



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 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	Present
Provincial Appointee, Carl Kuhnke	Present
Jr. Deputy Clerk (Recording Secretary), Sarah Johnson	Present
Detachment Commander, Krista Miller	Absent
Acting Staff Sgt. Patrick Armstrong	Present

1. Call to Order

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

The Chair welcomed the new Provincial Appointee, Carl Kuhnke, to the Board and introduced the Board members.

Acting S/Sgt. Patrick Armstrong is taking over Sgt. Keegan Wilcox's position at the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment while Sgt. Wilcox is deployed at another Detachment. Sgt. Armstrong will attend the Brockton Police Services Board Meetings until Sgt. Wilcox returns.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved By: Tim Elphick Seconded By: Carl Kuhnke

That the Agenda for the October 15, 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

Councillor Elphick corrected that paragraph four under Item 7.1.3 referred to Sideroad 15 and not George Street. The Secretary will amend the minutes to reflect that change.

4.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes – September 17, 2020

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as amended.

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

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

The Board voiced their appreciation for the training session that was completed on October 7, 2020.

5.2 By-Law Discussion

Sgt. Armstrong notified the Board on O.P.P. enforceable By-Laws that were located at the South Bruce Detachment. The Board discussed the enforceability and its potential impact on the Municipality's contract with the O.P.P. It was noted that the By-Law Enforcement Officer will continue to enforce the Municipality's By-Laws, and the Municipality would need to decide which By-Laws the O.P.P. could assist in enforcing through a formal agreement, and could review annually as per the Police Services Act.

Action: Chair, Brian Read requested that the matter be included in the next Police Services Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

5.3 Court Statistics

Sgt. Armstrong reported that if individuals fail to attend/appear in court within the Municipality of South Bruce and Brockton the costs are charged to the courthouse, and municipal services offences are charged to the separate Municipalities and not the Walkerton Courthouse.

Councillor Elphick requested clarity on the rationale of charges, and the amount of offences laid in the Municipality of Brockton since the O.P.P. Detachment is responsible for the South Bruce region. Sgt. Armstrong

directed that the question would need to be deferred to the Detachment Commander.

Action: Chair, Brian Read requested that the matter be included in the next Police Services Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

Councillor Steve Adams entered the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

6. Accounts

6.1 Police Accounts - Dates: 09/04/20 to 10/07/20 \$62.16

Moved By: Tim Elphick Seconded By: Carl Kuhnke

That the accounts be paid as follows:

Dates: 09/04/20 to 10/07/20 \$62.16

Carried.

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 2021 Budget

The Board discussed the O.P.P. contract wages, noting that the calls for service are adjusted and the Board does not have control over those finances.

Chair, Brian Read, noted that the phone accounts should remove the courtroom pager reference.

The Board noted that the policing contract should be adjusted and/or clarified once the new costs arrive.

The Board discussed purchasing equipment to suppress speed and calm traffic, and whether that purchase would be included in the 2021 Budget, or if it could be taken out of reserve funds.

The Board discussed the benefit of data collection, and the Black Cat Radar. The Board Secretary confirmed that the Black Cat Radar does have the ability to conduct traffic counts.

Action: Board Secretary to inquire with the Municipality's Chief Financial Officer regarding equipment purchasing.

The Board suggested including \$10,000 in the supplies budget.

The Board discussed donating to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, and whether funds could be included in the Board's budget for annual donations to the organization.

Action: Board Secretary to inquire with the Municipality's Chief Financial Officer regarding donations.

The Board noted a gap in the service agreements.

The Board suggested including a separate line item for traffic enforcement initiatives.

The Board noted the actual budgeted amounts do not match the current 2020 budget, and should be updated.

Action: Chair, Brian Read, to inquire with the Municipality's Chief Financial Officer for clarification on the 2021 Brockton PSB Budget.

7.2 Black Cat Radar

The Municipality of Brockton and South Bruce O.P.P. are working on a procedure for the Black Cat Radar, which will be presented in a report to Council.

The Board Secretary clarified that the Brockton Police Services Board would still receive data reports from the radar. Sgt. Armstrong referred Councillor Elphick's inquiries on the O.P.P.'s intention with receiving statistics and data to the Detachment Commander.

7.3 Court Security

Sgt. Armstrong reported that officers have begun setting up testimonies and videos rather than continuing in-person at the courthouse

7.4 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan deadline has been extended to April 1, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A draft plan was presented to the Steering and Advisory Committees and will come to County Councils for approval, and then Municipal Councils later in the year.

7.5 Human Trafficking Grant

Sgt. Armstrong emailed Anti-Human Trafficking posters to the Board.

The Municipality of Kincardine is hoping to hire their new Coordinator and continue with the grant programs. The posters will be distributed in

schools and hotels. The Board noted other high traffic areas that posters could be displayed in to gather increased awareness.

8. Information

8.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report – September 2020

9. New Business Brought Forward

9.1 New Provincial Appointment to the Brockton Police Services Board

Carl Kuhnke was welcomed to the Board.

9.2 Hinks Street/Yonge Street and McGivern Street Intersection Temporary Road Closure

Chair, Brian Read, discussed a speeding complaint received from a Hinks Street resident. The Board further discussed the temporary road closure at the Yonge Street and McGivern Street Intersection that was recently announced this afternoon by the Municipality of Brockton, which is planned to occur on October 19, and 26, 2020. The Board noted the detour signs on Hinks Street, and voiced concerns for resident safety due to the potential increased traffic along the road due to the detour/road closure.

Councillor Elphick suggested that the Board consider paid duty O.P.P. officers to be present for the temporary road closure to ensure traffic enforcement and public safety. Sgt. Armstrong will obtain the cost for paid duty officers and email the Board.

The Board Secretary reminded the Board that the road closure was only recently announced to Municipal staff and Council this afternoon, and has not yet been advertised to the public since the Director of Operations is confirming details of the detours. The Municipality will advertise the temporary road closure once details are finalized.

The Board debated whether to consult Municipal staff, such as the Director of Operations prior to deciding whether to hire paid duty O.P.P. officers.

Councillor Elphick inquired if the School Resource Officer could contribute hours to the road closure. Sgt. Armstrong advised that the officer has different tasks to complete and would be difficult to dedicate the position to the road closure.

The Board discussed parking concerns along Hinks Street due to the detour.

Councillor Adams inquired for clarification on what the O.P.P. would be enforcing. Chair, Brian Read agreed to consult with the Director of Operations to obtain further information on the detours, and possible enforcement needed.

Carl Kuhnke noted the short timeframe in decision-making since the road would be closed as of Monday, October 19, 2020.

Councillor Elphick inquired if the Board should pay an officer for four (4) or eight (8) hour shifts.

Heather Froom inquired about school crossing guards on Hinks Street. Councillor Adams advised that the crossing guard must be employed by the Municipality of Brockton in order to be covered under insurance and liability. The Board discussed whether the Municipality's By-Law Enforcement Officer could be assigned to the location.

Councillor Adams and Chair, Brian Read suggested that the Board Secretary inquire with the Municipality's Director of Operations and Clerk, voicing the Board's concerns and hopes for enforcement, and report back to the Board tomorrow.

Councillor Elphick discussed the Board's identified need for resources, and that the Board proceed to pay for the paid-duty officers out of their budget. Chair Read inquired if the Board required approval from the Municipality's Chief Financial Officer to authorize the funds since the Municipality has the contract with O.P.P.

Councillor Elphick suggested that the cost be taken out of reserve funds. Councillor Elphick and Carl Kuhnke favoured passing a motion authorizing hiring paid-duty officers for the temporary road closure.

Councillor Elphick reported that the Director of Operations responded via email to clarify that the road would be closed all-day and that emergency services had been notified of the closure, which is occurring in collaboration with the contractor.

Moved By: Tim Elphick Seconded By: Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board authorize up to \$1,500 from the Brockton Police Services Board Reserve Fund for paid-duty O.P.P.

services on October 19 and October 26, 2020 for eight (8) hours each day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Carried.

9.3 Farm Safety

Heather Frook requested that advertising be placed on the East Ridge Business Park Sign reminding residents to drive slow and be aware of farmers and slow-moving vehicles.

Action: Heather Frook to email the Board Secretary appropriate signage to advertise for farm safety. Board Secretary to advertise on the East Ridge Business Park LED Sign.

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

A/S/Sgt. Patrick Armstrong presented Detachment Commander, Krista Miller's Report.

- We continue to have significantly fewer Sexual Assault reports Year to Date compared to 2019.
- The number of Assault complaints were down slightly during this time period. All were Domestic related.
- Break and Enters decreased during this time period but are up Year to Date.
- We have experienced a spate of vehicle thefts in South Bruce over the past month. These contribute to our Theft Over statistics. 92% of the vehicles stolen had keys left in them. Two of the stolen vehicles were from Brockton – one sedan and one pickup truck. We have completed media messaging regarding Pocket Your Keys in an attempt to get the message out to the public.
- Frauds remain status quo for YTD.
- Mischiefs continue to trend downward.
- Although the Personal Injury collisions were up slightly this month we continue to see the benefit of less Motor Vehicle Collisions overall YTD.
- Three individuals were charged with being Impaired By Alcohol in the month of September and one person was charged with Refusing to Provide a Breath Sample.

- Two Motorcycles were stopped simultaneously for Stunt Driving (driving over 50 km over the speed limit). Their MC's were impounded and they lost their driver's licences for 7 days.
- The media launch for the signed MOU for the Police/Hospital Transfer of Care Protocol for Grey-Bruce took place at the Hanover Hospital on Oct 9th. Representatives from both OPP detachments, the four Municipal Police Services and the three Hospital groups in Grey-Bruce met for a socially distanced photo opportunity to celebrate the protocol.

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.

- Virtually training is continuing for the Police/Hospital Transfer of Care Protocol. A/S/Sgt WILCOX and representatives from the Health Centres and CMHA created the virtual training and are presenting it to members of all involved Police Services and Hospital Groups to ensure success of the Transfer of Care Protocol.
- 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. An Orientation Schedule for the assigned CMHA workers is occurring at the Walkerton office on October 14th.

Sgt. Armstrong explained that online reporting statistics and the number of times the reporting system was used by Brockton residents. Sgt. Armstrong responded to questions regarding vehicle theft.

11. Other Business

11.1 Information Sharing Meeting

Chair, Brian Read informed the Board that he and Heather Frook would been meeting with Municipal Clerk, Fiona Hamilton and Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Watson on October 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss protocol on information sharing, and communication between the Board and Council. Chair Read discussed developing a business plan for the Board.

11.2 O.P.P. Media Releases

Councillor Elphick inquired if the Board could be included in communications to stay informed of O.P.P. Media Releases.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 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 6:24 p.m. to meet again on November 19, 2020 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.