

Brockton Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 25, 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, Sgt. Keegan Wilcox

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

Absent: Detachment Commander Krista Miller, Sgt. Paul Richardson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add several items under New Business.

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the amended Agenda for the April 25, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Review of Meeting Minutes dated March 21, 2019

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang

That the Minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes of March 21, 2019

Steve informed the Board that he spoke with Councillor Oberle about the complaint, but did not receive a response. Steve and James continue to promote communication between Brockton Council and the O.P.P and are re-emphasizing that information is needed in order to maintain proper communications instead of hearing vague complaints. There is a need to be fair to all parties involved. Brian also spoke to Detachment Commander Krista Miller about communication and appropriateness. Mayor Peabody also spoke with Councillor Oberle about his complaint.

Steve discussed the motorized snow machines on the Saugeen River, and advocated to increase awareness of the Sign By-Law.

Steve inquired if there were any updates with the DPK graffiti. No other suspects have been identified. The School Resource Officer did outreach through the schools on this matter. There has not been any further graffiti as far as the O.P.P. is aware.

Steve inquired about the telephone contract. Brockton's Chief Financial Officer is obtaining a quote from Telus Mobility to bring back to the Board.

Steve inquired if the #PocketYourKeys Campaign was advertised on the East Ridge Business Park sign. The Board Secretary are waiting to hear back from the O.P.P. regarding their media campaign materials in order to create the sign in accordance with the O.P.P.'s brand guidelines.

6. Accounts

Steve inquired about the RIDE Program and advocated to advertise this program. This line item account is for the Municipal Ride Grant Funding. A schedule is developed by the Municipal Liaison Consultant. The billing was due at the end of March and funding must be used up during that period. Funding is usually confirmed in the fall.

The Board inquired if the O.P.P. Contract includes the RIDE Program. Sgt. Wilcox confirmed that RIDE part of day to day operations, and the province directs times for the campaigns. The RIDE Grant Funding is an application completed through the municipality to put more officers out. The RIDE Program will be completed in July.

Sgt. Wilcox explained that RIDE uses investigative tactics for patrol safety and as a tool for education.

Brian encouraged promoting the RIDE Program throughout the summer.

Steve suggested utilizing the East Ridge Business Park sign to promote the RIDE Program.

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the accounts be paid as follows:

6.1 Dates: 03/18/19 to 04/04/19 \$124,060.67

Carried.

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 Black Cat Radar

Sgt. Wilcox presented the Black Cat Radar report for Ridout Street. 30% of vehicles are driving above the speed limit.

Council had voiced a concern with the bend in the road at Ridout Street.

A report on Thomas and Ridout Street Speed Limits were presented at the April 23, 2019 Council Meeting. Council discussed investigating the pricing of a removable speed bump. A report will come forward about the removable speed bump in May 2019.

Steve stressed that residents are concerned with speeding in Brockton. Steve would like to work with the O.P.P. to get the message out about speeding.

Sgt. Wilcox explained the report to the Board and stated that focus patrols can help assist with speeding. The Black Cat Radar also helps the O.P.P. plan for enforcement, and patrols.

Brian stated that the City of Barrie uses removable speed bumps in the fall to deter university students from speeding.

The Board discussed possible locations to display the Black Cat Radar.

7.2 Spring Auction

Brian emailed Kincardine Police Services Board regarding obtaining Brockton's share of the funds from the Spring Auction.

The Board suggested asking the Kincardine Mayor to follow up on this matter.

7.3 Court Security

Sgt. Wilcox explained that the Court Security Assessment Tool was completed. The Court Security Committee are waiting to put their recommendations forward.

7.4 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

The Board Secretary attended the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning webinar on April 25, 2019 and will forward the notes from the webinar presentation to the Board.

Brockton's Chief Administrative Officer presented a report on Community Safety and Well-Being Plans at the April 23, 2019 Council Meeting. Brockton's Chief Administrative Officer will inquire with the County of Bruce to see if they will organize the planning process. Bruce County communities should work together on the plan. The Board also voiced that the Kincardine and Brockton Police Services Boards should work together on the plan.

Brian will inquire about provincial cuts to public health at the next Zone 5 Meeting with the Police Services Boards.

A workshop on Collaboration for Community Safety and Well-Being Framework will be held on June 4, 2019 in Owen Sound. Detachment Commander, Krista Miller and Sgt. Paul Richardson will attend the workshop. Steve Adams may be able to attend as well.

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending March 1-31, 2019.

Presented for information.

The Board inquired about the mileage listed in the report, and confirmed that the mileage was for Brockton's Chief Administrative Officer to attend the Community Safety and Well-Being Meeting in Owen Sound.

9. New Business

9.1 O.P.P. Section 10 Contract Presentation Scheduled for May 28, 2019 Council Meeting

Steve Adams voiced a concern for compromised time limits for the contract and questions from Council. Steve would like the documents sent to Council ahead of time to be better informed for the meeting.

Brockton's Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Watson and Mayor Peabody met separately with the O.P.P. to discuss the contract

9.2 2019 O.P.P. Contract School Resource Officer

Brian talked to Detachment Commander, Krista Miller about the school resource officer. The officer costs an extra \$168,000 a year. The Board would like to think about contributions from neighbouring municipalities to continue to utilize this position, which is not currently included in the O.P.P contract since this is an important resource.

Sgt. Wilcox explained that the school resource officer is a full-time front-line officer in this position that rotates between the elementary and high schools in Brockton, subject to deployment.

Brian informed the Board that Mayor Peabody is not in favour of the school resource officer.

9.3 Policing Grants 2019-2020

The Police Services Board received an email from the Ministry of the Solicitor General on April 18, 2019 including information on the transformation of policing grants for 2019-2020.

The Board suggested using the grant for the School Resource Officer.

Sgt Wilcox explained that Detachment Commander, Krista Miller would like to use grants for mental health issues since there has been an increase in mental health related calls to the O.P.P. Mental health issues can be called in, walk-ins to the Detachment, and through the hospitals.

Brian remarked that this can be time consuming especially through the Mental Health Act which requires officers to remain with the individual until they are accepted into a treatment centre.

The Board discussed the O.P.P.'s process regarding mental health calls. There is a concern with staffing since they lose officers to mental health matters.

Brian stated that he will hold a meeting with Steve, James, and Detachment Commander, Krista Miller to make a decision on the grants.

Sgt. Wilcox explained that the CSP Grant targets the following three issues: sexual violence, guns and gangs, and human trafficking. The grant must be specific to these issues.

Sgt. Wilcox discussed the CSP Grant with Detachment Commander, Krista Miller. Violence Prevention Grey-Bruce have been granted funding to support this initiative. This grant can be used to enhance Violence Prevention Grey-Bruce and support the southern part of Bruce County.

Steve remarked that the issue seems to focus on urban issues. Sgt. Wilcox explained that is a common response from rural communities; however these issues do affect our communities. The O.P.P. work closely with intelligence units and have focused on human trafficking. The school resource officer is a valuable resource with vulnerable individuals in high schools, and increases education with students before they hit the targeted age for human trafficking.

Sgt. Wilcox confirmed that the CSP Grant is not eligible for the school resource officer.

The CSP Grant is due early June. The O.P.P. will be having a webinar next week to discuss this grant.

Brian will touch base with Detachment Commander, Krista Miller and arrange meeting with everyone.

9.4 Minister of Solicitor General

The Police Services Board received an email from the Ministry of the Solicitor General on April 18, 2019 stating that at a ceremony at Queen's Park on April 4, 2019, Minister Sylvia Jones was sworn in as the Solicitor General of Ontario. The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services will now be referred to as the Ministry of the Solicitor General. The mandate and focus of the ministry remain unchanged.

9.5 Zone 5 Meeting

- Zone 5 March 19, 2019 Minutes and Information
The OAPSB Zone 5 minutes from the March 19, 2019 Meeting were distributed.

Zone 5 also provided additional information including their comments on Bill 68, the Ministry of the Solicitor General's update on the Comprehensive Ontario Police Service Act 2019, and a comparison chart between COPA and Bill 68 Provisions.

- Zone 5 Procedural By-Law
The OAPSB Zone 5 updated their Procedural By-Law.

The next Zone 5 meeting will be held on June 18, 2019 hosted by O.P.P. Wellington.

9.6 Committee of Council Recognition Event

The Municipality of Brockton is hosting a Committee of Council Recognition Event on May 29, 2019. The Police Services Board has been invited to attending; however Brian is not able to attend event.

10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report – Date: March 2019

Sgt. Wilcox reviewed the O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report:

- The one Assault investigation is ongoing attempting to identify a suspect.
- The one Break and Enter complaint was unfounded -being a miscommunication between the home owner and some friends staying at the residence.
- Property Crimes are down overall.
- We are continuing with our Pocket Your Keys campaign encouraging the community to help prevent property crimes. We are also engaging our Auxiliary Unit to complete some Lock or Lose It campaigns as well as Safe Guard Assessments for victims of property crime.
- Although the Frauds were down this month, both of the calls for service were as a result of funds lost. One appears to be the victim of a Romance scam while another investigation which is still ongoing is an investment scam.
- March is Fraud Prevention Month. Our Community Safety Officer posted media releases throughout the month targeting a different fraud/scam in each release. She also provided half a dozen Fraud prevention presentations to community groups in the month of March.
- We are down in both Property and Personal Injury Motor Vehicle collisions. 25% was due to inclement weather. One person received a Three Day Licence Suspension due to being a Novice Driver with alcohol in their system.
- South Bruce OPP officers participated in the Distracted Driving Campaign in March.
- Our two School Resource officers have been working diligently to identify children from the South Bruce detachment area who would benefit by going to the OPP/Tim Horton's Youth Camp. At the time of writing this report, they have been successful at submitting almost thirty applications!

Brian inquired about the theft of vehicles. Sgt. Wilcox explained that the O.P.P. recover most vehicles, and have a network to recover stolen vehicles in the area.

Steve inquired about the definition of public complaints. Sgt. Wilcox explained that the complaints are completed through a formal process.

Steve inquired about the distracted driving campaign. Sgt. Wilcox explained that this is still a large issue, and officers are laying charges with large fines, and are needing

to employ different tactics. Steve inquired as to the proof needed to make a charge. Sgt. Wilcox explained that officers need reasonable probable grounds to lay the charge, including visibility of the offence.

11. Other Business

11.1 Detachment Office

James toured the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment and remarked that a washer and dryer were not present in the building. Sgt. Wilcox explained that officer discard their uniform if it is dirty or damaged.

11.2 Hanover Rail Trail

Mayor Peabody contacted Brian regarding the concern of needles being found on the Rail Trail in Hanover.

11.3 Homeless Campsites

Mayor Peabody also contacted Brian with the concern of a group of homeless individuals located on Johnstone Boulevard and Mullen Drive in Walkerton. Steve offered to confirm details with Mayor Peabody.

11.4 Theft of Truck at Walkerton Toyota

A pick-up truck was stolen from Walkerton Toyota. Sgt. Wilcox confirmed that an arrest was made, and this incident is under further investigation. Sgt. Wilcox also remarked that Walkerton Toyota had advertised the truck on Facebook three days before the theft, and wondered if the incident was a targeted attack.

11.5 Theft at Walkerton Laundromat

There was a theft at the Walkerton Laundromat which is under investigation. This crime may be related to other crimes in the area. A media release will be sent out by the O.P.P. The Board remarked that such crimes unnerve the public.

11.6 Prom Party

Sgt. Wilcox remarked that the O.P.P. is aware that the prom party is a municipal concern. The O.P.P.'s school resource office has been active in this incident for the past few years, and continues to do education in the schools. This year the O.P.P. may involve Fire Department to increase awareness and education of the consequences of this party.

Steve informed the Board that Brockton Clerk, Fiona Hamilton, had responded to his concerns regarding By-Law Enforcement for the party, and explained clauses in Brockton's Outdoor Festivals By-Law 2005-26 which could apply to this gathering. A copy of the By-Law will be forwarded to the O.P.P.

Sgt. Wilcox explained that this incident is a greater issue in surrounding municipalities as well as Brockton. Significant efforts have also been made in advance of the party by the O.P.P and Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

The Board suggested that Brockton's By-Law Enforcement Officer approach the landowner with an O.P.P. Officer to hand-deliver and explain the consequences of contravention of Brockton's Large Gatherings By-Law.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

13. Motion for Adjournment

Moved By: James Lang Seconded by: Steve Adams

That we do now adjourn at 6:07 p.m. to meet again on May 30, 2019 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.