



Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

The Board agreed to defer Item 8.1 from the agenda.

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the Agenda for the April 15, 2021 meeting as amended with the removal of Item 8.1.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - March 18, 2021

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller provided corrections to Item 6.3 and 6.4 in the Minutes, noting that the Court Services Manager is on temporary assignment, and that municipal police services take carriages of their charges. The Board further discussed Item 6.4 and the process involved.

Chair Brian Read informed the Board that he had registered for the OAPSB Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting and will provide an update to the Board following the meeting.

The Chair advised that the Board's recommendations for inclusion in the O.P.P. Report were emailed to the Detachment Commander and will be discussed during Item 9.

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Carl Kuhnke

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

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Accounts

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve payment of the accounts from 03/05/2021 to 03/18/2021 in the amount of \$1,449.89, and further approves payment of the accounts from 03/19/21 to 04/08/21 in the amount of \$221,885.16.

Carried

6. Items Carried Forward

6.1 Fail to Attend Court Statistics Discussion

Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that police leaders are meeting with the Crown on April 27, 2021.

The Board discussed court statistics in other Municipalities as a comparison to Brockton, and thanked the O.P.P. for their analysis of the issue.

The Board agreed that the situation remains a concern for Brockton, especially due to the associated costs, and suggested bringing the matter forward to Council to decide if additional investigation is warranted from the Ministry of the Solicitor General or other O.P.P. staff since the matter has been discussed at a Detachment level.

The Board suggested that Municipal staff prepare a report for Council's consideration summarizing the information received by the O.P.P. and

Board to date. Councillor Tim Elphick will provide a synopsis to assist staff in drafting the Council report.

The Chair will discuss the issue with Municipal staff on April 20, 2021.

6.2 Court Security

Detachment Commander Krista Miller reported that the next Court Security meeting is on April 22, 2021. Virtual services are continuing, and security recommendations will continue to be investigated with the interim Management position. Ms. Miller advised that the courts continue to follow the direction from the Ministry of the Attorney General; however changes to the courthouse will likely not be implemented immediately due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was noted that certain processes may remain virtual, though juried trials may return in-person next year.

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

Chair Brian Read reported that he is attending the upcoming Conference in May, but the Board agreed they did not have any resolutions to bring forward.

6.4 Black Cat Radar

The Board Secretary advised that Director of Operations reported that the Black Cat Radar would be installed in May.

The Board discussed the previously proposed policy. The Board discussed finalizing a procedure for installing the Radar and the new traffic calming device signs. The Chair will contact the Director of Operations.

Councillor Steve Adams advised that a request had been made to install the Radar in Chepstow again and obtain updated statistics.

The Board discussed whether the device could be installed with the current COVID-19 restrictions in effect.

The Board discussed the goal of the Black Cat Radar in providing data that would be shared with policing partners, as well as ensuring complaints are reported so that the O.P.P. can adequately address concerns. The Detachment Commander discussed the process involved in sharing data with the O.P.P. to assist in determining enforcement needs or perception. Radar results would be shared with the Board, and if proactive resolutions are required, the O.P.P. would work with the Municipal Roads Department.

The Board noted that if specific locations were discussed, the conversation should occur in Closed Session to maintain the confidentiality of the device's installation.

6.5 Traffic Calming Device Purchase

The traffic calming device signs has been ordered and are expected to arrive in a few weeks.

The Board discussed the process of determining locations for the signs, noting the visual educational reminder the signs would provide in comparison to the data collected by the Black Cat Radar.

6.6 False Alarm By-Law

Brockton Council directed staff to prepare a draft By-Law for consideration. The Board Secretary advised that the By-Law may not be brought forward until the late summer to allow the By-Law Enforcement Officer to provide input into the drafting of the By-Law since the position is vacant until July, and services are currently being provided by the Municipality's Building Department. Councillor Tim Elphick discussed the potential that the By-Law may not be enacted this year since short-form wording must be approved by the Ministry which takes time.

The Board discussed their preference in receiving statistics to assist in decreasing the calls for service.

Detachment Commander Miller advised that statistics can be included in future reports to the Board without disclosing confidential information.

The Board discussed the potential process involved if the By-Law were approved by Council, and the benefit in proactively communicating the By-Law and providing public education.

7. Information/Correspondence

7.1 Financial Report - March 2021

Heather Frook was disconnected from the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

8. New Business

8.1 Office of the Solicitor General - Update on OPP Detachment Boards Under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

The Board decided to defer this item to the next meeting.

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

Detachment Commander, Krista Miller presented her report:

- Sexual Assault and Assaults so far this year continue to trend downward.
- The Crimes Against a Person were Criminal Harassment and Threatening investigations.

Heather Froom returned to the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

- There were no Break and Enters reported during this time period and Break and Enters are down significantly for the first quarter.
- Theft occurrences also continue to trend downward.
- There were no other notable property Crime offences this month.

Detachment Commander Miller discussed a recent residential house party in Brant that resulted in charges and commended the work of the officers involved.

The Board discussed the decreasing trend in Break and Enters and property crimes and the potential impact of COVID-19. S/Sgt. Ryan Olmstead provided additional information regarding charges laid on persons of interest.

- Motor vehicle collisions continue to trend downwards as well.

The Board discussed recent sightings of deer, and proactive messaging related to wildlife road safety.

- March was Fraud Prevention month. "Don't Send Fraudsters Money" posters were distributed to the Brockton Retirement Homes as well as the Post Office. Messaging was displayed on the East Ridge Business Park sign. Social media and traditional media posts were completed.
- A Focused Patrol was created for traffic complaints around the Walkerton District High School. Over 15 hours of patrol were conducted of the school area. A number of charges were laid including 2 for Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign, 2 for Failing to Wear a Seatbelt and 1 for Unnecessary Noise. Warnings were issued as well for Stop sign, Seatbelt and Equipment violations.

The Board thanked the officers for their assistance with the focus patrol.

- Officers participated in the Easter Weekend Traffic Seat Belt Campaign laying 146 Provincial Offence Notices, 12 of which were for not wearing a Seatbelt.

Detachment Commander Miller and S/Sgt. Olmstead commended the work of the officers.

- Two Impaired Driving charges were laid this month. One involved Impaired by Alcohol charges. The other was an Impaired by Drug charge and the driver was also charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.
- Over 50 hours of Foot Patrol were scored this month and 60 hours of targeted vehicle patrol for property checks.

Detachment Commander Miller confirmed that the foot patrol statistics are specific to Brockton and discussed the various locations the foot patrols occurred.

Detachment Commander Miller further described the recent e-Ticketing software the O.P.P. have been using and the associated benefits to officers when issuing Provincial Offences Act tickets. An officer has been providing internal training to the Detachment on the console device.

Detachment Commander Miller responded to an inquiry on enforcement related to the COVID-19 pandemic, advising that officers do not have the authority under the legislation to pull over residents and inquire where they are travelling. However, if the officer has the authority to pull over an individual for another offence, they can further inquire. Detachment Commander Miller advised that the O.P.P. do track calls for service related to the pandemic and report to Municipal Emergency Control Groups. Detachment Commander Miller noted that officers approach situations from an educational perspective first, and advised that one (1) charge was laid within the last week in the South Bruce area which remains an ongoing investigation.

Detachment Commander Miller described a new tool that assists officers in displaying up to date legislation and associated charges related to the current COVID-19 restrictions.

Detachment Commander Miller thanked the Board for their card of condolence for Detective Sgt. Jeff Armstrong and advised that the card would be shared with the Sgt.'s family.

The Board discussed their recommendations for possible inclusions in future O.P.P. Reports:

1. R.I.D.E.

The Board requested that RIDE statistics be included in future reports to show the progress of the program, and its impact in the community.

Detachment Commander Miller advised that statistics can be provided for RIDE programs conducted in Brockton, and further explained the process involved in capturing results which would be included in separate reports or occurrences if enforcement action resulted from the RIDE program. Detachment Commander Miller will provide statistics from the past three years in the next report, and include updated Year-to-Date statistics each month.

The Board discussed impaired driving, and changes made to legislation including mandatory screening.

2. Calls for Service

The Board voiced their preference in staying informed on the calls for service in the community.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller informed the Board that monthly reports could be included for the Board, identifying the top calls for service. Detachment Commander Miller will provide samples of the types of reports that could be included at the next meeting and allow the Board to decide their preference.

3. Foot Patrol Hours and Cruiser Patrol Hours

The Board requested including statistics for foot patrols in the community.

Detachment Commander Miller advised that statistics have already been included in the most recent report.

The Board inquired if Cruiser Patrol hours could also be included in reports.

Detachment Commander Miller provided additional information about the patrolling process, and the Board agreed to only include Foot Patrol hours in future reports.

4. Department Initiatives

The Board appreciated additional information about initiatives being completed by the Department.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that some initiatives are already included in the Detachment Updates portion of the report.

The Board discussed the benefits of identifying which statistics occur specifically in Brockton and which statistics represent the entire South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment.

5. Crime Stoppers

The Board discussed their preference to receive updates on Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that data would be provided by Crime Stoppers and not the O.P.P.

6. Traffic Control

The Board discussed statistics provided in the Town of Chatsworth's reports regarding traffic control.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller will inquire with the Town of Chatsworth for additional information.

7. Notable Occurrences

The Board discussed receiving a summary on notable ongoing incidents. The Board discussed acknowledgements to officers in the Township of Wellington's reports.

Detachment Commander Krista Miller advised that officer acknowledgements are provided in the officer's personnel files. The Board agreed to exclude the specific acknowledgements, but appreciated continue to receive information of exceptional service provided by the entire Detachment.

8. False Alarms

The Board requested receiving statistics on the number of false alarms.

Detachment Commander Miller will include statistics in future reports.

10. Other Business

Councillor Steve Adams reported an increase in loud vehicles in the community, which can be concerning for residents.

Councillor Adams suggested that advertising on deer safety be displayed on the LED Sign at the East Ridge Business Park. The Board Secretary will work with the O.P.P.'s Media Relations Officer on the sign messaging, and reported that additional messaging would be shared in the upcoming May issue of the Brockton Buzz Newsletter.

Councillor Adams discussed an incident of an unsafe vehicle that he reported to the O.P.P.

Councillor Tim Elphick thanked the London Communications Centre for their diligence and pleasant interaction during a recent conversation.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Brockton Police Services Board will be May 20, 2021 at 4:15 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Steve Adams

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourn at 6:36 p.m. to meet again on May 20, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried