



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

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

Members 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
 Ryan Olmstead, South Bruce O.P.P. S/Sgt.

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Brian Read called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Agenda for the March 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. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - February 18, 2021

The Board Secretary responded to an inquiry about the Black Cat Radar, noting that the device would not be installed until May 2021.

Brian Read suggested including the False Alarm By-Law as an Item under New Business to provide an update to the Board.

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the minutes from February 18, 2021 as amended.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Accounts - \$441,326.93

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approves the accounts from 02/05/21 to 03/04/21 in the amount of \$441,326.93.

Carried

6. Items Carried Forward

6.1 By-Law Discussion

Chair Brian Read informed the Board that he met with the Municipal Clerk, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Chief Building Official to review the proposed By-Laws suggested for enforcement, and the Chief Building Official will review the By-Laws and report back to the Chair. Once the list is finalized, it will be presented to Inspector Miller.

6.2 Brockton Police Services Board Governance By-Law

The Board acknowledged that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enacted the Brockton Police Services Board Governance By-Law as per By-Law 2021-026 on March 9, 2021. Chair Read will sign the original By-Law on March 19, 2021.

The Board discussed the selection of Chair, and agreed to proceed with the current appointments.

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board continue with the positions of Brian Read as Chair and Heather Frook as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2021.

Carried

6.3 Court Security

Detachment Commander Krista Miller informed the Board that meetings have not yet occurred this year, and noted that the Court Services Division Manager position is on temporary assignment. Inspector Miller advised

that since proceedings continue to occur virtually, recommendations for changes to the courthouse are still under consideration, and the matter will be brought forward to the Interim Court Services Manager.

Inspector Miller advised the Board on virtual proceedings that are occurring, including bails, virtual testimonies, and intake portals.

6.4 Fail to Attend Court Statistics Discussion

Detachment Commander Krista Miller informed the Board that she received an update from the Municipal Policing Bureau that the decision for billing will remain with the location of the offence, and further inquiries should be brought forward to the Office of the Solicitor General.

Inspector Miller responded to inquiries about the billing process. S/Sgt. Ryan Olmstead noted that O.P.P. charges laid at the Walkerton Courthouse are billed to Brockton due to the location the offence occurred in.

The Board discussed the financial impacts this poses for Brockton as the host Municipality, and suggested bringing the matter forward at the next OAPSB meeting to compare similar jurisdictions facing this issue.

Inspector Miller and S/Sgt. Olmstead provided comparisons, such as the Goderich, Orangeville, Haldimand, and Orillia, and advised that many municipalities are moving towards not laying fail to attend charges at the encouragement of the Ministry of the Attorney General, and described the process involved with issuing arrest warrants and bringing offenders to court.

The Board acknowledged the financial impact this issue has on Brockton, and inquired on next steps to follow-up on the matter. Inspector Miller will be meeting with the Crown shortly to address court related matters, and can bring the issue forward.

The Board agreed to keep the item on the next meeting's agenda.

6.5 Traffic Calming Device Purchasing

The Board reviewed the quotes provided, and discussed the Town of Hanover's speed signs.

The Board advocated for the strobe lights, and colour changing features in the Traffic Logix device to increase driver accountability for those who wish to obey speed restrictions. The Board agreed to try the cloud access

software for one year, and analyze the benefit prior renewing the purchase.

The Board suggesting data collection be shared with policing partners to provide further assistance, just like the Black Cat Radar. Inspector Miller informed the Board on the type of data that would be beneficial for the O.P.P. to make operational decisions, and targeted enforcement.

The Board noted the data provided by the Black Cat Radar, and compared the available features included in the Traffic Logix signs, and the benefits the signs would provide.

Resolution:

Moved By Heather Frook

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approves spending up to \$9,000 for two (2) units from Traffic Logix Corporation, identified as "Evolution 15 Solar - Full Matrix - Includes UMB", including unlimited cloud access for one year at no additional charge.

Carried

7. Information/Correspondence

7.1 Financial Report - February 2021

8. New Business

8.1 OAPSB Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting

The OAPSB Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held virtually May 26-28, 2021. Early bird registration expires March 31, 2021.

The Board discussed the meeting agenda items, and Brian Read, Carl Kuhnke and Heather Frook expressed interest in attending the conference. The Board Secretary provided the costs for the registration as per the OAPSB's website. The Board noted the expensive costs for registering for the virtual meeting, and inquired if one member could register, and provide the meeting link to the other interested parties.

Action: The Board Secretary to email the OAPSB to inquire about the cost of the virtual conference, and further inquire if additional Board members can attend portions of the conference on one registration.

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Steve Adams

That Brockton Police Services Board hereby acknowledges the purchase of one member's attendance at the OAPSB Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting on May 26-28, 2021.

Carried

8.1.1 OAPSB - Notice of Annual General Meeting and Call for Resolutions

The Board decided to table this item to the next meeting and decide if they would like to bring forward any resolutions to the Annual General Meeting.

8.2 O.P.P. Reporting Discussion

Chair Brian Read advised that he discussed the Board's preference for increased reporting with the Detachment Commander.

Inspector Miller explained her process in compiling the report, noting that the Detachment had provided similar reports for a number of years, under the impression that the format was a standard report. Inspector Miller has inquired with the Region and Bureau to obtain additional information on report formats, and was informed that the report format can be determined between the Detachment Commander and the Board.

Inspector Miller suggested that the Board provide additional information and objectives they would like to see included in a more detailed report. Inspector Miller advised that as Detachment Commander for South Bruce O.P.P., she must report to three (3) other Police Services Boards, who do not meet as frequently as Brockton, and would prefer to deliver the same quality reporting to all Boards without overburdening her workload.

The Board discussed the additional details they would like to be included in the report, such as R.I.D.E. statistics, where officer hours are spent, and accident reporting, which would both provide better value, and assist Council and ratepayers in understanding the services being provided to Brockton.

Inspector Miller noted her willingness to receiving suggestions and adapting the report, but emphasized the need to be fair in providing all South Bruce O.P.P. Boards the same product.

The Board inquired if certain data could be incorporated into the reports easier, such as electronically generated reports to assist the Detachment Commander. Inspector Miller advised that understanding the objectives or value the Board wishes to receive from the data would better direct how and which data can be pulled into the report.

The Board advocated for increased transparency to assist Council and the community justify the service being offered, and were respectful of the Detachment Commander's time in compiling the reports.

Inspector Miller noted that depending on the length of the report, they may be presented bi-monthly instead of monthly to allow more time to compile all the data.

Chair Brian Read suggested that Board members forward their preferences, including the items they believe would add value to the report to the Chair and Secretary who will formulate a list for the Detachment Commander's consideration.

8.3 False Alarm By-Law

Chair Brian Read informed the Board that he had discussed the matter with the Municipal Clerk, who noted that the direction to draft a By-Law must come from Council in order to properly bill for the service through the municipal tax base and recuperate costs.

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby recommend that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton direct staff to consider implementing a False Alarm By-Law for the Municipality of Brockton.

Carried

9. O.P.P. Detachment Commander's Report - February 2021

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller presented her report:

- Sexual Assault and Assaults so far this year are trending downward.
- The Crimes Against a Person were Criminal Harassment and Threatening investigations.
- There were no Break and Enters reported during this time period.

- Of note, two individuals were arrested in Perth County and charged with 7 multi-jurisdictional Break and Enters. One of those Break and Enters was to a Brockton business in January. Charges have been laid accordingly.
- The Theft Unders were minor in nature. Charges were laid in one occurrence, one was deemed unfounded and another was solved but the complainant declined charges.
- There were no other notable property Crime offences this month.
- March is Fraud Prevention month. We have conducted radio interviews and been present on Social media with Fraud prevention messaging and education.

Inspector Miller advised that the Media Relations Officer and Board Secretary created an advertisement for the East Ridge Business Park LED Sign, and advised that the O.P.P. distributed posters to targeted areas with older residents, including retirement homes.

- Motorized Snow Machine patrols continued on our local trails. Over 700 sleds have been checked so far between the patrol and stationary RIDE at the trail heads. 7 charges have been laid, 1 Alcohol Screening test completed and 3 warnings issued. Officers also assisted a stranded rider during their patrols.

Inspector Miller advised that the O.P.P. are aware of complaints at local high schools, and foot patrols have been completed in Walkerton and Kincardine. S/Sgt. Ryan Olmstead reported that four (4) Provincial Offences Notices were issued.

Inspector Miller clarified that the statistics for snow patrols are for South Bruce Detachment as a whole, as focus patrols were conducted for the entire Detachment, including Walkerton.

Inspector Miller advised the Board of several updates since submitting the report, including the death of Detective Sgt. Jeff Armstrong who passed away from cancer; the appointment of the new Chief Superintendent Dwight Thib who began their position with the O.P.P. West Region in London last week; as well as the reopening of the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Office effective March 22, 2021 which allow allows everyone to obtain criminal reference checks as long as COVID-19 protocols are followed inside the building.

Inspector Miller inquired if the Board wished to have the Municipal Policing Bureau present as a delegation to Brockton Council. The Board advocated for the valuable information provided in the last presentation which would assist

Council in understanding the costs of the Billing Model, and suggested the matter be revisited in the Fall when the Annual Billing Statement will be completed.

Inspector Miller asked the Board Secretary to visit the O.P.P.'s website to provide additional information to the Board regarding the Billing Model. The Board reviewed the Current Cost-Recovery Information on the [Billing Model webpage](#), including the [2015-2021 Cost by Municipality document](#) comparing O.P.P. Municipal Policing Costs and Billing Model Cost Recovery as well as Year over Year Comparison Costs for each Municipality. Inspector Miller noted that Billing Statements are included on Municipality's websites.

Inspector Miller informed the Board that a warrant was issued in the Township of Huron-Kinloss seizing cocaine designated for the South Bruce area.

The Board expressed their condolences for Sgt. Jeff Armstrong, and agreed to send a card of condolence to the family and fellow officers.

10. Other Business

11. Closed Session

Resolution:

Moved By Steve Adams

Seconded By Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board enter into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m. in accordance with Section 35(4)(a) of the *Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15* in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Matters involving public security may be disclosed and, having regard to the circumstances, the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public - **Proposed Legislation**

Carried

Councillor Steve Adams was not present when the Board returned to Open Session.

12. Next Meeting

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

13. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Carl Kuhnke

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourn at 7:08 p.m. to meet again on April 15, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried