

## **Brockton Police Services Board Meeting Minutes**

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

Location: South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment

25 Bruce Road 19, Walkerton

### **Present:**

Chair: Brian Read

Members: Councillor James Lang, Detachment Commander Krista Miller,  
Sgt. Paul Richardson, Provincial Appointee Jeff Hall, and Provincial  
Appointee Heather Frook

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

Absent: Councillor Steve Adams

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved By: Jeff Hall                      Seconded By: James Lang

That the Agenda for the October 17, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None.

### **4. Review of Meeting Minutes dated September 5, 2019**

Moved By: Heather Frook              Seconded By: Jeff Hall

That the minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

### **5. Business Arising from Minutes**

#### **5.1 Human Trafficking Seminar**

The Board discussed the educational human trafficking seminar that was held on October 3, 2019 by Victim Services Huron. The Board heard positive feedback about the event, and discussed the option of hosting a seminar in Brockton.

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board host a human trafficking educational seminar in coordination with Victim Services in the Municipality of Brockton.

Carried.

**Action: Inspector Miller, Councillor Lang, and Heather Frook to gather information about the human trafficking seminar with Victim Services for the next meeting.**

## **5.2 East Ridge Business Park Advertising Sign**

The Board inquired about the sign. The Board Secretary has been in contact with Constable Martin, but has not yet received any advertisements from the O.P.P. The Board discussed the importance of advertising the RIDE Program prior to Christmas.

**Action: Inspector Miller will email Constable Martin.**

## **5.3 Speed Humps**

No update.

## **5.4 Speeding Charges**

Councillor Adams received some speeding concerns from residents, and asked the Board Chair to inquire if the O.P.P. have a record of speeding charges from the last six months.

Inspector Miller informed the Board that the data is given to the Owen Sound Provincial Offences Court. The data may not be able to be broken down per municipality.

Inspector Miller and Sgt. Richardson reminded the Board that O.P.P. officers can issue a warning or charge at their discretion.

Inspector Miller also discussed that the Black Cat Radar is a strategic tool to assist with such concerns, and reminded the Board of their previous discussions on the perception of speeding. Increased enforcement results in further expenses for officers. It would be helpful to know specifics rather than general concerns.

The Board discussed the perception of speeding at Sacred Heart High School. Sgt. Richardson mentioned that focus patrols are also completed around the schools.

## **5.5 Safe Street Crossing**

The Board discussed the crosswalk at Hinks Street. A Board Member inquired about the School Resource Officer's involvement with educating students on how to use the crosswalk. The School Resource Officer has spent a significant amount of time dealing with other issues at the beginning of the 2019 school year. The School Resource Officer can offer programming to the schools, but it must be accepted by the staff.

The Board also remarked that parents can also teach their children how to safely use the crosswalk.

## **5.6 Meeting with MPP Lisa Thompson**

Heather Froom met with MPP Lisa Thompson on September 30, 2019 to follow up on the Board's previous meeting. MPP Lisa Thompson will be meeting with Solicitor General Sylvia Jones to voice the Board's concerns with the changes to the Police Services Act.

## **6. Accounts**

Moved By: James Lang      Seconded By: Jeff Hall

That the accounts be paid as follows:

6.1	Dates: 08/16/19 to 09/05/19	\$175,375.83
6.2	Dates: 09/06/19 to 09/19/19	\$811.83

Carried.

## **7. Items Carried Forward**

### **7.1 Black Cat Radar**

Partial results were received from Victoria Street in Walkerton. As mentioned in Inspector Miller's report in Item 10, the Black Cat Radar has been suffering technical difficulties. Inspector Miller reported that a number of other municipalities have purchased the Black Cat Radar, but have not yet reported any issues with the software.

### **7.2 Spring Auction**

Chair Brian Read, Councillor Adams, and Inspector Miller attended the donation presentation at the Walkerton and District Food Bank on October 3, 2019. The Board members also received a tour of the facility.

The O.P.P. Vault Manager will inform the Board when the next auction should occur. It would be Brockton's turn to host the next auction.

### **7.3 Court Security**

Inspector Miller is waiting to hear back from the Manager of Court Services division.

### **7.4 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee was held in September 2019. There were good representation from a wide variety of organizations and municipalities. The committee completed an asset mapping exercise outlining the existing opportunities available to the public, and identifying existing partnerships and programs in the community.

The next Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2019 at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The committee will look at the results of the asset mapping exercise and identify the top priorities that the plan will address.

A Steering Committee has been created with representatives from Grey and Bruce, Victim Services. The committee invited O.P.P. inspectors to join the committee. Inspector Miller volunteered to sit on the Steering Committee.

### **7.5 2020 Police Services Board Budget**

The Board reviewed the 2020 Police Services Board Budget, and made the following adjustments:

- Add \$2,500 into Training.
- Add \$5000 into Mileage
- Add \$1,000 (Donation to Crime Stoppers into Service Board Expenses

- The Board also discussed adjusting the telephones to match the new policing phone costs, instead of the previous pager system.

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Jeff Hall

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approves the 2020 Police Budget with the amendments to the training, mileage, service board expenses, and telephone accounts.

Carried.

**Action: Board Secretary to notify the Chief Financial Officer of the Board's changes to the 2020 Budget.**

## **8. Information/Correspondence**

### **8.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report**

Date: Ending September 1-30, 2019.

Presented for information.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 O.P.P. 2020 Annual Billing**

The Board Secretary presented Report Number FIN2019-33 – 2020 OPP Annual Billing that was presented at the October 15, 2019 Council Meeting. Council approved the report at the October 15, 2019, and hopes that Brockton receives the grant.

### **9.2 OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting**

Inspector Miller attended the September 10, 2019 Zone 5 Meeting in Waterloo. The next Zone 5 Meeting is December 10, 2019 in Orangeville.

### **9.3 2020 Run 4 Health Traffic Study**

A member from Run 4 Health approached the Board Chair about the plans to host a half marathon in 2020. The half marathon would cross County Road 3. The member requested that County Road 3 be temporarily closed for the event, and inquired about having a police presence.

Inspector Miller reported that auxiliary officers must be in line of sight of another member, so paid duty officers would be required instead.

The Board discussed the need to have County of Bruce's approval to temporarily close the road. The Board also discussed that the route would then travel outside of the Municipality's jurisdiction along County Road 3.

**Action: Chair, Brian Read, to follow up with Run 4 Health and suggest that the route stay within the Municipality of Brockton.**

### **9.4 Location for Safe Sale Pick Up**

The Board discussed establishing a location for safe online transactions.

Inspector Miller informed the Board that Kincardine has a safe exchange site at the Kincardine O.P.P. Detachment parking lot.

Councillor Lang suggested that the Walkerton Community Centre parking lot be utilized as a safe exchange site.

Inspector Miller offered to send the Kincardine exchange site information to the Board Chair and Councillor Lang.

**Action: Councillor Lang to discuss the option of using the Walkerton Community Centre parking lot as a safe exchange site at the next Recreation Committee meeting.**

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

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

- Sexual Assaults decreased slightly over this time period but continue to be up Year to Date.
- Assaults are down slightly during this time period compared to 2018 and continue to be down Year to Date. Over 50% were Domestic related. Three allegations stemmed from a Long Term Care facility, one was Domestic related. One involved a multi-jurisdictional Human Trafficking investigation.
- 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 slightly and continue to be down Year to Date.
- Theft Over investigations were down significantly for the time period and remain so Year to Date.
- Theft Under investigations are status quo for this time period and are down Year to Date. One investigation involves theft from the Recycling Depot storage bins for which Persons of Interest have been identified. Another involved theft of flowers from Durham Street - an individual was caught in the act and the subsequent arrest resulted in an officer being assaulted and injured.
- One third of the Theft investigations involved theft of Cannabis plants.
- Fraud is down slightly for this time period and continues to trend downward Year to Date.
- Mischiefs were status quo this month but continue to be down Year to Date. Three reports involved damage to mail boxes. The new canoe sculpture was also damaged - this investigation is ongoing.
- Graffiti and debris located along the Saugeen River Trail system this summer identified that there may be some camping occurring along the trails. Focused foot patrols are ongoing on the trails. We continue to encounter individuals who are homeless in the vicinity.

- The O.P.P. have received a number of calls for service about an individual who is homeless and camping at the Walkerton pavilion.
  - The Board discussed being proactive about such situations and look at the issues through a different lens. The Board suggested incorporating proactive solutions into the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.
  - The Board discussed having a meeting with Mayor Chris Peabody and Municipality of Brockton's Clerk, Fiona Hamilton to work towards a local long-term solution.
  - Councillor Lang offered to discuss the matter at the next Council Meeting.
  - **Action: Councillor Lang to bring this item forward at the next Council Meeting.**
- There were no Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Collisions this month. Property Damage collisions were up slightly but we are down overall Year to Date.
  - South Bruce OPP officers participated in the Labour Day Long Weekend Traffic Safety Campaign. A total of 72 charges were laid including two Impaired Driving and three Stunt Driving charges.
  - We are currently participating in the Fall Seatbelt Campaign.
  - Black Cat results from the deployment on Ridout Street this summer have been received. Data indicates that the majority of traffic in this location is abiding by the speed limit. Further Black Cat deployments have been hampered by additional technical difficulties with the equipment.

Inspector Miller thanked the Board for the letter that was sent to the officers involved in the drug search warrant in Walkerton.

#### **11. Other Business**

#### **12. Next Meeting**

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

#### **13. Motion for Adjournment**

Moved By: James Lang                      Seconded by: Heather Froom

That we do now adjourn at 5:45 p.m. to meet again on November 21, 2019 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.