



## **Brockton Police Services Board Minutes**

Thursday, February 18, 2021, 4:15 pm  
Electronic Meeting

**Members Present**      **Brian Read, Chair**  
**Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and Board Secretary**  
**Carl Kuhnke, Provincial Appointee**  
**Steve Adams, Councillor**  
**Tim Elphick, Councillor**  
**Krista Miller, South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Commander**  
**Ryan Olmstead, South Bruce O.P.P. Sgt.**

**Members Absent**      **Heather Frook, Provincial Appointee**

### **1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda**

Heather Frook sent her regrets by email prior to the meeting. Detachment Commander, Krista Miller advised that Sgt. Ryan Olmstead may join the meeting at a later time.

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m.

#### **Resolution:**

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Agenda for the February 18, 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 - January 21, 2021**

The Board Secretary noted the duplicate paragraphs under Item 4 and that one should be removed.

The Board suggested revising Item 9 to further clarify the statistics provided. Out of the total 258 Fail to Appear Charges, 102 (40%)

originated in Brockton, with an average hourly rate of 7.8 hours at an average cost of \$90/hr. The Board noted that the Fail to Appear Statistics provided by the Detachment Commander are based off a five-year average (2016-2020), while the Municipality's Billing Statement is based off a four-year average (2016-2019).

Sgt. Ryan Olmstead entered the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

The Board corrected that Item 8 should be amended to reflect the correct amount of \$100,000 transferred from reserves for the increased cost of the O.P.P. Contract.

**Resolution**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the minutes from January 21, 2021 as amended.

**Carried**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

The Board Chair and Secretary reported that the anti-human trafficking posters were distributed to the Hanover Police Services Board, Walkerton Arena, Lobies Park, Elmwood and Cargill Community Centres, Municipal Office, Cargill and Walkerton Libraries, Walkerton BIA, Walkerton Foodland, and Walkerton ValuMart. Extra posters are available if further distribution is required.

Chair, Brian Read reported that he reviewed the By-Laws again, and suggested rationale of whether O.P.P. enforcement is required on the By-Laws. Mr. Read will further discuss the matter with the Municipal Clerk and the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

The Board inquired if the statistics could be specifically identified as to which By-Laws the O.P.P. received calls for service on. Detachment Commander, Krista Miller will provide further details to the Chair for review with the Municipal Clerk and By-Law Enforcement Officer.

**6. Accounts - \$445.89**

**Resolution**

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approves the accounts from 01/01/21 to 01/22/21 in the amount of \$250.00 and the accounts from 01/23/21 to 02/04/21 in the amount of \$195.89 for a total payment amount of \$445.89.

**Carried**

**7. Items Carried Forward**

**7.1 By-Law Discussion**

The Chair noted that he would contact the Municipal Clerk and By-Law Enforcement Officer regarding this matter, and provide updated information from the Detachment Commander regarding calls for service related to By-Law enforcement. The Chair advised that the matter would be brought back to the Detachment Commander for input regarding the agreement.

The Board discussed the procedure for calls for service, and relationship between the O.P.P. and By-Law Enforcement Officer. Detachment Commander, Krista Miller advised that calls for service are case specific, but that officers have a strong working relationship with the By-Law Enforcement Officer, and noted that some situations may occur which require O.P.P. assistance, but would ultimately be a decision between the Municipality and O.P.P. when establishing the agreement.

The Board further discussed suggestions to increase communications related to By-Law Enforcement to ensure residents understand who to contact depending on the situation.

**7.1.1 Revised Brockton Police Services Board Governance By-Law**

The Board Secretary advised that the Municipal Clerk had reviewed the Governance By-Law, and agreed with the amendment of Section 3's composition of the Board. The Board Secretary advised that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton had passed a resolution in 2001, and a By-Law from 2003 both allowing a five-person Board. The Board Secretary further advised that the reference to police force had been changed to police service in accordance with the Police Services Act.

The Board agreed to amend Section 3 of the By-Law to reference the composition in accordance with Section 27(4) or 27(5) and remove clauses (a) (b) and (c) entirely. The Board also suggested that a report accompany the By-Law being brought forward for Council's consideration to provide additional information.

**Action: The Secretary will amend the By-Law and bring forward the amended By-Law and report to the next Council Meeting.**

**Resolution:**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approves the amended Brockton Police Services Board Governance By-Law and in doing so recommends that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton considers the By-Law for adoption on the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting.

**Carried**

7.2 Black Cat Radar

**Action: Chair, Brian Read will contact the Director of Operations for an update.**

7.3 Court Security

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller reported that the courts are up and running, though bail hearings continue to occur virtually, and there have been a slight increase in in-person hearings. There has also been a push to finish the backlog; therefore courts sit quite late which affects staffing and hours. The Detachment Commander also noted that using off-site court facilities are not favourable due to increased strain on officer availability, and that the decision rests with the Ministry of the Attorney General.

7.4 Fail to Attend Court Statistics Discussion

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller, informed the Board that the Inspector and Policing Bureau are further discussing the matter, and advised that any changes to the structure must be a Provincial decision, including consultation with the Ministry, Statistics Canada, and other stakeholders. Inspector Miller noted that she can contact the Bureau for a

timeline on when an update can be provided to the Board, but advised that the process would be lengthy due to the processes and stakeholders involved.

The Board voiced their appreciation for the Inspector's efforts in investigating this matter, and inquired if the Bureau could provide an update as to what will occur with the billing in the interim as the matter is being deliberated. Inspector Miller advised that she could inquire with the Bureau. Sgt. Ryan Olmstead reminded the Board that if offences occur in Brockton, the charges are laid in the Municipality due to the location of the Walkerton Courthouse.

The Board suggested investigating how other jurisdictions lay court charges. Inspector Miller advised that some Municipalities have agreements with Special Constables and O.P.P. with regards to billing, but noted that the Ministry of the Attorney General is beginning to move away from laying charges, and some O.P.P. jurisdictions have started adopting that decision.

The Board discussed billing discrepancies based on the statistics provided locally over five years in comparison to the four year average provided in the Billing Statement, noting their concerns for the high costs Brockton is paying.

**Action: Inspector Miller will bring forward the Board's concerns again and provide an update at the next meeting.**

## **8. Information/Correspondence**

### **8.1 Brockton Police Services Board Financial Report - January 2021**

Councillor Adams reported that upon inquiring with the Chief Financial Officer, Brockton has not yet received the Court Security Prisoner Transport Grant.

### **8.2 Bruce County - Durham St and McNab St Intersection Safety Study and Proposals**

The Board discussed the proposals provided, and further suggestions made by the O.P.P. upon hearing the presentation, and noted that proposals may be revised once bridge reconstruction occurs.

## 9. New Business

### 9.1 Traffic Calming Device Purchasing

The Board agreed to proceed with obtaining quotations for solar speed signs to assist with speeding concerns.

**Action: Chair, Brian Read will inquire with the Director of Operations to obtain estimates for the signs.**

The Board discussed the difference between the speed signs and the Black Cat Radar.

### 9.2 Municipal Policing Bureau - 2021 OPP Annual Billing Statement Response

The Board discussed the letter received by the Bureau, and inquired about prisoner transportation costs. Inspector Miller advised that those costs are fixed, and that municipal police forces are responsible for their own costs with a separate agreement for offender transportation.

The Board inquired on the difference in cost per property in comparison to other municipalities. Inspector Miller explained that the costs are based on population base compared to the average, and that Brockton's calls for service are higher.

The Board discussed ways that Brockton can provide education to the public on when to contact the By-Law Enforcement Officer or O.P.P. for particular enforcement matters.

Inspector Miller discussed Brockton's historical calls for service, providing statistics on popular calls for service such as 911 misdials, false alarms, and vehicle theft. Inspector Miller suggested solutions that Brockton could introduce to assist in public education, and reminding the community to be vigilant and responsible.

Sgt. Ryan Olmstead provided statistics on false alarm calls for service in Brockton. The Board discussed the suggestion of implementing a false alarm by-law in Brockton.

The Board inquired about Keep the Peace calls for service. Inspector Miller and Sgt. Olmstead provided information on the process involved which such calls for service in order to provide preventative safety and security.

The Board discussed recent comments made in the media about the overall policing budget. Inspector Miller discussed the efforts completed by

O.P.P. officers in the past number of years to address some of Brockton's calls for service, and increase communications and public education, including new programs that have been implemented such as Community Safety and Well-Being, and mental health initiatives.

Carl Kuhnke exited the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

The Board advocated for continuing to strengthen the relationship between Council and the O.P.P., and suggested having the Municipal Policing Bureau present information on the O.P.P. Billing Model to Brockton Council to provide additional information sharing.

Inspector Miller provided information on false alarm policies, and insecure vehicle by-laws that the Municipality could implement to address some calls for service.

#### **10. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - January 2021**

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller presented her report:

- Only one Sexual Assault reported in the month of January. It is still under investigation.
- Of the two Assaults in January, one was Domestic related and charges have been laid. The other involved an Assault Police charge.
- The Crimes Against a Person were Criminal Harassment and Threatening investigations.
- There were no Break and Enters reported during this time period.
- The Theft over occurrences involved the theft of a vehicle, an ATV and a Motorized Snow Machine.
- The Frauds involved a cheque fraud, an Identity theft and two telephone fraud attempts. Of note, one of those telephone calls involved a false registration system for Covid vaccinations in which they asked for the person's personal information. The other involved the impersonation of a Tech Company and the caller was provided remote access to the victim's computer. Unfortunately the victim was then defrauded of approximately \$20,000.00.
- The Mischiefs consisted of a pushed over Port-a-Potty and a destroyed snowman.
- Of the 17 Motor Vehicle Collisions reported 7 (41%) involved collisions with animals.

- Two collisions were as a result of Impaired Drivers. Luckily we did not have any Personal Injury collisions this month.
- Motorized Snow Machine patrols have started on our local trails. Over 75 sledders have been checked so far with a few warnings received.

The Board inquired about snow machine checks. Detachment Commander Krista Miller and Sgt. Ryan Olmstead advised that a number of checks are performed, including permits and insurance. The O.P.P. described recent charges laid, and education provided to drivers. The O.P.P. noted that patrols are conducted by the Province, though drivers travel using the trail system which would come through Walkerton.

## 11. Other Business

### **Resolution:**

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board direct staff to investigate and draft a False Alarm By-Law for the Municipality of Brockton.

**Carried**

**Action: Chair, Brian Read will contact the Clerk regarding drafting a False Alarm By-Law.**

**Action: The Board Secretary will confirm the RSVP date for the OAPSB Spring Conference and bring the item forward to the next meeting to confirm the Board's attendance.**

The Board welcomed Sgt. Ryan Olmstead to the meeting and Board.

## 12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board will be March 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 adjourn at 6:19 p.m. to meet again on March 18, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**