

Brockton Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2020 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 Tim Elphick, Sgt. Keegan Wilcox, and
Provincial Appointee Heather Frook

Staff: Secretary - Junior Deputy Clerk Sarah Johnson

Guest: Mayor Chris Peabody, Sgt. Marla Barfoot

Absent: Detachment Commander Krista Miller, Sgt. Paul Richardson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Two additional items were added to the agenda, Item 6.2 Invoice Payment for PSB Banner, and Item 9.6 O.P.P./Municipally-Owned Police Services Comparison

Chair Read invited Mayor Peabody to speak to Item 9.4 and 9.5 prior to Item 4.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Agenda for the February 20, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as amended.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2020

Moved By: Heather Frook Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Resignation of Provincial Appointee

Provincial Appointee, Jeff Hall, resigned from the Brockton Police Services Board via email on January 17, 2020.

The Board Secretary has contacted the Appointments Officer at the Office of the Solicitor General to notify them of the resignation. The Office will be in touch with details as to the process of recruiting a new Provincial Appointee.

5.1.1 Resolution to Accept Resignation

Moved By: Heather Frook Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby accept the resignation of Provincial Appointee Jeff Hall.

Carried.

5.2 Attendance at OAPSB 2020 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting

Chair Read expressed his interest in attending the conference, unless any other members wished to attend.

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve Brian Read attending the OAPSB 2020 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting on May 27-30, 2020 at the Toronto Eaton Centre.

Carried.

5.3 Police Services Board Training from Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor

The Board Secretary contacted Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor to arrange for the Board to receive provincial training. Mr. Sprague has offered to attend the March 19, 2020 or April 16, 2020 Brockton Police Services Board to provide required training.

Moved By: Heather Frook Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby invites Duane Sprague to attend the March 19, 2020 meeting from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in order to provide training to Board members.

Carried.

The Board agreed to have the regular meeting proceed at 4:15 p.m. following the training session.

5.4 Run for Health

Chair Read informed the Board that he had not received an update from Run 4 Health. Sgt. Wilcox confirmed that it is Run 4 Health's responsibility to contact the O.P.P. if they are requesting officers patrol the event.

Action: Chair Read to contact Run 4 Health to confirm details regarding the proposed route, and to contact the O.P.P. regarding officer involvement

6. Accounts

6.1 Accounts 01/10/20 to 02/05/20

Moved By: Tim Elphick Seconded By: Heather Frook

That the accounts be paid as follows:

6.1 Dates: 01/10/20 to 02/05/20 \$195,984.33

Carried.

6.2 Invoice for PSB Banner

The Board Secretary presented the invoice from Cox Signs for the Police Services Board's pull-up banner.

Moved By: Heather Frook Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board approve paying the invoice from Cox Signs in the amount of \$289.28 for the Board's pull-up banner.
Carried.

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 Black Cat Radar

The Board Secretary informed the Board that Brockton's Director of Operations, Gregory Furtney has contacted Northline, who have offered to complete a full diagnostic analysis on the system and battery for free. The Operations Department suggested that the radar be installed again in the spring to provide accurate readings.

The Board disagreed with the suggestion and discussed their eagerness to continue utilizing the radar throughout the winter.

Action: Board Secretary to inquire with the Director of Operations as to when the radar will be returned.

7.2 Court Security

Sgt. Wilcox reported that the Court Security Committee met last week and toured the Walkerton Courthouse with County of Bruce's Director of Corporate Services, Edward Henley.

The Board discussed the Court Security and Prisoner Transport grant.

Councillor Elphick inquired about the court security progress, and voiced the importance of accessibility, offering to make a motion to conduct a needs assessment of the Courthouse. The Board discussed the progress completed so far, and the Court Security Assessment Tool, suggested that Councillor Elphick connect with Detachment Commander Miller to gain a better understanding of the project's history.

7.3 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning community engagement survey has been advertised to all municipalities, and the cswbp-brucegrey.ca website has been launched. The survey has been advertised on the Municipality's community engagement website, [Build Your Brockton](#), and social media accounts. A paper survey has been distributed to the Municipal Office, and Walkerton and Cargill Libraries. The survey closes March 22.

7.4 Human Trafficking Grant/Community Awareness Session

Heather Froom reported that the session held at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre this morning had great attendance. Kincardine Police Services Board Secretary, Jenna Leifso is now inquiring about obtaining a larger room within the Kincardine Davidson Centre for the March 5 session due to the high response received.

The Human Trafficking Committee will meet again on February 24, 2020.

The Board discussed the importance of continuing to spread education and awareness of human trafficking. Sgt. Wilcox reminded the Board of organizations such as Violence Prevention Grey Bruce who advocate for such causes between both Bruce and Grey Counties. Violence Prevention Grey Bruce is hosting a session on March 26 and 27, 2020 in Port Elgin.

Ms. Frook informed the Board that VPI are interested in having a seminar or presentation at their office.

7.4.1 Expenses for Provincial Appointee's Attendance at Meetings/Sessions

Brian contacted the Chair of the Kincardine Police Services Board, Laura Haight, who informed him that the grant would not allow for personal expenses to be submitted.

The Board discussed Heather Frook's current expenses, and voiced their appreciation for her work on the committee.

Moved By: Brian Read Seconded By: Steve Adams
That the Brockton Police Services Board approve paying Provincial Appointee, Heather Frook's outstanding and future mileage expenses for the Human Trafficking Grant project up to an amount of \$500.00.
Carried.

Councillor Elphick suggested emailing the individuals who registered to attend the session through EventBrite to invite them to complete the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning survey.

The Board inquired if the School Resources Officer could present on this issue to high school students.

8. Information/Correspondence

8.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report

Date: January 1-31, 2020.

Presented for information.

9. New Business

9.1 Committee Appointment Amendments as per Municipality of Brockton By-Law 2020-015 (Welcome Councillor Tim Elphick to Brockton Police Services Board)

9.1.1 Resolution to Appoint New Vice Chair

Chair Read nominated Councillor Adams as Vice Chair. Heather Frook offered her nomination as Vice Chair. Councillor Adams declined the position, in favour of Ms. Frook.

Moved By: Brian Read Seconded By: Tim Elphick
That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby appoint Heather Frook as Vice Chair for the Board.
Carried.

9.2 OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting – March 10, 2020

Chair Read is not able to attend the meeting. Heather Frook will attend in Mr. Read's absence.

9.3 Road Safety Concern – Sideroad 5 and Concession 4

Councillor Adams received a concern from a resident regarding vehicles sliding off the road at Sideroad 5 and Concession 4. Councillor Adams and Brockton's Roads Supervisor, John Strader investigated the concern.

The speed limit is 60 km/hr. Mr. Strader suggested that a stop sign and corresponding stop sign warning signs could be installed on the road.

The Board discussed that the road is ill lit at night, and the sharp turn can be difficult to manage. The Board suggested installing newer signs with increased reflectivity, and visibility due to surrounding trees.

Sgt. Wilcox reported that the O.P.P. have no known reports or accidents in this area, and that the Ministry of Transportation would be a good resource for collision statistics.

The Board Secretary reminded the Board that the Municipality is accepting public comments regarding the Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law until March 2. A report will be brought forward at the March 10 Council Meeting to discuss the comments received regarding amending the By-Law.

Action: Board Secretary to discuss the signage suggestions with the Roads Supervisor.

9.4 Speeding and Nuisance Driving Complaint – Robinson Street and Colborne Street/Victoria Streets – Mayor Peabody

Mayor Peabody discussed complaints received regarding speeding near Sacred Heart High School. Individuals are speeding along Prince and Hinks Streets in Walkerton.

The Board discussed the provincial regulations regarding allowing radar cameras to be installed at community safety zones. The Board discussed that Council would need to make the school a community safety zone in order to install cameras there.

Sgt. Wilcox suggested that the School Resource Officer could be utilized. The School Resource Officer is actively involved in enforcement and education with the students.

The Board discussed utilizing the Black Cat Radar to assist with speeding concerns. Sgt. Wilcox reminded that there is a perception of speeding issues, and that the data from the radar often shows that speeding is not an issue. The O.P.P. can review previous data from Hinks Street, and utilize the School Resource Officer in the meantime until the Black Cat Radar has been returned.

Action: The Board asked that the O.P.P.'s School Resource Officer present to students at Sacred Heart High School.

The Board suggested investigating the process and costs of installing cameras at community safety zones.

Action: Mayor Peabody to ask Brockton's Clerk to bring forward a report to Council regarding installing cameras at community safety zones.

9.5 Maple Street Complaint – Mayor Peabody

Mayor Peabody discussed complaints he has received about the Hillside Motel. The Board discussed theft at the Walkerton Community Centre parking lot, and complaints from residents of Spitzig Avenue regarding trespassing in their backyard.

Mayor Peabody inquired with Bruce County Housing, and is consulting with social agencies, Y Family Services, and CMAH to discuss the issue of homelessness in the area. Mayor Peabody further addressed concerns with homelessness and addiction with the Minister of Community Services.

The Board discussed continuing education and awareness for the O.P.P.'s Lock It or Lose It Campaign to remind residents to lock their vehicles.

Action: Councillor Adams to ask Councillor James Lang to suggest that the Recreation Committee promote the Lock It or Lose It Campaign, and vehicle theft awareness at the Walkerton Community Centre.

Sgt. Wilcox reminded the Board to encourage residents to contact the O.P.P. regarding concerns of theft and trespassing. If the O.P.P. are not made aware, they cannot address the issues or complaints. The Board discussed the importance of having evidence of crimes and not being presumptive.

The Board discussed encampments that may arise again in the spring. Sgt. Wilcox reminded that the O.P.P. has limited authority, and cannot make an arrest. If a By-Law was developed, the Municipality would be the enforcement authority, but the O.P.P. could assist if required. The Board discussed the safety and security of residents and the By-Law enforcement officer when responding to such concerns.

Sgt. Wilcox informed the board that the YMCA and O.P.P. are working on a project planned to launch in the spring promoting shelter and social services available for individuals who are homeless. The resources are available, but it is up to the individual to pursue the resources.

Action: Mayor Peabody to inquire with Brockton's Clerk for an update on the camping By-Law.

9.6 O.P.P./Municipally-Owned Police Services Comparison

Mayor Peabody reported his dissatisfaction with the billing process for matters dealt with by municipally owned police services (i.e. West Grey), inquiring if

O.P.P. Municipalities are required to pay for the services provided, instead of the costs being borne by the municipally owned police services. The Board discussed that the O.P.P. is mandated to provide service regardless under the *Police Services Act*.

Mayor Peabody thanked the Board, and exited the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report – Date: January 2020

Sgt. Keegan Wilcox reviewed the O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report:

- No Sexual Assaults were reported in the month of January.
- The number of Assault complaints remain status quo compared to January 2019. Four out of the six were Domestic related. All of them occurred in the Town of Walkerton
- Break and Enters are down slightly.
- Theft Over complaints are down from five last year at this time. We are hopeful that this means that the Pocket Your Keys campaign has had an impact. We also know that good investigations led to the arrests and charges of a number of individuals responsible for these types of thefts over the past year.
- Theft Under was up slightly this month. There was a wide range of thefts of a variety of items from licence plates to Christmas lights. A couple of reports involved attempt entry to residences or outbuildings.
- An individual has been arrested and charged with a number of charges related to Break and Enter and Theft. It is believed that individual is responsible for a number of occurrences in January.
- Mischief reports are up slightly. Four out of the five appear to be targeted due to ongoing disputes between individuals. In one instance charges have been laid.
- Personal injury collisions and Property Damage collisions are down for the month of January.
- The second Human Trafficking Awareness Session took place today at the Walkerton Water Centre. Registration for the event was full more than a week ahead of time. For those who were unable to attend the next session will be held:
 - Thursday March 5th, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Kincardine Davidson Centre
- The Community Safety and Well Being (CSWB) Committee has launched a website, cswbp-brucegrey.ca. This website will provide community members with information about the CSWB planning process and progress. Community Engagement has started with the additional launch of the Community Safety and Well Being survey. This survey can be accessed via the website. The

survey will help us understand the current state of well-being and feelings of safety in the people of Bruce and Grey so we can work together to focus on local actions to improve the quality of life for everyone.

- Insp. Miller and A/5/Sgt Wilcox met with the new Director of Corporate Services for Bruce County, Edward Henley. Henley was provided a tour of the Walkerton Courthouse and brought up to speed on the history and Court Security recommendations of the Court Security Committee.

11. Other Business

11.1 O.P.P. News Releases

A resident sent O.P.P. news release information to Councillor Adams. Sgt. Wilcox informed the Board that the O.P.P. distribute their news releases through a portal, and that the releases are available for the public.

11.2 Business Cards

The Board inquired if business cards were ordered for Chair Read and Heather Frook. The Board Secretary informed the Board that a decision had not yet been made to accept the quotes that were sent via email.

Moved By: Brian Read Seconded By: Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve accepting the lowest quote for printing business cards for Chair Brian Read and Provincial Appointee Heather Frook.
Carried.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.

13. Motion for Adjournment

Moved By: Heather Frook Seconded by: Tim Elphick

That we do now adjourn at 6:17 p.m. to meet again on March 19, 2020 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.
Carried.