

Brockton Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 30, 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

Absent: Sgt. Keegan Wilcox

Guest: Peter Reid, Crime Stoppers of Grey-Bruce Chairman

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Agenda for the May 30, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Delegation

4.1 Peter Reid – Crime Stoppers of Grey-Bruce

Peter Reid, Chairman of Crime Stoppers of Grey-Bruce introduced himself to the Board. Peter presented background history of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, including the amount of tips received.

In Grey Bruce, Crime Stoppers has received over 3500 tips, and approved \$28,000 in reward payments. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce operates through a single-paid administrator, and a volunteer Board of Directors. Crime Stoppers utilize these volunteers for their fundraising and community education events. Crime Stoppers are asking every municipality within the Grey-Bruce area to commit \$2,500.00 per year to the organization. Without funding and donations, the Crime Stoppers Program is in jeopardy.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce hold several fundraising events such as a golf tournament, baseball tournament, mystery box program, and corporate sponsorships.

The Board discussed the Crime Stoppers of Grey-Bruce budget.

Crime Stoppers utilize lottery funds for their fundraising. Their budget is \$60,000 a year without the lottery funds.

Councillor Adams praised the excellent service Crime Stoppers provides, and thanked the volunteers for their assistance.

Sgt. Wilcox explained that the O.P.P. receive tips and follow up on all tips before reporting back, and thanked Crime Stoppers for their assistance.

Chair Brian Read inquired on the advertising process for Crime Stoppers. Mr. Reid explained that radio stations find advertisers to sponsor advertisements on the radio stations, and newspapers feature an online edition of "Crime of the Week".

Brian Read stated that the Public Services Board will make every effort to include a 2019 donation, and include Crime Stoppers in with 2020 Budget discussions to include an automatic annual donation to the organization.

Councillor Adams and Lang suggested that Crime Stoppers attend the upcoming Brockton Council Meeting on June 18, 2019 as a delegation to present their donation request to Council.

Brian Read stated that he will be meeting with the Chief Financial Officer regarding the Police Services Budget, and would like to include Crime Stoppers within the upcoming Police Services Budget.

Councillor Adams inquired on the process of Crime Stoppers phone calls. Mr. Reid explained that, during business hours, the administrator or Owen Sound Police Dispatch Call Centre will answer the phone. After hours, calls will be placed to the Crime Stoppers Call Centre. Impaired drivers are encouraged to call 911 immediately, as Crime Stoppers would contact the O.P.P. if the caller does not notify 911 of an emergency.

Sgt. Richardson reiterated that if there is an immediate public safety concern, it is best to call 911. The O.P.P. cannot act on a Crime Stoppers tip alone, they need corroborating evidence, and would also need to protect personal information.

The Board discussed the benefits of Crime Stoppers and how tips are filtered to the O.P.P.

Chair Brian Read stated that the Police Services Board will support what they can to Crime Stoppers, and try to make the support permanent. Councillors Adams and Lang were in support of Crime Stoppers attending the June 18, 2019 Council Meeting as a delegation to present their donation request to Brockton Council.

The Board thanked Peter for attending the meeting.

Peter Reid exited the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

5. Review of Meeting Minutes dated April 25, 2019

Detachment Commander Krista Miller corrected that the minutes should state under Item 9.2 that the cost of the School Resource Officer is \$168,000 a year.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang
That the amended minutes of the April 25, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.
Carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Snowmobile Signage

Councillor Adams would like to be proactive for the 2019-2020 winter season, and ensure that signage is advertised along the snowmobile trails to ensure safety.

Councillor Lang confirmed that Clerk, Fiona Hamilton, is reviewing the Sign By-Law in regards to this matter.

6.2 Theft of Vehicles

Chair Brian Read inquired if vehicle thefts had been recovered. The O.P.P. recovered a number of stolen vehicles in the last two weeks, but Sgt. Richardson was unaware if they were specific to Brockton. Some thefts are mentioned in the Detachment Commander's report.

6.3 Prom Party

The O.P.P. currently has no information about prom parties in the area. The School Resource Officer has been communicating messaging in the local schools, and O.P.P. have issued media releases to keep information rolling.

6.4 East Ridge Business Park Sign Advertising

Councillor Adams inquired if the O.P.P. advertisements were being displayed on the electronic sign at the East Ridge Business Park. The Board Secretary confirmed that she is waiting on brand guideline confirmation from the O.P.P. prior to advertisement approval.

7. Accounts

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang

That the accounts be paid as follows:

7.1 Dates: 04/16/19 to 05/08/19 \$348,819.83

Carried.

8. Items Carried Forward

8.1 Black Cat Radar

Detachment Commander Miller reported that no data was received from the last two radar readings. The Black Cat Radar has been sent back to North Line so the company can review this error.

Chair Brian Read inquired if there were spikes in the readings at Ridout Street in Walkerton since the paramedic station is on that road.

Detachment Commander Miller reviewed the report from McNab Street in Walkerton that was conducted from April 11 to 23, 2019. The speed limit on McNab Street is 50km/hr. The traffic volume for both lanes was 11,317 vehicles, and their average speed was 50 km/hr. Only 9.2% of traffic were over the 50 km/hr speed limit.

The Board discussed safety features in car models.

8.2 Spring Auction

The cheque for the 2018 Spring Auction proceeds was received from the Kincardine Police Services Board. The Municipality of Brockton has written a cheque for the Walkerton and District Food Bank, as per the Board's request to donate the proceeds to this organization.

Chair Brian Read and Councillor Adams will contact the Walkerton and District Food Bank to arrange a time to present the cheque. Mr. Read and Detachment Commander Miller will complete the presentation.

Mr. Read will donate funds to make the donation an even \$400.00.

8.3 Court Security

The assessment was submitted to the Ministry. The O.P.P. will be having a teleconference with the Ministry on Friday, June 7, 2019.

The Court Security Committee asked for single point of entry requirements, cameras in all cells, the ability to access the old jail, retrofit to move, secure parking for judiciary and court staff, a connecting tunnel for both buildings, control access on POA court and crown office, single point entry for both buildings, and magnetometers.

Special constables would man the magnetometers.

With a single point entry, officers would not have to be in court room, they could work elsewhere in the courthouse; however, there is the ability to increase staff if there is a special need.

Special constables must be with the prisoners, and be able to move prisoners.

The Board discussed staffing duties.

The O.P.P. will have an update following the teleconference.

8.4 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

The Town of Bancroft and City of Kenora have Community Safety and Well-Being Plans.

Municipalities are waiting to hear if the County of Bruce will take the lead on these plans.

Councillor Adams asked that the Board Secretary inquire with the Chief Administrative Officer to see if there has been a response from the County of Bruce.

Detachment Commander Miller stated that there is a need to identify risks within these plans, and the Safe Communities Committee has completed the risk assessment for Grey Bruce.

9. Information/Correspondence

9.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending April 1-30, 2019.

Presented for information.

10. New Business

10.1 Policing Telephone Contract

The Municipality of Brockton's Chief Financial Officer purchased two text-to-talk cellphones including voicemail to text for the O.P.P. from Telus Mobility. The contract with Bell Mobility for the former O.P.P. pagers was expiring in June 2019.

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board ratify the decision of the Municipality of Brockton's Chief Financial Officer to order two cellphones from Telus Mobility through Plan VD40-R at the cost of \$27.50 + taxes per month.
Carried.

10.2 OAPSB Annual Meeting Update

Chair Brian Read attended the OAPSB Annual Meeting and will provide an executive summary to the Police Services Board and Brockton Council.

The meeting provided good information, including an overview of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans.

The Board discussed changes to the Police Act, including the push-back from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding combining the Police Services Boards into one Board. Board training will be starting, but any further information is currently unknown at this time.

The Inspector General has been hired to provide oversight for the Boards.

There have been changes to the process for Community Safety and Well-Being Plans. The O.P.P. are actively involved in the process, but are not responsible for writing the plan. The plans should also focus on mental health.

There has not been an update about cannabis; however, security issues were discussed.

Councillor Adams commended Brian on his excellent job on the previous executive summary report, and will ensure that the latest report is sent to Brockton Council.

10.3 Accident Reporting Centre Discussion

There was a discussion at the OAPSB Annual General Meeting to have Accident Reporting Centres set up across the province. These centres would be at no cost to the Municipality. The centres are focused on non-criminal accidents and non-injury motor vehicle accidents.

The Board discussed the benefits of having an Accident Reporting Centre in the Municipality of Brockton or neighbouring area of Bruce County. There is a possibility to have amalgamated or joint accident centres.

The Board discussed collision-reporting centres, and were in favour of researching the service to learn more about what is provided.

Motor Vehicle Collisions are a billable call for service with the O.P.P. The Board discussed whether this centre would be beneficial to free up time from the O.P.P. The O.P.P. would need to receive direction from Regional Headquarters prior to deciding to have this service.

10.4 OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting

The next OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting is on June 18, 2019 in Wellington.

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

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller, reviewed her O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report:

- The one Sexual Assault investigation has resulted in charges.
- Of the three Assault investigations, two were as the result of neighbour dispute and one was a Domestic.
- One of the Break and Enters also involved the theft of a motor vehicle. A stolen motor vehicle was recovered in its place.
- One of the Break and Enters involved theft of a significant amount of change from a Laundromat. Similar thefts have occurred across Grey/Bruce and are being actively investigated.
- The Mischiefs included dumping garbage, egging of houses and some painting done on a bridge.
- Despite the above Property Crimes are down overall.
- We are down in both Property and Personal Injury Motor Vehicle collisions, although we did have one Fatality in the month of April. One vehicle had been abandoned after an MVC and was later reported stolen.
- We are currently working with Kincardine PSB, Women's House and the Violence Prevention Grey-Bruce committee to put forward an application for funding from the new Provincial Community Safety and Policing grant. The focus of the grant will be on Community Education regarding Sexual Violence

and Human Trafficking, with a component on supporting victims of these crimes. Kincardine PSB is open to including Brockton PSB in this project.

- With the end of the school year quickly approaching our School Resource Officers are engaged in educating students regarding the dangers of large Prom Parties. A media release was recently posted warning of the dangers of attending or hosting.
- Black Cat deployment updates will be verbally provided at the PSB meeting for McNabb Street and Elmwood.

Councillor Adams reported a resident complaint of vehicles being egged in the Westwood area of Walkerton.

The Board discussed the O.P.P.'s Strategic Plan and the South Bruce O.P.P.'s Action Plan.

12. Other Business

12.1 Speed Humps

Councillor Lang informed the Board that Council approved purchasing two (one pair) of speed humps at the May 28, 2019 Council Meeting. Council suggested that the cost for the speed humps be taken from the Brockton Police Services Board Reserve Fund. The Board discussed the speed humps, and were in favour of using the Policing Reserve Fund to purchase the speed humps.

Moved by James Lang Seconded by Steve Adams
That the cost for the speed bumps ordered by the Municipality of Brockton be taken out of the Brockton Police Services Board Policing Reserve Fund
Carried.

The O.P.P. do not have authority to declare where the humps should be placed. The decision would be up to the Municipality since the Municipality would be assuming liability.

12.2 Item for Next Agenda

Councillor Lang requested that the new Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario liquor laws be added to the next agenda.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

14. Motion for Adjournment

Moved By: James Lang Seconded by: Steve Adams
That we do now adjourn at 6:15 p.m. to meet again on June 20, 2019 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.
Carried.