

Report to Council

Report Title: BlackCat Speed Radar Procedure

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Report Number: PW2020-31 **File Number:** C11PW

Attachments: Speeding Complaint Form,
BlackCat Install Request Form,

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2020-31 - BlackCat Speed Radar Procedure, prepared by Cally Mann, Municipal Executive Coordinator for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

In 2018, staff purchased the BlackCat Speed Radar as per the Police Services Board request and since the purchase, it has been deployed on a number of streets collecting speed and other traffic data. In 2019, there were some technical issues with the BlackCat Radar which resulted in it being sent back to the supplier for maintenance. It was returned to Brockton Municipal Staff in the spring of 2020.

Currently, speeding and other traffic related complaints are being received by Members of Council, Brockton Municipal Staff, Members of the Brockton Police Services Board, and Officers at the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment. Complaints and requests are being collected by each party but are difficult to track. Data that is collected by Municipal Staff, from the BlackCat Radar, is forwarded to the OPP for analysis. Municipal Staff are not experts in this particular field. Once the data is analyzed by members of the OPP, they then take control of the process. In speaking with OPP Members, it became clear that a new standard operating procedure needed to be written and implemented.

Analysis:

In the past couple of months, the number of complaints to municipal staff and Members of Council has increased, and as a result, staff have created, in collaboration with and under the guidance/ direction of the OPP, the "BlackCat Speed Radar Procedure". This new standard operating procedure will allow complaints to be received, tracked, and addressed by the OPP first. The OPP will then ask Municipal staff to assist, putting up the BlackCat Radar, when and if necessary.

Having this procedure will give clarity to the roles and responsibilities of each agency and allow the experts to lead the process. The role of the Municipality will simply be to record and forward the complaints to the OPP and to deploy, retrieve, and then forward the BlackCat Radar data to the OPP, when asked to do so. The OPP will speak with the complainant, and guide that process from there.

The following is proposed as the procedure for any speeding or enforcement complaints moving forward:

1. Complaint is received.
 - a. Once a complaint is received, the complainant is required to fill out the Speeding Complaint form. This will ensure that all the information is trackable, there is a method of contacting the complainant and that the appropriate parties have the information required.
2. Complaint is sent to the Ontario Provincial Police contact
 - a. Once the complaint has been provided to the Ontario Provincial Police contact, they will conduct a review or interview the complainant to determine if action is required – whether it be additional patrols, the installation of the BlackCat Speed Radar, etc.
3. Install Request is submitted to the Municipal Executive Coordinator
 - a. Should the Ontario Provincial Police contact determine that the BlackCat Speed Radar needs to be installed, the Municipal Executive Coordinator will receive the BlackCat Install Request form and make the appropriate arrangements for installation.
 - b. This request is to be completed based off available staff time and access to the roadway (i.e. construction)
4. Data sent to the Ontario Provincial Police
 - a. Once collected, the data is sent to the Ontario Provincial Police contact for review.
5. Recommendation is provided to the Police Service Board
 - a. After the data has been reviewed by the Ontario Provincial Police contact, a recommendation will be provided to the Police Services Board.
6. Recommendation is provided to Brockton Council, if required.
 - a. Should a traffic calming measure be required, the Police Services Board will make a recommendation to the Municipality of Brockton Council for approval.

By providing the complaint to the OPP, they are able to ensure that all speeding and enforcement complaints or requests are in one place and reviewed as needed. Having this process in place will allow for increased communication, traceability and could result in quicker action.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

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