

Brockton Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 20, 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, Sgt. Kendall Ward

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

Absent: Sgt. Keegan Wilcox

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.

Brian Read welcomed Sgt. Ward to the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the amended Agenda for the June 20, 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 May 30, 2019

The Board amended the minutes regarding the Black Cat Radar.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: James Lang

That the amended minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. Donation Request

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Chair, Peter Reid, attended the June 18, 2019 Council Meeting to present as a delegation to Brockton Council. Council directed the Chief Financial Officer to investigate the donation amounts of neighbouring municipalities, and review Crime Stoppers' financial statements. A further report will be brought back to Council to determine the location of the possible donation.

5.2 High School Prom Party

Councillor Adams inquired if there were any incidents regarding the local high schools' prom party. The O.P.P. confirmed that there were no issues this year, and that the School Resource Officer had helped remedy the situation by communicating messaging in the schools prior to the prom.

5.3 East Ridge Business Park Advertising

Councillor Adams inquired if there had been an update regarding advertising O.P.P. messaging on the East Ridge Business Park Sign. The Board Secretary had not received an update. The Board agreed to arrange for messaging on the sign in September.

5.4 Telephone Contract

The new phones for the officers arrived and are working fine.

5.5 OAPSB Zone Meeting Report

Brian is working on a OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting Report for the Board and Brockton Council.

5.6 Accident Reporting Centre

Brian spoke with Don Smith, the Chair of the Hanover Police Services Board, about the possibility of having a joint accident reporting centre. Don would like to meet with Brian and determine if this was a possibility. Brian would like to review how the process works, and then move forward once we have more information.

Detachment Commander Miller will follow-up with the Regional Headquarters to identify what the O.P.P. would need for this centre.

6. Accounts

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the accounts be paid as follows:

6.1 Dates: 05/09/19 to 05/23/19 \$379.79

Carried.

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 Black Cat Radar

Detachment Commander Miller spoke with Brockton's Operations/CAO Administrative Assistant about issues with the Black Cat Radar. The radar is being returned to the company to look into the system errors, and then will be returned to the Municipality.

Councillor Adams and Lang received requests to monitor speeding on Victoria Street and George Street in Walkerton.

The Board discussed speeding and deterrents to speeding. The O.P.P. reminded the Board that enforcement is only a portion of the solution.

Councillor Adams suggested using the radar during the month of July near the high schools to show a difference in speeding.

7.2 Spring Auction

Councillor Adams will contact the Walkerton and District Food Bank to make arrangements for the donation presentation.

7.3 Court Security

The Court Security Committee submitted the report to MAG. A team is being put together from MAG to review the report.

Access to the old jail will not be available, since the Province does not want to increase their carbon footprint. The use of the jail would need to be leased or purchased which would increase the Provincial government's footprint.

As a result, the committee has made it their first priority to installing cameras in the cells. Court Supervisor, Stephen Ochewsky will advocate that the entire building should have cameras installed.

The earliest that movement will be made is in 2020.

7.4 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

The Municipality sent a follow-up letter to Bruce County about the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans, but have not yet received a response.

Councillor Adams suggested that Mayor Peabody could ask for an update at County Council.

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending May 1-30, 2019.

Presented for information.

9. New Business

9.1 O.P.P. R.I.D.E. Grant Program Agreement 2019-2020

Brockton Council passed By-Law 2019-070 authorizing the O.P.P. R.I.D.E. Grant Program Agreement for 2019-2020 at the June 18, 2019 Meeting.

The Board discussed the process involved with the R.I.D.E. grant applications.

Sgt Ward asked for an increase, but the R.I.D.E. Grant only gives what is allotted per municipality.

Detachment Commander Miller explained that R.I.D.E. is standard service, and grant eligibility is determined if a municipality has a contract with the O.P.P. The \$8,000 is paid for R.I.D.E. Program activities specific to the Municipality of Brockton.

Councillor Lang confirmed that R.I.D.E. officers are paid on-duty officers who come in above and beyond the regular area officers. Detachment Commander Miller explained that the money received is strategically used for the programs. Officers complete R.I.D.E. daily, and the grant monies received are used strategically to plan ahead for the R.I.D.E. events in Brockton.

9.2 OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting

Brian attended the June 18, 2019 OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting.

Brian discussed the new regulations being looked at in the Police Services Act, regarding the possible merging of Police Boards. Detachment Commander Miller explained that her understanding of the merging would be that the Boards would be merged based on zone location, and have a Provincial and Community representative, to have a five member Board, similar to Wellington County.

The Board voiced concerns about this issue, and that there are risks that some municipalities may not have proper representation if combined with neighbours that do not share the same concerns.

The next Zone 5 Meeting is September 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Brian is unable to attend that meeting, and requested that Councillor Adams or Councillor Lang attend in his absence.

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

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

- All accused parties involved in the Sexual Assault investigations were known to their victim. Of concern, is that in all cases either the victim or accused was a Young Person. This stresses the importance of having a School Resource Officer in the schools to ensure proper education and messaging.
 - Councillor Adams inquired about the process. Detachment Commander Miller explained that the School Resource Officer works closely with the school's staff to approach the topic without explicit details, and promote messaging that works within the school's accepted curriculum. Sgt. Richardson explained that students can take their advice given throughout their lives.
- Assaults are down this month and year to date.
- The two Arsons involved a dumpster fire on Yonge Street and a couple of small fires set near or on the trail on Durham Street.
 - Both arsons were within five days of each other.
- Thefts Over and Under are down this month and year to date.
- The Mischiefs include one instance where Public Mischief charges may be laid due to a false report of assault being made. Two other reports involve a Mental Health component.
- We are down in both Property and Personal Injury Motor Vehicle collisions. One vehicle had been abandoned after an MVC and was later reported stolen. One third of the collisions involve striking an animal.

- The Community Safety and Policing Grant application was completed and submitted by the Kincardine PSB by the deadline. The application requested funding to address Sexual Violence and Harassment as well as Human Trafficking. Educational sessions will be made available to residents of Brockton as well.
- On May 28th, Sgt Ken Kee from the O.P.P. Municipal Policing Bureau provided a report to Brockton Council on the O.P.P. Billing Model.
- On May 13th, South Bruce O.P.P. held a recruitment session in Kincardine. There was a good turn out with over 30 interested individuals attending. Members of the O.P.P. as well as Auxiliary members were in attendance to answer questions after the presentation.
- On May 25th, South Bruce O.P.P. held two recruitment information sessions at local coffee shops - Best Friends Bakery in Kincardine and White Rose Coffee House in Walkerton. Officers were available to answer questions from the public about recruiting or any other topic of interest.
 - Councillor Adams inquired about the recruitment process. Detachment Commander Miller explained that the O.P.P. are always recruiting and this instance was being proactive about their recruitment.
- Officers participated in Tim Horton's Camp Day on June 5th at locations in both Walkerton and Kincardine, assisting with coffee service and wind shield cleaning.
- Southern Bruce County Safe Communities Committee held its designation ceremony on June 6th receiving its Safe Community Designation and key from Parachute Canada.
 - Mayor Peabody was present at the designation ceremony.
 - Detachment Commander Miller stated that Brockton does not have a representative on the committee, and that the committee would appreciate the support of Council and the Municipalities through a Brockton representative. Community members are welcome to join the committee, but are seeking a Council representative.
 - The committee meets once every two months. They are recommending hosting a recruitment drive.
 - A representative from the Southern Bruce County Safe Communities Committee will be attending the August 13, 2019 Council Meeting as a delegation.
 - Brian Read offered to help on the committee.

11. Other Business

11.1 Speed Humps

The committee discussed locations for the speed humps, and that the Black Cat Radar could be used for monitoring. Council decided that the speed humps would be installed on Ridout Street in Walkerton. The speed humps have arrived, and will be installed shortly.

The O.P.P. explained that they cannot have input on the speed hump location.

Councillor Adams explained the speed hump installation process to the Board.

11.2 Foot Patrol

Brian and Councillor Adams have been in discussions about re-establishing a foot patrol, and have spoken with Walkerton business owners about the matter.

Councillor Adams suggested that a foot patrol be utilized during Friday sidewalk sales in Walkerton, and asked if the O.P.P. would also walk along the street for visibility and communication purposes.

Brian suggested that the O.P.P. work in conjunction with the Walkerton Business Improvement Area (BIA) to have an officer present during BIA events.

Detachment Commander Miller explained that foot patrol is part of the O.P.P.'s general service. It would be difficult for officers to be available at specific times on a regular basis. If the O.P.P. were made aware of events, then they may be able to send an officer during the event.

Brian offered to contact the Walkerton BIA President to discuss the idea.

Councillor Lang inquired if auxiliary officers could attend instead? Detachment Commander Miller explained that the officers must be in line of sight with an armed officer.

Detachment Commander Miller explained that the Municipality of Brockton would need to look at enhancement if they wanted additional officers for a foot patrol

11.3 School Resource Officer

Councillor Adams inquired if the School Resource Officer provides instruction to students about how to use crosswalks, and referenced the flashing lights at the Fischer Dairy Road crosswalk in Walkerton as an example. Councillor Adams explained that parents wanted a municipal crossing guard in previous years.

Councillor Adams inquired if the School Resource Officer meets with students about the crosswalks/flashing lights on Hinks Street in Walkerton.

Detachment Commander Miller explained that the O.P.P. does provide traffic safety messaging, but other specifics would need to be arranged with the schools.

The Board discussed that parents should also teach their children how to safely use crosswalks.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

13. Motion for Adjournment

Moved By: James Lang Seconded by: Steve Adams

That we do now adjourn at 5:37 p.m. to meet again on September 19, 2019 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.