



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 4:15 p.m.
Electronic Meeting

Present:

- Brian Read, Chair**
- Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and Board Secretary**
- Heather Froom, Provincial Appointee**
- Carl Kuhnke, Provincial Appointee**
- Steve Adams, Councillor**
- Tim Elphick, Councillor**
- Krista Miller, South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Commander**
- Patrick Armstrong, South Bruce O.P.P. Sgt.**

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Resolution:

Moved By: Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Agenda for the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board be accepted as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Delegations

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - December 17, 2020

Krista Miller, Detachment Commander noted three errors in the minutes, advising that the Farm Safety Committee already exists, and is not a new Committee; that the Courthouse is open and plans for more in-person hearings in January; and that the roles for herself and the Clerk on the Community Safety Well-Being Plan Committees should be reversed.

The Board discussed the traffic concerns on McNab Street, and preferred the language of focus patrol rather than a study. The Board noted the various concerns and possibility for accidents at the intersection due to the location of the franchise's driveways and signage. The Board advised that

they will continue to monitor the situation, and revisit the matter in the future.

The Board decided to distribute the Anti-Human Trafficking posters to local establishments in Brockton, including grocery stores, the Walkerton BIA, and the Hanover Police Services Board. The Board Secretary will track the poster distribution for future use.

Resolution:

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Carl Kuhnke

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

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Accounts - \$194,473.36

Resolution:

Moved By: Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$194,473.36.

Carried

7. Items Carried Forward

7.1 By-Law Discussion

Action: Brian Read to email the Clerk and By-Law Enforcement Officer to follow-up on this item.

The Board inquired whether there would be a cost associated with O.P.P. officers enforcing municipal By-Laws. Krista Miller, Detachment Commander replied that there may be potential costs due to the calls for service, and noted that she could review the Billing Statement to identify where the by-law enforcement calls would fall.

The Municipality and O.P.P. currently do not have an agreement for By-Law Enforcement; though that would be completed in agreement with the Detachment Commander.

The Board discussed the enforcement process governed by legislation, and acknowledged that municipal staff, including the By-Law Enforcement Officer would be the first response for municipal By-Law enforcement.

7.1.1 Draft Brockton Police Services Board Governance By-Law

The Board made an amendment to Appendix A page 12 to include "with the exception of the selection of the Detachment Commander".

The Board further suggested amending that all motions do not need to be in writing.

The Board discussed the composition, and referenced the *Police Services Act*, suggesting that paragraph 3.2 be amended to reference Section 27(5) and Section 27(6) of the Act which permits municipal Council's to expand the Board.

Action: Board Secretary to make the following amendments to the Governance By-Law for the next meeting.

7.2 Black Cat Radar

Brian Read, Chair informed the Board of his discussions with the Municipal Director of Operations, noting that the radar is not being installed currently due to the weather conditions.

The Board discussed the procedure, and their interpretation of its intention, suggesting that the radar will only be used for speed/data collection and the Municipality will assist the Board in installing the radar. The Board inquired how the data is collected and analyzed by the O.P.P. and then how that information would come forward to the Board for further decision-making.

The Board favored discussing the results of the radar data collection in Closed Session meeting in order to preserve confidentiality.

The Board further discussed how to appropriately decide where the radar should be installed, and incorporate discussions with the O.P.P., noting that since the equipment is the Board's asset, they should have final direction for installations. Krista Miller, Detachment Commander advised that the O.P.P. make operational decisions of where resources should be deployed based on the data shared from the radar.

The Board suggested keeping a log of radar installations, and agreed to set up an electronic meeting with the Director of Operations to obtain further clarification.

Ms. Miller reiterated the importance of having complainants contact O.P.P. to report concerns, which help officers gain valuable information, develop a relationship with the complainant and assist with public education, determine the cause/perception of the matter, and responsibly deploy resources if required.

7.3 Court Security

Krista Miller, Detachment Commander informed the Board that the courthouse moved into Phase 2 reopening in January, and has increased the number of in-person hearings, and prisoners relayed to the courthouse. Officers are being trained on the new procedures.

8. Information/Correspondence

The Board discussed the Municipal Budget Meetings that had occurred on January 19th and 20th, 2021; noting Council's concerns with the increased cost of the O.P.P. contract. Council decided to transfer \$100,000 from the Board's Reserve Fund for the increased cost of the O.P.P. Contract. The Board acknowledged that the increase was caused through the reconciliation process from the 2019 data.

The Board discussed the O.P.P. Billing Model, and suggested that further questions be emailed to the Municipal Policing Bureau to obtain more clarification.

8.1 Brockton Police Services Board Financial Report - December 2020

9. New Business

Krista Miller, Detachment Commander provided a five-year breakdown on fail to appear charges for the Municipality of Brockton from 2016 to 2020; advising that out of the total 258 Fail to Appear Charges laid by the court bureau, approximately 102 (40%) charges originated in Brockton, with an average hourly rate of 7.8 hours at an average cost of \$90/hr. Ms. Miller noted that these charges would represent approximately 1.5% of the current billing statement. These statistics provided by the Detachment Commander were based off a five-year average (2016-2020), while the Municipality's Billing Statement is based off a four-year average (2016-2019).

The Board noted the differing figures in the billing statement in comparison to the amount actually billed to Brockton. Ms. Miller explained the process of originating charges and that the location of the offence is identified as the courthouse; therefore Brockton is billed for charges since the courthouse is located in Walkerton.

Ms. Miller informed the Board that the matter has been brought forward to the Municipal Policing Bureau and Command Staff for further investigation.

The Board discussed their willingness to identify statistics for Brockton, and understand the billing process.

Ms. Miller noted that the process is completed in the same manner province-wide, and that identifying a solution may take additional time and is ultimately unknown.

The Board thanked the O.P.P. for their work on the investigation, but still favored obtaining cost recovery from other adjacent municipalities.

Ms. Miller noted that any changes to the billing process lies with the Province, but she could further inquire with the Municipal Policing Bureau prior to the next meeting. Ms. Miller advised that Brockton receives a higher amount on the Community Safety and Prisoner Transport Grant in comparison to neighbouring municipalities, which perhaps offsets the court charges.

10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - 2020 Year End Report

Krista Miller, Detachment Commander presented her 2020 Year End Report, including a review of crime statistics, traffic statistics, and calls for service.

The Board remarked on the violent crime statistics, in particular sexual assault statistics that vary over the past three years.

Krista Miller, Detachment Commander responded to questions that no conclusions have been reached, and no suspects have been identified in the stolen Christmas light investigation.

Ms. Miller responded to questions regarding impaired driving statistics, noting that results and causes can vary.

The Board discussed vehicle inspections, and Sgt. Patrick Armstrong explained the difference between Level 1 and 2 inspections. Ms. Miller noted the decline in vehicle statistics which is likely contributed to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Krista Miller, Detachment Commander reviewed the Detachment Updates:

- Early in the New Year of 2020 we experienced the success of the Human Trafficking Community Awareness Sessions. Brockton's was held at the Walkerton Water Centre and was well attended. Overall approximately 300 community members across South Bruce benefitted from these sessions and we continue to receive positive feedback and requests for further presentations.
- The second year of the Community Safety and Policing grant for Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence was focused on Youth. We continue to work with the Catholic District School Board and the Bluewater District School Board in the hopes of having a session included in their curriculum.
- In March 2020, COVID 19 changed everyone's world and policing was no different. Our officers are fully equipped with Personal Protective Equipment and we have implemented procedures both in and outside of our workplaces to ensure the safety of our officers and the public.
- Our detachments are open to the public by appointment and anyone can reach an officer by using the phone outside the front door. We continue to administer Criminal Record Checks for essential workers and volunteers.
- We have worked closely with the Municipality of Brockton Emergency Control Group attending their meetings and keeping up to date.
- Our officers have responded to 65 COVID 19 related calls for service since March in the Municipality of Brockton. These calls usually entail people looking for advice on the restrictions or reporting people for not abiding by the regulations.
- Our approach to the enforcement of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act was very measured and our officers conducted a lot of education on the restrictions. We found most people were compliant and we did not lay any charges under the Act.
- The court was shut down until September but has now resumed mostly in a virtual fashion.
- The Transfer of Care Protocol was signed between all Grey-Bruce Municipal Police Services, the Grey-Bruce OPP and the three Hospital groups in Grey-Bruce. This Protocol ensures a consistent and smooth transition of Mental Health patients from police to hospital staff improving outcomes for individuals apprehended by police under the Mental Health Act.

- The Community Safety and Well Being plan (CSWBP) has been completed. We are excited to be involved in the creation and implementation of the strategies to address the top risk factors identified in Grey-Bruce. We are very hopeful that together we will be able to address those risks and mitigate the underlying social issues that contribute to Crime.
- We are extremely excited to announce our partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to create the Mobile Mental Health and Addictions Response Team that started on November 2nd.
- The clinicians are provided an office in our Walkerton detachment and respond to Mental Health and Addictions related calls for service with our officers.
- Currently they are working with us three days a week, alternating days and evenings.
- We have welcomed one new recruit and one experienced officer to South Bruce in 2020. The recruit has relocated his family to this area and the experienced officer is originally from the South Bruce area.
- Three new recruits are currently at the Police College and will arrive in South Bruce at the end of June.
- We said good-bye to long time South Bruce Officer, Paul Richardson. Paul was promoted to Inspector and is now the Detachment Commander in Wellington County.
- We will be joined by S/Sgt Ryan Olmstead at the beginning of February as our new Operations Manager.

Ms. Miller informed the Board that Sgt. Armstrong will be transferred to Perth County. The Board thanked Sgt. Armstrong for his assistance on the Board, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board will be February 18, 2021 at 4:15 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourns at 6:11 p.m. to meet again on February 18, 2021 at 4:15 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried