

Brockton Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 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, Councillor Steve Adams, Detachment
Commander Krista Miller, Sgt. Keegan Wilcox, and Provincial Appointee
Heather Frook

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

Absent: Provincial Appointee Jeff Hall, Sgt. Richardson

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: Heather Frook

That the Agenda for the November 21, 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 October 17, 2019

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting of the Brockton Police Services
Board be accepted.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Human Trafficking

Heather Frook reported that she will be attending a meeting on December 2,
2019 to discuss a collaboration with organizations, including Victim Services,
Violence Prevention Grey Bruce. February 22, 2020 has been declared
Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Ontario.

Detachment Commander Miller reported that the Kincardine Police Services
Board received grant funding for human trafficking. The Kincardine PSB will
meet on November 26, 2019 to discuss the grant, since the funding must be
spent by the end of March 2020. Kincardine was open to including Brockton in
their plan.

Chair Brian Read inquired as to whether grant monies could be used for the
human trafficking seminar. Detachment Commander Miller explained that the
grant monies belong to Kincardine, and they would need to choose how the
monies are to be spent.

Detachment Commander Miller explained the grant application, which has been broken into tiers over three years.

Action: Detachment Commander Miller to report back to the Board following the Kincardine Police Services Board meeting regarding the grant application, and Brockton's involvement.

Chair Read suggested that Heather Frook be the point person for this project.

5.2 East Ridge Business Park Sign

Kevin Martin emailed the Board Secretary with information on the O.P.P.'s Festive RIDE Program. The information has been formatted into an advertisement and will be emailed to Cox Signs for display at the East Ridge Business Park Sign until the completion of the Festive RIDE.

James Lang entered meeting at 4:36 p.m.

5.3 Meeting with Lisa Thompson

Heather Frook met with MPP, Lisa Thompson and confirmed that her letter was delivered. There will be a OAPSB Meeting on January 30, 2020 which should provide more information about the changes to Police Services Boards.

5.4 Spring Auction

Detachment Commander Miller reported that the Vault Manager contacted her about the articles in the vault, and explained the auction process. The Board discussed the joint auction, and ensuring that the Township of Huron-Kinloss' Police Services Board is involved in the 2020 auction.

Detachment Commander Miller will discuss the auction with the Huron-Kinloss Police Services Board at their next meeting.

The Board suggested using the Walkerton Fire Hall or Walkerton Community Centre as the location for the Brockton auction in 2020.

5.5 Run 4 Health

Chair Read discussed the matter with Run 4 Health, and suggested that the route be changed to stay within the boundaries of Brockton.

5.6 Safe Exchange Site

Councillor Lang reported that he presented the matter to Council, but Council were not in favour of using the Walkerton Community Centre as a location for safe exchanges, and suggested that the O.P.P. Detachment was more appropriate.

The Board discussed the safe exchange sites in Saugeen Shores and Kincardine at their O.P.P. Detachments.

Detachment Commander Miller presented information about the safe exchange sites.

Councillor Lang reported that he would bring up the matter at a Recreation Meeting once the Director of Community Services has been hired.

The Board discussed other possible locations for a safe exchange site in Walkerton.

5.7 Homelessness

The Board discussed the continued homelessness issues in the Municipality.

Detachment Commander Miller reported that she had met with municipal police chiefs, and reiterated that many municipalities are facing this issue since there has been a significant increase in homelessness in Grey and Bruce Counties. O.P.P. have contacted housing and social service resources in the area, and do provide individuals with contacts and information; however, some situations are complex and confidential. There will be a Y.M.C.A. emergency housing meeting on November 25, 2019 to discuss a winter homelessness plan. The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan should focus on addressing root causes of these situations.

The Board discussed an article in the Newspaper written by Francesca Dobbin, and the recent provincial government cuts.

Detachment Commander Miller discussed a study by Malcolm Gladwell regarding how monies could be saved by root causes and declining crime.

6. Accounts

Councillor Lang thanked the O.P.P. for laying the Board's wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Moved By: Heather Frook Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the accounts be paid as follows:

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| 6.1 | Dates: 09/20/19 to 10/10/19 | \$174,912.00 |
| 6.2 | Dates: 10/11/19 to 10/24/19 | \$-162,246.33 |
| 6.3 | Dates: 10/25/19 to 11/07/19 | \$175,669.50 |

Carried.

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 Black Cat Radar

The Board discussed that the Black Cat Radar will need to be taken down from Geeson Street for results.

The Board discussed the speed limit on Geeson Avenue, and issues of not being able to enforce the speed limit if signs are not posted.

The Board discussed the use of "Children at Play" signs that have been requested by residents.

The Board voiced their disappointment at the malfunctions of the radar. The Board discussed the use of municipal staff resources to install and manage malfunctions of the radar.

Councillor Adams reported that the Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association inquired about utilizing the radar along Lake Rosalind since they are concerned with possible speeding of school buses.

The Board discussed speeding and safety along Hinks Street.

- **Bruce County Road 2 (Walkerton)**

Mayor Chris Peabody suggested that the Board install the Black Cat Radar on Bruce County Road 2 in Walkerton, or initiate a focus patrol at that location due to a recent accident that occurred on that road. The Board discussed the preferred locations for installing the radar.

7.2 Court Security

Detachment Commander Miller reported that the Court Security Committee have held another meeting with the Judiciary and explained the focus on single point entry. The recommendation is to join the two court buildings together to have single point entry.

The representative from MAG is interested in installing cameras and magnetometers, but Detachment Commander Miller explained that magnetometers only work with single point entry. MAG will be approaching the County of Bruce to discuss joining the two court buildings.

The MAG representative will invite MAG to attend a meeting in January and tour the courthouse to show MAG the issues and propositions. Detachment Commander Miller invited the Board to attend the tour.

MAG has agreed to install cameras and magnetometers at the front door.

The committee hopes to secure the walkway between the buildings and move forward on the issue.

7.3 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Detachment Commander Miller has been appointed to the Steering Committee. The Committee is finalizing the Advisory Committee membership. The next Advisory Committee meeting is on November 29, 2019. The committee is discussing the engagement process, and the proposal to host two public meetings in each municipality. An online survey will be released mid-January 2020. All organizations are preparing a facilitation package, and have been providing cross-section input. Each municipality has a representative on the committee, and Fiona Hamilton, Clerk is the Brockton representative. Ms. Hamilton is preparing a resolution for each municipality to have adopted by Council.

The Board discussed the progress of the plan to ensure it is completed by the 2021 deadline. Detachment Commander Miller informed the Board that the plan is proposed to be completed by October 2020 to provide municipalities' time to present the plan to their Councils.

The Board discussed the public meetings, and whether they would provide individualized feedback per municipality. Detachment Commander Miller confirmed that the meetings should help identify specific risks to each municipality.

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: October 1-31, 2019.

Presented for information.

Chair Read inquired about the mileage budget.

Action: Board Secretary to confirm the mileage budget with the Chief Financial Officer and inform the Board via email.

9. New Business

9.1 Email on OAPSB 2020 Membership, OAPSB 2020 OPP Governance Summit, and OAPSB 2020 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting

The Board received an email from the OAPSB regarding the 2020 Membership registration, the 2020 OPP Governance Summit in Toronto on January 30, 2020, and 2020 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting in Toronto from May 27 to 30, 2020.

Chair Read stated that he is planning on attending the OPP Governance Summit, and Councillor Adams may also attend. Chair Read asked that Board members inform him if they will be attending the Annual General Meeting.

The Board confirmed that the Secretary should proceed with registering for the 2020 Membership with the OAPSB.

Action: Board Secretary to register for 2020 OAPSB Membership for the Brockton Police Services Board.

Moved By: James Lang Seconded By: Heather Frook
That the Brockton Police Services Board purchase the 2020 OAPSB Membership.
Carried.

9.2 Volunteers for Emergency Services Day

The Walkerton and District Food Bank have partnered with CKNX Relief Truck Campaign from November 29 to December 6, 2019 at the Walkerton ValuMart, Walkerton Foodland, and Mildmay Freshmart. December 3, 2019 has been designated as Emergency Services Day. The Food Bank has inquired if members of the Brockton PSB would like to volunteer for the campaign.

Detachment Commander Miller informed the Board that Kevin Martin will be attending the event on December 3 on behalf of South Bruce O.P.P. She will

also advertise the invitation to other officers to see if there are more volunteers.

The Board discussed the involvement of Emergency Services and the Fire Department in the event since it was designated as Emergency Services Day. Councillor Lang stated that he would contact the Walkerton Fire Department and determine their involvement.

9.3 OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting

The next Zone 5 Meeting is December 10, 2019 in Orangeville.

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

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

- There were no Sexual Assaults reported during this time period.
- Assaults are down slightly during this time period compared to 2018 and continue to be down Year to Date.
- Break and Enters, Theft Over and Under all continue to trend downward for the month of October and Year to Date.
- We saw an increase in Frauds this month but remain status quo Year to Date. Two frauds involved bogus on-line offers of Governments grants. Others involved overdue invoice notices, e-transfers and on-line purchases. One involved an individual's cell phone being "ported" and the suspects changing passwords and attempting to access account information.
- Mischiefs are status quo this year compared to last. There is no identifiable trend in the mischiefs that have occurred in the past month. Youths have been identified as possible suspects for mischief to a County bridge and at the Rotary Park pavilion. One mischief involved a smashed mailbox, another was a damaged bench at a cemetery. Another was air let out of a vehicle's tires. In one instance, alarm wires were cut at a Laundromat likely as a pretense to a Break and Enter-Laundromats are known targets throughout the area.
- There was one Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Collision this month -with the injuries being minor. Property Damage collisions were status quo from the previous year but we continue to be down overall Year to Date.
- South Bruce OPP officers participated in the Fall Seatbelt Campaign and Operation Impact over the Thanksgiving Long Weekend contributing to making our highways safer. Twenty-three seatbelt charges were laid during the Seatbelt Campaign. Sixty-two charges were laid over the Holiday weekend.
- Complaints of speeding on Geeson Avenue were explored. It is noted that there is no speed signs on this stretch of roadway and therefore it is not enforceable.

- Recommendation has been made to the Municipality to erect speed signs to assist in this area.
- S/Sgt Richardson attended the Walkerton Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th and laid the wreath on behalf of the Brockton PSB.
 - Sgt. Richardson will be reporting to Wellington County as Acting Inspector for three months. Sgt. Wilcox will be acting S/Sgt.

Detachment Commander Miller discussed an inquiry from a Board Member regarding Automatic License Reader (ALR) vehicles. ALR vehicles are equipped with a camera that displays a “hit”/message to an Officer if a license plate is expired. The equipment is effective, but does not provide enforcement. Officers will begin tracking the enforcement results manually to provide more information on the success of the ALR “hits”.

The Board discussed the cost the equipment, and whether Brockton could reach out to neighbouring Boards to jointly purchase another ALR, or else apply for a grant to purchase the ALR. Detachment Commander Miller informed the Board that Saugeen Shores purchased an ALR through the use of a grant.

The Board discussed the continued smoking concerns at Fischer Dairy Road in Walkerton as a result of changes to the *Smoke Free Ontario Act*, and their concerns for safety along the roadway.

11. Other Business

11.1 Police Presence on Bicycles

The Board discussed having a police presence along the trails, including the use of bicycles. Detachment Commander Miller explained that a plan is in place to send officers on a training course to be able to use the equipment.

11.2 Bruce Power Block Party 2020

The Board discussed the possibility of having a police presence available at the Bruce Power Block Party on July 18, 2020 in Walkerton.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

13. Motion for Adjournment

Moved By: James Lang Seconded by: Heather Froom

That we do now adjourn at 6:10 p.m. to meet again on December 12, 2019 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.