

Brockton Police Services Board Minutes

Thursday, April 22, 2021, 5:00 pm

Electronic Meeting

Members Present **Brian Read, Chair**
Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and Board Secretary
Heather Frook, Provincial Appointee
Carl Kuhnke, Provincial Appointee
Tim Elphick, Councillor

Members Absent **Steve Adams, Councillor**

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Special Meeting Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Resolution:

Moved By Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby approve the Agenda for the Special Meeting on April 22, 2021 as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Consideration of Business for Which Notice was Given

3.1 Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 Proposal for O.P.P. Detachment Boards

Chair Brian Read informed the Board that on April 20, 2021 the Chair, Heather Frook, and Councillor Tim Elphick met with the Municipal Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk, and Mayor to discuss the correspondence received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General. The Board members and Municipality discussed the Board's intentions to maintain its own identity as a Board rather than being amalgamated with the South Bruce OPP Section 10 Boards. The discussion noted the exemptions Brockton has in comparison such as the location of the courthouse, and impact on the Municipal budget. The Board discussed the suggestion that the Board write a recommendation to Brockton Council to write a letter to the Solicitor General requesting that Brockton maintain its own Board. The Municipality will continue to collaborate with the South Bruce OPP Police Services Boards to ensure Brockton can submit a joint proposal should their request be denied.

Mr. Read advised that he had spoken with the Detachment Commander regarding the matter, who noted that Brockton may be excluded from Provincial Grant Funding if it maintained its own Board. Mr. Read informed the Board that a roundtable discussion is being held at the OAPSB Conference in May with the Solicitor General.

Mr. Read responded to questions regarding the intention of the Board's recommendation to Council, advising that the decision rests with Brockton Council whether they wish to send a letter to the Ministry of the Solicitor General to request Brockton maintains its own Police Services Board. Mr. Read again noted that the Municipality will continue working with the

South Bruce OPP Detachment Boards to understand the composition of the joint Board as well to maintain a good relationship.

Mr. Read noted that the Municipality preferred to wait until the November billing statement was released to determine the increase before further discussing potentially different models of policing.

The Board discussed the unique rural geography of Brockton in comparison to the shoreline community, and exemptions that the Board could pursue in maintaining their own identity.

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Carl Kuhnke

Whereas the Province of Ontario passed the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 (Bill 68) and established the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) which, once in force, will repeal the Police Services Act, 1990 (PSA);

And Whereas Section 67 of the CSPA states that there be an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board, or more than one OPP detachment board, for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nation community;

And Whereas the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton has entered into a policing contract with the OPP until June 30, 2022;

And Whereas there are unique circumstances to the Municipality of Brockton, including but not limited to: highest policing cost per household in detachment area; host to the Bruce County Courthouse (court security and prisoner transport costs); unique rural geography; variation in population size from other surrounding municipalities; and the public interest in ongoing review of service demands (e.g. calls for service);

Now Therefore the Brockton Police Services Board recommend that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorize the preparation and submission of a proposal to the Province of Ontario in that the Municipality of Brockton be authorized to establish their own OPP detachment board within the OPP: South Bruce Detachment;

And Further Be It Resolved, subject to the approval of the Province, it is recommended that any costs associated with establishing an OPP detachment board within the Municipality of Brockton continue to be appropriately budgeted in the annual Brockton Budget in each calendar year.

And Further Be It Resolved that the final submission to the Province of Ontario be copied to MPP Lisa Thompson.

Carried

4. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved By Tim Elphick

Seconded By Heather Frook

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby adjourn at 5:27 p.m. to meet again on May 20, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried