



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

**Thursday, November 19, 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
Provincial Appointee, Carl Kuhnke	Present
Jr. Deputy Clerk (Recording Secretary), Sarah Johnson	Present
Detachment Commander, Krista Miller	Present
Acting Staff Sgt. Patrick Armstrong	Present

Guest:

Sarah Cowley	Present
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1. Call to Order

Chair, Brian Read called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

The Board welcomed Sarah Cowley to the meeting.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

The Board Secretary added an item under New Business on the 2020-2022 O.P.P. R.I.D.E. Grant Program Agreement.

Moved By: Carl Kuhnke Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Agenda for the November 19, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as amended with the addition of 10.4 2020-2022 O.P.P. R.I.D.E. Grant Program Agreement.

Carried.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Delegation

4.1 Sarah Cowley, Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Sarah Cowley reviewed her presentation to the Board, and responded to inquiries, advising that the Plan would be reviewed annually at a minimum, and will be in effect for a 5 year term. Ms. Cowley noted that the plan is meant to be long-term, and its implementation is dependent upon action plans.

The Board voiced their appreciation for Ms. Cowley, and the Advisory and Steering Committees work. The Board discussed the need to ensure that the Plan is implemented, and the costs associated with it.

Ms. Cowley discussed the resources and experience used in developing the Plan, as well as the partnerships and networking included. It was noted that costs will be involved with implementation; however there is a collective voice advocating for funding and change in Grey Bruce based on the risks identified.

5. Adoption of the Minutes

5.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes – October 15, 2020

The Board noted that Item 9.2 was discussed prior to receiving additional information from the Municipality of Brockton about the temporary road closure detour routes. Following the October 15, 2020 Board Meeting, Board members corresponded via email with Municipal Staff and the O.P.P. and proceeded not to engage the services of the O.P.P. for the temporary road closure.

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Carl Kuhnke

That the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as presented.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 By-Law Discussion

The Board discussed the By-Laws that could be enforced by the O.P.P., and agreed to meet with Municipal Staff, including the By-Law Enforcement Officer to obtain staff opinion on how the O.P.P. could assist in enforcement. Once the By-Laws were chosen, and an agreement was

in place, Brockton Council could be advised regarding progress on enforcement and use of police services.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that the O.P.P. would prefer that the By-Law Enforcement Officer enforce Municipal By-Laws first, and if require additional assistance, O.P.P. could be contacted to help enforce the By-Laws requested. If an agreement were signed, the By-Laws would be reviewed annually as per the Police Services Act.

The Board agreed to bring the item forward at the next meeting.

Action: Board Secretary to discuss the matter with the Municipal Clerk and PSB Chair.

6.2 Court Statistics

Councillor Tim Elphick inquired for an update on court statistics. Detachment Commander Krista Miller reported that she inquired with the Municipal Policing Bureau, and O.P.P. Detachment Commanders and explained the process that is completed Province-wide to ensure that the charge is accurately tracked by the O.P.P. and the original investigating agency maintains carriage over the fail to attend court charge.

6.3 Farm Safety

The Board Secretary confirmed that farm safety advertisements have been displayed on the East Ridge Business Park LED Sign. The Board suggested addressing the topic again in the future due to its importance in the community.

6.4 O.P.P. Report

Councillor Steve Adams thanked the O.P.P. for their input and assistance, and inquired about impaired charges. Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that impaired statistics are included in the monthly reports and are monitored closely. Ms. Miller described the communications and actions completed regarding impaired driving, including Festive R.I.D.E., media releases, and advertisements.

Ms. Miller responded to inquiries on the hospital transfer process, noting that the transfer of care has improved, and communication has increased to strengthen relationships. Training has also been completed for hospital staff to better understand the legislation, and procedure.

7. Accounts

The Board noted that the retiree benefits are expected to expire in 2022.

7.1 Police Accounts - Dates: 10/08/20 to 10/15/20 \$560.78

7.2 Police Accounts - Dates: 10/21/20 to 11/06/20 \$11,895.00

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Carl Kuhnke

That the accounts be paid as follows:

Dates: 10/08/20 to 10/15/20 \$560.78

Dates: 10/21/20 to 11/06/20 \$11,895.00

Carried.

8. Items Carried Forward

8.1 2021 Budget

The Board reviewed the draft 2021 Budget, and advocated for traffic calming devices, such as solar speeding signs. The Chair advised that the costs can vary for such devices, but are estimated at \$4,000 per sign. The Board agreed to keep the \$10,000 in Supplies for such equipment purchases.

The Board agreed to include \$2,000 for a donation to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce.

The Board Secretary responded to an inquiry on the process for fines, and parking infractions.

The Board agreed to include \$5,000 for the implementation of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan under Service Agreements in accordance with the Police Services Act.

Moved By: Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the 2021 Budget as amended.

Carried.

8.2 Black Cat Radar

8.2.1 Black Cat Radar Procedure - Report PW2020-31

The Board debated the procedure, and its main intention, noting their confusion, and reluctance to have members of the public complete the speeding complaint form due to fear of accountability. Detachment Commander Krista Miller suggested that members of Council, Municipal staff, and the PSB complete the form in order to provide the forms to O.P.P. to follow up with complainants directly.

The Board also disagreed with the direction that the O.P.P. would delegate the installation of the radar. Detachment Commander Krista Miller clarified that the Board would still have control over the equipment, and could use the radar for other purposes besides speeding.

The Board Secretary explained the proposed intention of the procedure to assist in tracking the radar's installation and speeding enforcement reports, and ensure that information on speeding complaints are relayed to the O.P.P.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller reported that officers met with municipal staff to develop a formal process that was track-able, and would assist the O.P.P. Residents are still encouraged to contact O.P.P. to report offences. Officers prefer to know the complainant and converse with them to understand the complaint, and better enforce if required.

The Board agreed to meet with Municipal staff to address their concerns with the procedure and obtain clarification.

Action: Board Secretary to arrange electronic meeting with PSB Chair Brian Read and Councillor Tim Elphick and the Municipal Director of Operations regarding the Black Cat Radar Procedure.

The Board discussed the benefits of the radar device, and its ability to assist in speeding enforcement.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller noted that due to the confidential nature of the data, and its importance to the O.P.P. the radar data reports should not be publicly available.

8.3 Court Security

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller advised that there has been an increase in trial notices for officers, and the Walkerton Courthouse is planning for Phase 3 opening in January 2021. Bail hearings continue to occur virtually, and trials and/or testimonies are being adjusted for electronic participation.

8.4 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby recommends that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton endorse the Grey Bruce Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Carried.

8.5 Human Trafficking Grant

The Board discussed the Kincardine Police Services Board grant, and the direction provided via email to the Brockton PSB. Detachment Commander, Krista Miller, clarified that the second phase of the grant focused on youth and the Kincardine PSB had partnered with the school boards to bring human trafficking awareness into the curriculum. Representatives from the school have liaised with the Committee and School Resource Officers to implement the program throughout Grey Bruce. Ms. Miller advised that at this time, the Brockton PSB does not have a role to play, but may be able to assist again in the future depending on grant implementation.

Ms. Miller provided anti-human trafficking posters to the Board from Violence Prevention Grey Bruce. The Board suggested displaying posters in high traffic areas of the community, and on the East Ridge Business Park LED Sign.

9. Information

9.1 Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report – October 2020

10. New Business Brought Forward

10.1 2021 OAPSB Membership Renewal

The Board Secretary reported that the 2021 OAPSB Membership had been renewed. The Chair reported that all OAPSB meetings will continue virtually.

10.2 2021 O.P.P. Annual Billing Statement – Report FIN2020-35

The Board discussed the report, noting that the Community Safety Prisoner Transport (CSPT) Grant has not yet been received, and that an 11.5% increase would occur if the Grant were not available.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller responded to inquiries about calls for service, and explained the process for dropped calls.

The Board voiced their preference for better understanding the billing model, and suggested that a delegation be invited to attend a future PSB meeting.

Councillor Tim Elphick inquired about a breakdown for calls for service, and the preference for identifying Brockton calls for service within the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment.

10.3 Draft Brockton Police Services Board Governance By-Law

The Board Secretary reported that a Governance By-Law is being drafted to assist the Board in fulfilling legislative requirements for information sharing with Brockton Council, and maintaining Code of Conduct.

10.4 2020-2022 O.P.P. R.I.D.E. Grant Program Agreement

The Board received approval from the Ministry of the Solicitor General for the 2020-2022 O.P.P. R.I.D.E. Grant Program Agreement, and a report will be brought forward to Brockton Council on November 24, 2020.

10.5 Paid Duty Time

Councillor Tim Elphick inquired about O.P.P. Paid Duty services, and which individuals can pay for the service. Councillor Elphick noted that in previous years the Walkerton Homecoming Committee used Paid Duty services for the event. Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that usually Police Services Boards do not hire paid duty officers under normal circumstances. Paid duty hiring is determined based on the particular situation and each situation is considered by the Detachment Commander on a case by case basis.

The Board clarified that their former motion to involve Paid Duty officers was made under the intent of ensure community safety.

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

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller presented her Report.

- There were no Sexual Assaults reported in October and we continue to trend downward for reports Year to Date compared to 2019.
- The number of Assault complaints were down slightly during this time period. One was Domestic related and another involved an Assault Police charge. One Assault was as a result of an altercation between some youth at school.
- There were no Break and Enters reported during this time period.

- We continue to see vehicle thefts with a pick-up truck stolen in Brockton. This is despite arrests made in previous thefts this fall. We continue to promote the Pocket Your Keys campaign in order to thwart these types of thefts.
- Three thefts during this time period involved the theft of licence plates. This is often seen to contribute to other crimes as the stolen plates are used on other vehicles including stolen ones. We also had three reports of stolen marijuana plants.
- There were no Frauds reported in October and we are down overall YTD.
- Mischiefs also continue to trend downward. One case of mischief involved the breaking of the paddle on the canoe. This is the second time this has occurred.
- Tragically we had a motor vehicle vs buggy collision this month resulting in the deaths of two children. This collision is still under investigation with assistance being provided by the OPP Traffic Investigation Management Team.
- One individual was charged with being Impaired By Alcohol in the month of October.
- The owner of a vehicle with an exceptionally loud muffler that had received numerous complaints was warned. The vehicle is currently stored for the winter but officers will be observing for it again in the spring.
- A vehicle was observed by an officer spinning its tires in downtown Walkerton. When the officer attempted to stop the car the driver fled the scene. The driver has been identified and charged with Flight Police and Dangerous Driving.
- The Community Street Crime Unit were involved in a joint investigation with Hanover Police Service which resulted in a warrant being conducted in Hanover. Two individuals were arrested and over \$100,000 of Methamphetamine was seized.
- The School Resource Officer was made aware of a "Fight Club" that was occurring after school hours near the high school. The SRO was able to identify those involved and determined that a charge of Prize fighting was warranted. One youth was diverted for that charge and the "Fight Club" disbanded.
- Insp Miller conducted a virtual presentation to the Brockton Rotary Club based on the 2019 Year End Report.
- The launch of our collaboration with CM HA-GB of the Mobile Mental Health and Addictions Response Team (MMHART) took place on Nov 2nd. This project teams 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.

- Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that CMHAGB have an urgent response team for these calls, and the geographical challenges that were addressed through this partnership. A rotating schedule has been developed using office space in Walkerton involving liaison officers working with CMHA staff to provide consultation and assistance.

12. Other Business

Councillor Steve Adams thanked the officers for their assistance with the loud muffler vehicle, and noted resident concerns with speeding on McNab Street in Walkerton. Detachment Commander Krista Miller reminded the Board that residents should call O.P.P. to report offences.

Carl Kuhnke inquired about vehicle tire extensions, and Sgt. Patrick Armstrong clarified that charges can be laid for overwidth tires.

The Chair acknowledged the O.P.P. Commissioner's Media Release on the unfortunate death of Constable Hovingh, and offered condolences to the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Moved By: Carl Kuhnke

Seconded by: Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourns at 7:01 p.m. to meet again on December 17, 2020 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.