back.

6.2 DPK Graffiti

Steve stated his concerns regarding the “DPK” graffiti. The Board discussed the issues surrounding the meaning of “DPK”, the location of the vandalism, and how they will be able to locate the individual responsible. The O.P.P. are inquiring with the School Resource Officer. Charges may be laid if the O.P.P.

are able to determine who is responsible for the vandalism. Steve is concerned that the vandalism is targeted on several locations, including municipal buildings which defaces the municipality.

6.3 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Steve discussed the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. He inquired if the Safe Communities Committee has a representative from Brockton. Krista met with the Safe Communities Committee on February 19, 2019. The committee would like further involvement from the Municipality and Bruce County. Krista encourages the Board to consider the Safe Communities Committee and Municipality of Brockton to work together on the development of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. The Safe Communities Committee will be asking to present as a delegation to the Bruce County Council. The County of Bruce also inquired with Krista regarding the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Krista reminded all parties involved with the plan, that the O.P.P. is a resource and will be a part of the plan, but the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is a municipal plan that must coordinate with the community to properly represent which resources are in place for community safety and well-being. The plan will have to coordinate with community resources such as Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey-Bruce Public Health, Community Housing and Social Services.

Krista mentioned that Wellington County is working on their Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Steve mentioned that Council would like more clarification on the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. It is important to understand the plan, and how it will be implemented. The municipality should work together with our neighbours when drafting the plan to remain consistent with our community resources. Brian mentioned that community involvement including mental health issues is also important to include in the plan.

Krista explained that some municipalities have started pilot projects of the plan through the use of situational tables, which bring effective organizations together in high risk situations. All organizations come together and plan together. A situation table exists already for Bruce County. Municipalities should use their resources to form the plan. The Board discussed involving Victim Services Grey-Bruce as well. Krista explained that the plan is being developed to make the public aware of our community resources, and not just the police being a problem solver.

A risk assessment exercise through the Safe Communities Committee go through Grey-Bruce Public Health regarding emergency rooms, farm safety, and water safety.

Steve suggested that he, James, and Brian have a separate meeting to brainstorm on the plan. It is important to get a background, and map out plan that can be funnelled out.

Brian mentioned that a framework for the plan was presented at the Zone 5 meeting in December, which Brian included in the January 2019 meeting. Brian mentioned that the instructor at the Zone 5 meeting was open to suggestions.

The Safe Communities Committee suggested using municipal funding to hire a part-time coordinator to run this plan? It is important to work together and also find out what is occurring at the County level. The Board can also inquire with surrounding Police Services Board about how their plans are being developed.

6.4 Provincial Appointments to the Police Services Board

Mayor Peabody met with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services about the provincial appointments to the Police Services Board. However, the minister had “no interest”. This is still an outstanding issue that needs to be resolved. The Board needs to have provincial appointees, and more community representation. The Board decided to write a letter to Lisa Thompson. Brian will write the letter to Lisa Thompson and copy Brockton’s Chief Administrative Officer on the letter.

Tayler Grubb entered the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

7. Accounts

Steve inquired about the credited grant. The Board confirmed that the grant is for the Court Security Prisoner Transport. The Board asked that the Chief Financial Officer update the description of the grant to remove a former Brockton employee’s name. Steve inquired about the Police Services Board budget actuals compared to what is budgeted. The Board Secretary will inquire with the Chief Financial Officer.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang

That the accounts be paid as follows:

7.1 Dates: 01/01/19 to 01/04/19 \$626.66

7.2 Dates: 01/17/19 to 02/06/19 \$15,660.85

Carried.

8. Items Carried Forward

8.1 Black Cat Radar

Brockton’s Operations/CAO Administrative Assistant Tayler Grubb was present at the meeting to inform the Board on the Black Cat Radar.

The radar will be installed on March 4, 2019. The radar has a two week battery life. Tayler presented the Board with a map of Brockton’s hydro poles, and the Board decided where to install the radar.

The radar is accurate and specific with installation measurements to obtain the best results. The radar picks up both directions of the road. The Board decided to display the radar in one location.

The radar can obtain traffic counts, vehicle counts, types of vehicles. The radar also has the ability to photograph vehicles.

The O.P.P. will analyze the data from the radar. The radar will also be useful for the municipality. Steve would like to see the radar put to good use. The Board agreed to gather feedback on the radar before deciding whether to purchase a second radar.

Councillors attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference, and Councillor Hutcheon inquired with James about pricing of solar panelled speed signs. Councillor Hutcheon obtained a cost of approximately \$4,000 per sign. These signs are deterrents that capture speed. The Board discussed the speed signs in Fordwich and Hanover.

The O.P.P. have a speed sign that collects some data as well. The O.P.P. warned that there are some drivers who manipulate the speed signs by speeding through the radars.

James Lang left the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

8.2 Marijuana Legislation

Krista explained that there are no significant increases in enforcement due to marijuana; however, meth and opioids are a concern for the O.P.P.

8.3 Spring Auction

Brian is contacting Kincardine about the Spring Auction finances.

8.4 Court Security

Krista inquired with Bell Mobility as to text-to-talk cellphones. Sgt Ward obtained a quote from Bell Mobility in Hanover on two text-to-talk cellphones to replace the pagers that will be discontinued in June.

Krista stated that the Municipality of Brockton could obtain a quote as well from their service provider, Telus Mobility. The Board Secretary will inquire with the Chief Financial Officer to obtain this quote from Telus.

A Court Security Committee meeting was scheduled for January but was cancelled due to weather. This meeting was rescheduled to March 14, 2019.

The court assessment tool was completed to be brought forward to the Court Security Committee. Krista informed the Board that County staff are interested in having tour of the concerns within the court house in Walkerton. This tour was also rescheduled due to weather. The tour will now occur March 25 or 26, 2019.

The Board were in agreement that having more people willing to address the security issues in the courthouse is good.

8.5 2019 Budget

Brockton's Chief Financial Officer reported that the retirement benefits will conclude in February 2022. This will be updated by the Chief Financial Officer in the budget backup.

The Board inquired as to what the legal fees are for.

The Municipality of Brockton has started their 2019 Municipal Budget meetings. Council held a Special Council Meeting to consider the 2019 Municipal Budget on February 20, 2019 and February 21, 2019. The March 6, 2019 meeting has been cancelled. Council will still meet on March 7, 2019 for the Special Council Meeting to consider the 2019 Municipal Budget.

9. Information/Correspondence

9.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending January 1-31, 2019.

Presented for information.

Krista inquired with the County of Bruce about Provincial Offences revenue. Director of Corporate Services, Bettyanne Cobean confirmed that the County of Bruce receives a share of Provincial Offences revenue, which is included in the general revenues to offset the annual tax rate. As a result, the revenue is distributed based on assessment to lower tier municipalities. Grey County administers the Provincial Offences program on behalf of Grey and Bruce Counties.

Steve inquired about loud trucks on the roadways, and who would be the proper enforcement for this complaint. Krista explained that it depends on why the trucks are loud, and the details of the occurrence to determine what the charge would be. The O.P.P. would need to be called at the time of the incident to identify the issues occurring.

10. New Business

10.1 OAPSB 2019 Spring Conference Sponsorship

The Board received an email from the OAPSB that requested that the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards' 2019 Spring Conference is seeking sponsorships.

There are multiple sponsorship opportunities available: Diamond sponsorship is \$10,000+, Platinum sponsorship is \$5,000 to \$9,999, Gold sponsorship is \$3,000 to \$4,999, Silver sponsorship is \$1,000 to \$2,999 and Bronze sponsorship is up to \$999.

The Board is not interested in sponsoring the conference this year.

10.2 Zone 5 Meeting

The next Zone 5 meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Owen Sound, hosted by the Owen Sound Police Service. Brian will attend and inquire about community safety.

11. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report – Date: January 2019

Krista Miller reviewed her Detachment Commander Report:

- One Homicide occurred in January 2019 although the report is indicating two which is incorrect.
- The one Sexual Assault reported during this time period the Suspect was known to the Victim.
- Four out of the five Assaults reported in January were domestic related. The other involved a Paramedic being assaulted at a Mental Health related call for service.
- Break and Enters remained status quo related to January 2018 but our Theft Over complaints have risen. These thefts involved items such as a Side By Side, and ATV and a Lawn Tractor. The Theft Under complaints were fuel thefts which are often related to the theft of motor vehicles.
- The month of January and into February saw South Bruce OPP members make seven significant arrests of individuals known to be involved in the property related offences across the jurisdiction. Along with these arrests five stolen motor vehicles were recovered. Very good work done by our officers. The majority of these individuals are still in custody so we are hopeful this will reflect a decrease in our property crimes.
- One of the frauds reported involved the "Relative in Jail" phone scam. Although there was no money lost in this occurrence one victim in a nearby County lost a significant amount of money. We will be doing some Media messaging around this type of Fraud.
- There was another report of mischief in the form of graffiti using the tag "DPK". Unfortunately investigation has yet to reveal the meaning of "DPK" which will likely result in solving these crimes.
- We are up slightly from last year with our Personal Injury Motor Vehicle collision but down on Property Damage collisions. All injuries were minor in nature. 18% of the collisions were related to collisions with animals.
- Almost half of them were due to January's inclement weather. One person was charged with Impaired Driving. Two collisions involved a snow plow and one involved a school bus.
- We have four new recruits who just joined us from their training as the Police Academy. We are very excited to have them with us. Two more will follow in May.
- S/Sgt Richardson has returned from his secondment to Bruce Peninsula Detachment. He has resumed his duties as the Operations Manager. I would like to thank Sgt Keegan Wilcox for his hard work and leadership while in that role over the past year.

Krista confirmed that she will be presenting the 2018 Year-End Report to Brockton Council as a delegation at the March 12, 2019 Council Meeting.

There was a newspaper article on the lack of reporting to Council from local police. Brian stressed that the flow of communication needs to get back to Council. Steve is in favour of better communications. The Board reiterated the importance of monitoring lines of communication. Brian will attend the March 12, 2019 Council Meeting with Krista to stress the importance of open communication. The Board and Council representatives on the Board will inquire with Council as to their expectations, and will try to meet those expectations.

Brian requested that public and internal complaints be included in the Detachment Commander Report. Currently there are no outstanding complaints about Brockton's police officers.

12. Other Business

The Board Secretary received an inquiry if the O.P.P. would consider patrolling the Walkerton Recycling Depot at 320 Kincardine Highway since there have been reports of break-ins to the clothing donation bins. Krista confirmed that the owner of the clothing donation bins, or witnesses will need to report the incidents to the O.P.P.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 4:15 P.M.

14. Motion for Adjournment

Moved By: Brian Read

That we do now adjourn at 6:20 p.m. to meet again on March 21, 2019 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.