



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

**Thursday, December 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	Present
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:

Sgt. Peter Marshall, Municipal Policing Bureau	Present
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1. Call to Order

Chair, Brian Read called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

The Board welcomed Sgt. Peter Marshall to the meeting.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved By: Carl Kuhnke Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Agenda for the November 19, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as presented.

Carried.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Delegation

4.1 Sgt. Peter Marshall, Municipal Policing Bureau – O.P.P. Billing

Detachment Commander Krista Miller contacted Sgt. Peter Marshall following the last Brockton PSB Meeting to provide additional information on the O.P.P. billing model.

Sgt. Peter Marshall summarized the 2020 O.P.P. annual budget, and the billing model process, which is developed in consultation with the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), and Municipal associations.

The billing model is separated into three categories of base service, calls for service; and additional costs. Sgt. Marshall further explained statistics for the Municipality of Brockton.

Sgt. Marshall responded to questions from the Board, explaining that the base service differs per municipality and their property assessments, which are included in the Annual Billing Statement. Sgt. Marshall and Detachment Commander Krista Miller further explained the process for O.P.P. overtime approval, including action planning that is completed to respond to population or seasonal growth in communities to ensure officer availability.

Sgt. Marshall responded to questions on calls for service, and their inclusion in the Municipality of Brockton's 2021 Annual Billing Statement. noting that the billing model is based on a four year average of calls for service. The calculations are reconciled in the next year to compare actual calls to the estimated calls and account for the differences.

The Board discussed fail to attend court statistics, and the preference to obtain Brockton statistics rather than the entire South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment, including why Brockton would bear specific costs simply due to the location of the Walkerton courthouse?

Sgt. Marshall spoke with the Detachment Commander Miller about this matter, and will provide additional information to the Board once his research is finalized.

Detachment Commander Miller reported that an officer has also been assigned to provide a five-year average breakdown on fail to attend court charges to obtain the percentage for Brockton. Ms. Miller added that the Ministry of the Attorney General is investigating the matter and may not lay such charges in the future.

Sgt. Marshall responded to questions on the financial impact on the Municipality's budget, noting that the fail to attend court charges fall

under the billing working group and the Provincial time standard is applied. Councillor Elphick voiced appreciation in obtaining clarification and statistics for Brockton to compare with other jurisdictions.

Sgt. Marshall will respond to further inquiries from the Board via email, which will be circulated to all members. The Board thanked Sgt. Marshall for his informative presentation.

5. Adoption of the Minutes

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The Board noted that Item 8.1 should be corrected to state \$2,000, and discussed amendments to Item 10.5 to clarify the process of hiring paid duty officers which is examined by the Detachment Commander on a case by case basis.

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Heather

That the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as amended.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 By-Law Discussion

The Chair met virtually with Brockton's Clerk and By-Law Enforcement Officer to discuss the matter. Several By-Laws, including the Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law, Dog Control By-Law, Noise Control By-Law, Amend Noise Control By-Law, Firearm Regulation By-Law, and ATV Use By-Law were included in the PSB agenda package that could be reviewed by the Board to decide which of those By-Laws could be enforced by the O.P.P.

The Board agreed to review the By-Laws and present their suggestions of By-Laws that could be enforced to the Detachment Commander in the New Year.

Councillor Adams advised that the ATV Use By-Law was replaced in 2015 by an Off-Road Vehicles By-Law.

6.2 Loud Vehicles

Councillor Adams preferred to continue monitoring this issue, and suggested that it be revisited in the spring.

6.3 Farm Safety

Heather Frook sent advertisements to the Board Secretary that were displayed on the ERBP LED Sign, and suggested that the O.P.P. Media Resources Officer could assist in the spring to advertise the importance of watching for Mennonite vehicles and farm equipment on the road.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller informed the Board that the O.P.P. are conversing with the County of Bruce to form a committee on road safety, including a campaign on buggy and farm equipment safety.

7. Accounts

7.1 Police Accounts - Dates: 11/09/20 to 11/19/20 \$258.05

7.2 Police Accounts - Dates: 11/20/20 to 12/03/20 \$196,002.16

Moved By: Steve Adams Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the accounts be paid as follows:

Dates: 11/09/20 to 11/19/20 \$258.05

Dates: 11/20/20 to 12/03/20 \$196,002.16

Carried.

8. Items Carried Forward

8.1 Black Cat Radar

A meeting will be scheduled in the New Year regarding the procedure. The Board discussed their feedback on the current procedure, and suggested whether Closed Session Meetings could be called to discuss data received from the Black Cat Radar to ensure confidentiality.

8.2 Court Security

The Detachment Commander reported that the courts are not as busy, and bails and reprimands continue virtually. The Walkerton Courthouse plans to reopen in January 2021.

8.3 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan was accepted by Brockton Council on December 8, 2020 and approved by By-Law. The Board discussed the future of the Plan, and the Detachment Commander recommending keeping the item on PSB agendas and having a quarterly update on how the action tables and proposed strategies have been implemented.

The Detachment Commander reminded that she is the Board's representative on the Advisory Committee, and that Brockton's Clerk is a representative on the Steering Committee.

The Board suggested an update come forward in March.

8.4 Human Trafficking Grant

The Board decided to distribute posters to the foodbank, and increase public education and awareness. Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that two liaison officers from the Detachment complete regular outreach with hotels and motels, taxis, and that service providers will be a targeted focus of the third year of the Kincardine Police Services Board's grant. The Brockton PSB could reach out again to the Kincardine PSB at that point.

9. Information

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

10. New Business Brought Forward

10.1 2021 Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the Brockton Committee of Council Review which was completed on December 8, 2020, and the recommendations for all Committees. The Board agreed to continue meeting monthly on the third Thursday at 4:15 p.m., and noted that the Board's Governance By-Law would determine their meeting conduct.

10.2 OAPSB Zone 5 Financial Statements

The OAPSB Zone 5 Financial Statements were included on the agenda for information. It was noted that meetings would continue virtually.

11. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report – November 2020

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller presented her Report:

- Only one Sexual Assault reported in November and we continue to trend downward for reports Year to Date compared to 2019.
- The number of Assault complaints also trend downward during this time period.
- Only one Break and Enter reported during this time period.

- Theft and Have Stolen Goods are also down for this report period. Two of the four thefts reported involved the theft of Christmas lights.
- Frauds were also down.
- The mischiefs reported were very minor in nature. Charges have been laid in one of the occurrences which was Domestic related.
- Officers responded to a report of a disturbance in downtown Walkerton. A male was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for Being Intoxicated in a Public Place.
- Officers also responded to a report of a female soliciting for money in the downtown core. She was offered resources and moved along.
- Personal injury collisions are down this month and Property Damage collisions remain status quo. Year to Date our collisions are down.
- A Focused Patrol was conducted in the McNab Street area for two weeks in November.
- Two racing charges were laid this month.
- One individual was charged with being Impaired By Alcohol in the month of November.
- Festive RIDE season has started and officers will be out conducting strategic Paid Duty RIDE programs throughout the holiday season.

The Board discussed an incident of stolen Christmas lights in the community. Detachment Commander Miller reminded residents to call the O.P.P. to report incidents so that the O.P.P. can assist with enforcement.

The Board discussed the increased traffic at the Tim Hortons drive-thru, and traffic jams on McNab Street. The Detachment Commander advised that a traffic study was completed on McNab, Napier, and Prince Street and no concerns were raised about speeding. Individuals were given warnings on failure to stop.

The Board questioned whether marker lines should be painted for better visibility on McNab and Prince Streets. The Board discussed the appropriate procedure for stopping, and the O.P.P. advised that lines are not a requirement but do provide visual measures for drivers, and a comfort for pedestrians.

12. Other Business

12.1 O.P.P. Stuff the Cruiser

The Chair inquired if the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment had participated in the Stuff the Cruiser event for Christmas this year. Detachment Commander Miller advised that the event was usually hosted by the Auxiliary Unit who are not returning to in-person work until January. An

internal food drive was completed and items were donated to the Walkerton and Kincardine food banks.

12.2 Human Trafficking Posters

Heather Froom inquired if the human trafficking posters from Violence Prevention Grey Bruce would be distributed to the community. Carl Kuhnke offered to print the posters at his workplace on higher quality paper.

12.3 Christmas Holidays and O.P.P. Year-End Report

The Board members wished each other Merry Christmas, and discussed when the Detachment Commander could present her year-end report to the Board and Council.

The Detachment Commander will bring her report to the Board in February and present to Brockton Council in March 2021.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 4:15 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Moved By: Carl Kuhnke

Seconded by: Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourns at 6:18 p.m. to meet again on January 21, 2021 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.