

Brockton Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment

25 Bruce Road 19, Walkerton

Present:

Chair: Brian Read

Members: Councillor Steve Adams, Detachment Commander Krista Miller,
Sgt. Paul Richardson

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

Guests: Jeff Hall, Heather Frook

Absent: Councillor James Lang

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The 2020 Brockton Police Services Board Budget was added to the agenda under Other Business.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: Heather Frook

That the amended Agenda for the September 5, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Appoint Provincial Appointees to Brockton Police Services Board

Brian Read welcomed the new Provincial Appointees, Jeff Hall and Heather Frook to the meeting.

Mr. Hall and Ms. Frook introduced themselves to the Board.

5. Review of Meeting Minutes dated June 20, 2019

Councillor Adams made an administrative correction to the minutes under Item 11.2. Foot Patrol.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: Jeff Hall

That the amended minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 East Ridge Business Park Advertising

The Board Secretary reported that the new O.P.P. communications contact is Constable, Kevin Martin. The Secretary has met with Mr. Martin to discuss advertising messaging for the O.P.P. on the East Ridge Business Park Sign.

6.2 Accident Reporting Centre

Chair, Brian Read contacted the Hanover Police Services Board Chair to coordinate a plan to establish a joint Accident Reporting Centre, and is waiting for an update due to the summer break.

Inspector Miller contacted the Traffic Inspector, and inquired with Essex County who implemented a pilot program with the Collision Reporting Centre. The current model that the O.P.P. West Region is piloting is being staff by O.P.P. and not through a company representative.

Action: Chair Brian Read to contact Hanover Police Services Board for an update.

6.3 Speed Humps

Council installed speed humps on Ridout Street in Walkerton as per the resolution made at the August 13, 2019 Council Meeting.

Councillor Adams reported that he has heard positive feedback from residents about the speed humps. The Board discussed that the speed humps would need to be removed in the winter to allow access for the snow plow.

The Board discussed the importance of speed deterrents, and issues of speeding along rural roads.

7. Accounts

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: Jeff Hall

That the accounts be paid as follows:

7.1	Dates: 06/14/19 to 06/28/19	\$175,176.88
7.2	Dates: 06/29/19 to 08/02/19	\$179,078.03
7.3	Dates: 08/03/19 to 08/16/19	\$66.00

Carried.

The committee discussed the use of Provincial grants.

8. Items Carried Forward

8.1 Black Cat Radar

The Board discussed the possibility of utilizing LED speed signs, similar to the Town of Hanover to assist with speeding.

8.2 Spring Auction

Councillor Adams spoke with the Walkerton and District Food Bank, and the Walkerton Herald Times regarding the cheque presentation.

Mr. Read, Councillor Adams, and Inspector Miller will attend the donation presentation.

8.3 Court Security

The Court Security Committee completed amendments to the original document, to include the importance of utilizing cameras in all prisoner cells.

MAG have reviewed the document, and are prepared to move forward. Inspector Miller is still focused on supporting a single point of entry for the courthouse; however, there is no guarantee that the two courts will be merged into one building.

The next Court Security Committee meeting is on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

8.4 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

The Board Secretary presented Report Number CAO2019 –19 – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update that was approved by Brockton Council on August 13, 2019. Council also approved a \$5,000 donation to the County of Bruce for the cost of hiring a coordinator for the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

The Safe Communities Committee also attended the August 27, 2019 Council Meeting.

Inspector Miller attended the Bruce County Council meeting on September 5, 2019. Grey and Bruce Counties will be completing their plans jointly. A meeting of the Advisory Group will be held on September 27, 2019 to discuss the creation of the plans.

9. Information/Correspondence

9.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending June 1-30, 2019.
Presented for information.

9.2 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending July 1-31, 2019.
Presented for information.

9.3 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: Ending August 1-31, 2019.
Presented for information.

10. New Business

10.1 Ministry of Solicitor General - Policies and Practices Related to Section 35 of the Police Services Act O.P.P. R.I.D.E. Grant Program Agreement 2019-2020

The Board received an email from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding Police Board policies related to Section 35 of the Police Services Act. The Ministry reminded the Police Services Boards that all Board meetings are public meetings.

All Brockton Police Services Board meetings are advertised on the Brockton website's Community Calendar, and are open to the public.

10.2 O.P.P. Independent Review Panel

The Board received an email from the OAPSB regarding an invitation to provide input into the O.P.P.'s Independent Review Panel to review workplace culture in light of suicide deaths and mental health concerns.

Inspector Miller and Sergeant Richardson discussed the various tools and programs available for officers to assist with mental health, and PTSD.

The Board supported the initiative, and further discussed how the issue was related to the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

10.3 OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting

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

The Board had a discussion on the new legislation effecting Police Services Boards. The Board has scheduled a meeting for September 19, 2019 with M.P.P. Lisa Thompson to discuss Brockton's concerns about this change in legislation.

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

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

- Sexual Assaults were up over this time period and continue to be up Year to Date. Charges have been laid in one instance while another is still under active investigation. In two instances, the victims have declined to proceed at this time.
- Assaults are status quo during this time period compared to 2018 but are still down Year to Date. Over 50% were Domestic related. The remainder involved a Child Abuse allegation, a Family Dispute, and an Assault Police charge.
- Other Crimes Against a Person are up slightly for this time period but again down overall for Year to Date. These investigations usually coincide with the Domestic investigation involved charges such as Threatening.
- Break and Enters were down and continue to be down Year to Date. One of them was deemed unfounded while two of the other investigations have similar Persons of Interest that are being investigated.
- Theft Over investigations remain status quo for the time period and Year to Date. These thefts involve larger items such as trailers, large quantities of tools or motor vehicles.
- Theft Under investigations are down significantly for both the summer months and Year to Date.

- Fraud is down slightly for this time period and continues to trend downward Year to Date. Unfortunately this summer we had three victims who lost money, in a couple cases significant amounts. These Frauds ranged from the Grandparent Scam, Romance Scam and the CRA scam. We continue to produce media releases in attempts to educate the general public about these frauds and provide regular presentations to community groups.
- Mischiefs continue to be down over the summer months and Year to Date. Unfortunately Municipal property was targeted with graffiti on a number of occasions and in one instance rocks were placed in a water bucket at the Splash Pad. This was thankfully discovered prior to any children getting hurt. Graffiti has been reported on the bridge by the Tim Horton's, on the dam and at the Pavilion.
- Graffiti and debris located along the Saugeen River Trail system identified that there may be some camping occurring along the trails. Foot patrols were conducted throughout the summer and in more than one instance people were located and moved along. In at least one situation it was a case of homelessness and it is suspected that this is the case in other situations.
 - The Board discussed the issue, and inquired about the possibility of O.P.P. officers utilizing mountain bikes along the trail.
 - Inspector Miller informed the Board that the officers would need to attend training courses.
- The South Bruce OPP Community Street Crimes Unit (CSCU) conducted a Search Warrant in Walkerton in August 2019. This warrant resulted in the arrest of two individuals and multiple charges. Almost 2 Kgs of Methamphetamine was seized in the search. This is a large seizure and should have a significant impact on drug activity and the associated criminal activity in Brockton and surrounding areas. A related and subsequent investigation led to the Huron-Perth CSCU conducting two Search Warrants which resulted in the seizure of another 2 Kgs of Methamphetamine. The combined amount of just over 4 Kgs of Meth is equivalent to almost half a million dollars of product.
 - The Board congratulated the O.P.P. officers for the arrest, and recommended that a letter be written and sent to Brockton Council. Inspector Miller thanked the Board for their recognition of the officers.

Action: Board Chair Brian Read to draft a letter and distribute to the Board Secretary to include in the Municipality's upcoming Council Agenda.
- We are down in both Property and Personal Injury Motor Vehicle collisions. One third of the Property Damage collisions involve striking an animal. Almost 25% involve collisions that occur in parking lots.

- South Bruce OPP officers participated in Traffic Safety Campaigns on both the Canada Day and Civic Holiday Long weekends. The August long weekend resulted in over 80 speeding charges laid, four of which were Racing charges (over 50 km/hour over the speed limit).
- RIDE grant paperwork has been completed, submitted and approved by the Ministry. This funding will be utilized for Paid Duties in Brockton during the Festive RIDE season.
- Assistance was provided to the Municipality of Brockton Staff regarding MVC statistics involving the corner of Durham and McNab. MVC statistics over a 5 year period showed minimal collisions in that area.
- In August our two School Resource Officers (SROs) along with their supervisor attended a meeting with Brockton Staff, the Tobacco Enforcement Officer and members of Walkerton District High School regarding complaints of students smoking just off school property in a nearby residential area. Complaints include students standing out on the street, foul language and littering. A number of solutions were discussed. The South Bruce OPP SROs will continue to monitor the situation and have historically engaged students around the concerns. This issue is one that requires Community Mobilization and Engagement and should not be left as solely an Enforcement solution.
 - The Board discussed the smoking concerns at the Walkerton District Community School and neighbouring residential areas, as a result of changes in the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017, S.O. 2017, c. 26, Sched. 3*.
- On August 17th, a group called Anonymous for the Voiceless organized a Protest in downtown Walkerton. Their goal to hold the protest had been advertised in the Hanover Post. A subsequent counter-protest was also organized by a group of business owners to host a Beef BBQ in support of local farmers. The South Bruce OPP had been made aware of these events through unrelated parties. The role of the OPP in relation to protests is to ensure Public Safety. The OPP has a specially trained team called the Provincial Liaison Team (PLT). These officers are trained in relationship building and mediation. PLT was engaged by the Detachment Commander for these events. The PLT officers liaised with the organizers of both groups, ensuring they were aware of the right to peaceful protest, the importance of public safety etc. PLT then attended the events to continue that liaison. Both groups were able to hold their events with little disruption.
- The first week of September is the return to school. All officers are tasked with increased patrols and enforcement in school zones including foot patrol at the schools themselves. Reminders have gone out through the media that kids will be excited and that drivers should be cautious.

- The Board discussed the importance that students be safe while accessing crosswalks, and discussed the duties of the School Resource Officer.

12. Other Business

12.1 Municipal Budget 2020

The Board Secretary presented the 2020 Brockton Police Services Board Budget for the Board to review.

The Board discussed needing to revisit the training and seminars account, since legislation may be changing to require Board members to attend training seminars.

Councillor Adams discussed including funds for an annual donation to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce.

The Board agreed to table the discussions on the 2020 budget until the next meeting.

12.2 OPP 2018 Progress Report to Brian

Detachment Commander Miller distributed her report to Chair Brian Read.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

14. Motion for Adjournment

Moved By: Jeff Hall

Seconded by: Heather Froom

That we do now adjourn at 9:53 p.m. to meet again on October 17, 2019 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.