



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

**Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.
Electronic Meeting on Zoom Video Conferencing**

Board Members:

Chair, Brian Read	Present
Councillor, Steve Adams	Present
Councillor, Tim Elphick	Present
Provincial Appointee, Heather Froom	Absent
Jr. Deputy Clerk (Recording Secretary), Sarah Johnson	Present
Detachment Commander, Krista Miller	Present
Sgt. Keegan Wilcox	Absent

Guests:

Acting Staff Sgt. Patrick Armstrong	Present
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1. Call to Order

Chair, Brian Read called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller introduced Acting Staff Sgt. Patrick Armstrong to the Board.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved By: Tim Elphick Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Agenda for the September 17, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as presented.

Carried.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

4.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes – June 18, 2020

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

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

Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor is available to train the Board in-person. The Board will hold the training session at the Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium in order to maintain physical distancing.

The Board discussed their availability during the month of October for training.

Action: Chair, Brian Read, to confirm the training dates with Duane Sprague, and Board Secretary to confirm booking at Walkerton Community Centre.

5.2 Run 4 Heath

Chair, Brian Read confirmed that the event is being conducted virtually.

5.3 Crime Stoppers

The Board confirmed that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approved donating \$2,000 for the 2020 calendar year to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. The Board discussed the valuable service Crime Stoppers provides, and their willingness to continue donating to the organization in 2021. Chair, Brian Read will advocate that other Police Services Boards also donate to the organization.

5.4 Community Watch

The Board discussed the importance of reporting crimes to the O.P.P. and increasing community involvement and engagement. Board Secretary, Sarah Johnson advised that reporting reminders were included in several editions of the Brockton Buzz Newsletter, and were advertised through the Municipal website and social media. Ms. Johnson further reported that reminders of reporting crime were included in many COVID-19 Information Bulletins distributed by the Municipality. The Board directed the Secretary to advertise the importance of reporting on the East Ridge Business Park (ERBP) sign.

Action: Board Secretary, Sarah Johnson to advertise the importance of community involvement in reporting crimes to the O.P.P. on the ERBP sign.

Councillor Tim Elphick inquired for statistics from online reporting for the Municipality of Brockton. Detachment Commander, Krista Miller will investigate if the Province breaks down reports by Municipality.

6. Accounts

6.1	Police Accounts - Dates: 06/19/20 to 08/04/20	\$392,782.15
6.2	Police Accounts - Dates: 08/05/20 to 08/20/20	\$391,914.74
6.3	Police Accounts - Dates: 08/21/20 to 09/03/20	\$195,860.00

Moved By: Tim Elphick Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the accounts be paid as follows:

Dates: 06/19/20 to 08/04/20	\$392,782.15
Dates: 08/05/20 to 08/20/20	\$391,914.74
Dates: 08/21/20 to 09/03/20	\$195,860.00

Carried.

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 Black Cat Radar

7.1.1 BlackCat Speed Radar - Ridout Street Evaluation - Report PW2020-20

Chair, Brian Read noted the fewer number of vehicles travelling on the road in comparison to 2019, likely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Councillors' Adams and Elphick discussed the dates of installation in comparison to 2019's data, and the positioning of the speed humps. Detachment Commander Krista Miller noted that the initial report showed no need for enforcement on Ridout Street.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller explained the O.P.P.'s new process for the Black Cat Radar since all for South Bruce Municipalities use the software and complaints can be dealt with efficiently and fairly for all four (4) municipalities.

A new officer has been put in charge of the Black Cat Radar, and communicates with the municipal contact regarding the process and data retrieved, and how deployment will occur. The officer created a tracking mechanism for each municipality's radar

process to ensure the O.P.P. are made aware of the concern and who the concern was from. The officer will contact the Municipality and request that the radar be deployed in a particular location. Once the radar is up for a period of time, the report will be received back and the O.P.P. will analyze the data and determine the enforcement needed, if required.

Ms. Miller advised the information required by the O.P.P. when deploying the radar in order to provide accurate results.

7.1.2 Sideroad 15 Evaluation Report

The Board discussed the results, and number of vehicles speeding on the road. Detachment Commander Krista Miller remarked on the need for enforcement, and that a focus patrol could be organized based on the additional data received from the Municipality.

Councillor Tim Elphick discussed the construction on Highway 4 and its possible impact on the data collection. Ms. Miller advised it would be helpful for the O.P.P. to be aware of traffic re-routes and work directly with Municipal staff to install the radar during appropriate times.

7.1.3 George Street Evaluation Report

The Board discussed the results, noting that the radar was installed when the road was torn up. Detachment Commander Krista Miller reminded the Board that the information regarding deployment decisions is confidential in order to maintain the credibility of the radar in receiving accurate results.

Ms. Miller noted that complaints received by the public should be provided to O.P.P. so that officers can contact the individual to provide additional details of their concern, and pass along information to the officer who will work with the Municipality to deploy the radar.

Ms. Miller reminded about the perception of speeding, and the assistance in having O.P.P. talk to the public to address concerns and determine the context of the issue, and be able to properly respond, and educate about the results.

Board Secretary, Sarah Johnson, advised that the Municipality have scheduled deployment of the radar for the next few months. Ms. Miller advised that the O.P.P. should be aware of the deployment schedule in order to further assist.

Ms. Miller noted that based on the data received, additional enforcement is not required on Ridout and George Streets.

7.1.4 Bruce County Road Requests

Board Secretary, Sarah Johnson advised that the Municipality gave the Board's requests to the County of Bruce for County-owned roads, and that Municipal staff were informed that the County has their own process for the radar and results may not be distributed back to the Municipality.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller noted that the O.P.P. have the same process in place as the County, and that the County will inform the O.P.P. of the results.

7.2 Court Security

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller stated that the courts opened on September 14, 2020. The Ministry of the Attorney General completed a COVID-19 assessment in August with stakeholders. The Ministry hired a security company to do the COVID-19 screening and monitor distancing. Court security officers continue their regular duties. An app and paper copies of the screening are also available.

Ms. Miller explained the additional security processes in the courthouse, including the face coverings, virtual and audio methods of continuing services.

The committee continues to meet, and still consider the single point entry issue, however COVID-19 takes precedence.

7.3 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

7.3.1 Police Services Board Input on Brockton Community Profile

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller informed the Board that the Advisory and Municipal Committees continue to meet. Every municipality will have a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan including a Community Profile. Board Secretary, Sarah Johnson informed the Board that the Municipal Clerk would appreciate the Police Services Board's input on the Municipality of Brockton's Community Profile.

Ms. Miller further explained that the survey was completed, and results were broken down into risk factors for each municipality and action tables with available existing services in order to assist in addressing risks. Grey Bruce will have a Plan as well which will be adopted.

The Coordinator has presented to the Committees the draft of the plan, and is collecting Community Profiles, risk indicators, and action tables. Ms. Miller noted that Grey Bruce has been proactive in continuing work on the Plan in comparison to other communities in Ontario.

7.4 Human Trafficking Grant

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller informed the board that the current Coordinator has received a full-time job at another organization, so the committee will connect with the Municipality of Kincardine to begin hiring a new Coordinator. The school boards are still interested in having the Anti-Human Trafficking as part of the curriculum however the project is on-hold due to the pandemic. The committee needs to complete the first portion of the grant by year-end and then apply for the 2021 portion which is focused on youth.

The Board discussed advocating for anti-human trafficking by displaying posters in high traffic areas. Detachment Commander Miller advised that hospitality establishments are aware of the topic, and educate their staff. Ms. Miller will further inquire if Violence Prevention Grey Bruce still have posters available.

8. Information

8.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report - June 2020

8.2 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report – July 2020

8.3 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report – August 2020

9. New Business Brought Forward

9.1 By-Law Discussion

Detachment Commander Krista Miller informed the Board that all Municipalities under contract with O.P.P. have the ability to have the O.P.P. enforce specific By-Laws. Ms. Miller is inquiring with all Municipalities under the South Bruce Detachment if they have agreements in place as to which By-Laws the O.P.P. would agree to enforce. The By-Laws must be reviewed annually.

Board Secretary, Sarah Johnson will inquire with the Municipal Clerk and search through the Municipality's records for any agreements.

Action: Board Secretary, Sarah Johnson to search the Municipality of Brockton's records for By-Laws that are to be enforced by the O.P.P.

Councillor Elphick inquired about enforcement using Part I tickets. Ms. Miller advised that the O.P.P. uses Part I tickets in the Municipality of Kincardine to enforce parking and Public Nuisance By-Laws.

The Board discussed their suggestions of By-Laws the O.P.P. could assist the Municipality in enforcing.

9.2 2021 Budget

Chair, Brian Read inquired on the status of the 2021 Budget Deliberations. Board Secretary, Sarah Johnson informed the Board that the Municipal Finance Department has begun reviewing budgets with department heads, which will likely not be finalized as first drafts until November.

9.3 Remembrance Day

Chair, Brian Read inquired about the 2020 Remembrance Day event due to the COVID-19 pandemic since the Board usually includes a wreath in the ceremony. Detachment Commander Krista Miller stated that the O.P.P. has received a letter from the Royal Canadian Legion but has not heard anything yet about the ceremony details.

10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller presented her Report for June to August 2020:

- We continue to have significantly fewer Sexual Assault reports Year to Date compared to 2019.
- The number of Assault complaints were up slightly during this time period. More than 50% were Domestic related. Three of those occurrences involved the same people.
- There were three Assault Police charges laid during these three months due to officers being spit on.
- Break and Enters decreased during this time period but are up Year to Date.
- Theft Over complaints continue to be down significantly for the time period and Year to Date. Theft Under complaints decreased during this time period.
- Fraud and Mischief complaints continue to decrease.
- Personal Injury collisions continue to be down for this time period and significantly down Year to Date.

- Property Damage collision returned to historical numbers this summer but we continue to see the benefits of less collisions overall Year to Date.
- Focused Patrols occurred this summer targeting youth out on their bikes and encouraging bike safety and rules of the road education. Officers presented youth with "Positive Tickets" when they caught them doing something right, ie. Wearing their helmet, using their hand signals etc.
- The Community Safety and Well Being (CSWB) Committee have had the County survey results collated for Grey and Bruce results. Almost 2,000 residents completed the survey. The top three risks identified for Grey-Bruce were Addictions/Substance misuse, Mental Health and Crime Prevention. Further analysis is being completed for each municipality profile and identified risks. Strategy development and sustainability planning will be next steps in the fall along with the final completion of the plan.
- Further work in being completed for the Community Safety and Policing grant addressing Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking, with planning taking place to create the presentation for the School Board curriculum. Unfortunately our Coordinator, Chelsea DONOHUE, has had to resign due to obtaining full time employment with Children and Family Services. We would like to thank Chelsea for her hard work and contributions to this project and wish her well in her future career. Steps will need to be taken to identify a new Coordinator.
- The MOU for the Police/Hospital Transfer of Care Protocol for Grey-Bruce has been finalized and signed. This protocol involves both OPP detachments, the four Municipal Police Services and the three Hospital groups in Grey-Bruce. This is the first time in the province a collaboration of this size has occurred. The Transfer of Care protocol will benefit those individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in their transfer from police to hospital staff and ensuring the proper care.
- We are anticipating the launch of our collaboration with CMHA-GB of the Mobile Mental Health and Addictions Response Team (MMHART). This project will team CMHA Mental Health workers with South Bruce officers responding to Mental Health and Addictions calls for service. We are extremely hopeful this will assist in preventing unnecessary Emergency Department visits and providing proper resources and support to those experiencing Mental Health and Addictions Crises at the right place and right time.
- Insp Miller and A/S/Sgt Wilcox have met regularly with the Brockton Emergency Control Group over the past few months regarding response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Insp Miller presented the South Bruce OPP Year End Report to Brockton Council on Aug 11th

- We have done some work with the Roads Department, Director of Operations, around the MSVA, providing education and advice in response to a community concern.
- Our Community Safety Officer worked with the Deputy Clerk to advertise the availability of On-line reporting in the Brockton Buzz.
- The Walkerton Courthouse resumed in person court proceedings as of September 14th . A Covid Assessment was completed in August by Occupational Health and Safety Support for Recovery Secretariat, Ministry of the Attorney General. This report provided guidance and recommendations on ensuring a safe opening for all visitors and staff to the Courthouse, including additional staff hired by MAG to conduct Covid screening at the front entrance and social distancing and mask rules compliance throughout the building. Court Security measures remain status quo. We anticipate virtual bails to continue resulting in continued less prisoner transportation to and from the courthouse. Our Special Constables are required to wear full PPE including face shields while in the cell area due to the lack of available space for social distancing.
- Both the South Bruce OPP offices opened back up to the public as of Monday September 14th. Criminal Record Checks have been completely transferred to the online process.
- The OPP Strategic Plan for 2020-2022 has been released and an electronic copy has been provided to the Municipality of Brockton.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller responded to questions from Council, noting that charges are still laid for marijuana possession; however, fentanyl and opioids are more of a concern.

Ms. Miller explained that the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan will assist in addressing social issues that contribute to crime.

The Board discussed the altered process for obtaining criminal record checks.

Councillor Elphick inquired about driving statistics for impaired drivers, noting that Brockton is investigating a transit service with Grey County and there will be an impact on visitors to the community.

Councillor Elphick asked Detachment Commander Krista Miller to bring back a report on failure to attend court statistics.

11. Other Business

11.1 COVID-19 Safety in Jails

Councillor Steve Adams inquired about the COVID-19 safety in jails, further asking about the impact of individuals being allowed to leave be

in general population. Detachment Commander Krista Miller explained the bail process, and the movement to limiting the number of prisoners in the jail system; noting that the statistics have shown a decrease in property crimes.

11.2 Hinks Street/Cemetery Road Crosswalk

Councillor Steve Adams discussed the proposed crosswalk at Hinks Street and Cemetery Road in Walkerton which has been brought forward to Council. Warning signs have been installed to notify residents that pedestrians are crossing.

The Board discussed whether the additional signs were confusing or helpful.

Councillor Tim Elphick advised that Municipal staff are conducting traffic and pedestrian counts. Councillor Elphick discussed the large influx at the schools due to the limited drop-off times due to the pandemic.

11.3 Excessive Noise Complaints

Councillor Tim Elphick noted he informed a resident to contact O.P.P. regarding their concerns of loud vehicles and increased traffic on Hinks Street.

Councillor Elphick inquired if the O.P.P. had a campaign for excessive noise, including local campaigns. Councillor Elphick and Councillor Steve Adams mentioned examples of loud trucks driving through the community.

Acting Staff Sgt. Patrick Armstrong reported that the O.P.P. do general enforcement under the Highway Traffic Act. Sgt. Armstrong explained the legislation and educational components that are promoted prior to laying charges.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller stressed the importance of having residents call O.P.P. at the time of incident in order to better improve the response and enforcement provided.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded by: Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourns at 6:15 p.m. to meet again on October 15, 2020 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.