

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vincent Bucci
Deb Cockerill
Mayor Chris Friel
Councillor Greg Martin
Brendan Ryan

ALSO PRESENT: Chief W. Geoff Nelson
Deputy Chief Rob Dinner
Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the motions made in the in-camera session be ratified.

CARRIED

1. ELECTIONS

1.1 Chair

Mrs. Eves called took the Chair and called for nominations for the office of Chair. Brendan Ryan nominated Deb Cockerill, who accepted the nomination. The nominations were closed and Deb Cockerill was acclaimed Chair of the Brantford Police Services Board for 2017.

2.2 Vice Chair

Mrs. Eves called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Deb Cockerill nominated Brendan Ryan, who accepted the nomination. The nominations were closed and Brendan Ryan was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Brantford Police Services Board for 2017.

Deb Cockerill assumed the Chair.

2. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Active Grand – All In, All Active Policy

Attending on behalf of Active Grand were Sandy Crowther, Chair; Stephanie DeLaronde, Project Coordinator, and Committee Members Sandy Jackson and Lori-Dawn Cavin.

Sandy Jackson gave a brief history of the formation of the Active Grand partnership between the City of Brantford, County of Brant, and Six Nations of Grand River, which aims to promote physical activity for physical, social, emotional and mental well-being benefits. The Committee came today to seek the Board's endorsement of their All In, All Active Policy and asked that the Board submit a letter of support to Brantford City Council to adopt this policy.

Ms. Jackson explained that the policy will encourage more inclusive and affordable recreation in the community. It focuses on affordability, availability of assistance programs and community collaboration.

She added that this initiative supports ongoing, long-term affordable and equitable recreation in Brantford and endorsement of the policy will prove on crime rates in the community, particularly amongst youth.

Chief Nelson commented that the policy encouraged youth involvement in recreation and felt it would have a positive impact youth. Further, he added that the policy fits the Service's philosophy and meets the goals outlined in the Service's Strategic Plan.

Moved by Councillor Greg Martin
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board endorses the All In, All Active Policy

AND FURTHER that a letter of support be send to Brantford City Council urging them to adopt this important policy that aims to improve access to recreation opportunities that are affordable, inclusive and responsive to community needs.

CARRIED

The delegation was thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. MINUTES

Moved by Vincent Bucci
Seconded by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan

THAT the minutes of November 17, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1 Issues Update – Chief W.G. Nelson and Deputy Chief R. Dinner

Chief Nelson spoke on a recent diversity recruiting initiative that was developed to improve the number of police candidates from different ethnic groups. He indicated that staff met with a number of ethnic groups in the community, followed by a candidate police academy. As a result, eight candidates will be moving forward in the process.

He was pleased to report that the Youth Hockey sessions, developed by Constable Logan, continues to be a success. He commented that the program involves children from two local schools who would not normally be able to participate in organized sports being provided with transportation, equipment and ice time at the Wayne Gretzky Centre. Hockey skills were being taught by volunteer police officers. The initiative is being funded by the Brantford Police Association, Board, and Jump Start Program.

Deputy Chief Dinner reported that the Charity Hockey Game held in November had raised \$5,800 for the Special Olympics. Also in November, the Safe Streets Saves Lives Award was presented to Constable MacCallum for her work in combatting impaired driving.

He advised that four recruits had graduated from the Ontario Police College in December. As part of their orientation, they were given a tour of the Woodland Cultural Centre and Mohawk Institute. This addition to the recruit training was found to be very beneficial.

He reported that the next instalment in the Copper Bowl initiative would be a hockey game against students on February 8 and 7 p.m. and encouraged Board members to attend.

5.2 Monthly Statistical Report

The September and October reports were received. Deputy Chief Dinner highlighted points of interest in the October report.

He reported increases in robberies, thefts of motor vehicles and the mischief crime category. A decrease was seen in alarms. He noted a 10% increase in calls for service.

5.3 Budget

5.3.1 *Budget Report – December 2016*

Chief Nelson reviewed this report, which indicated that 2.39% of the 2016 budget remained unspent. He added that outstanding invoices still needed to be paid, but still anticipated a surplus at year end.

5.3.2 *2017 Budget – Impact of Changes to Government Grants*

Chief Nelson presented a report dated January 5, 2017, which indicated that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services have eliminated the Community Policing Partnerships (CPP) Grant Program, Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Grant Program, and Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy Grant Program and replaced them with the Policing Effectiveness Modernization (PEM) Grant. .

It was expected by Boards that these original grant programs would be funded in perpetuity. Transitional PEM Grant funding has been confirmed for the 2017 budget year, and Ministry officials remain non-committal with respect to assurances that equal funding under PEM will be available in 2018 and beyond.

Mayor Friel added that this is a big concern for many municipalities and that discussions on this issue are taking place at AMO and LUMCO. He commented that this move by the Government was done without communication or consultation and has not been well received.

Moved by	Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by	Councillor Greg Martin

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has recently announced the elimination of the Community Policing Partnerships (CPP) Grant Program, the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Grant Program, and the Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy Grant, effective March 31, 2017

AND WHEREAS the Ministry has introduced the Policing Effectiveness Modernization (PEM) Grant

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards met with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services in mid-December about policing modernization where the concept of a future policing grant program was touched upon, but there was no discussion related to the repurposing of these grant programs and replacing them with a new transitional Policing Effectiveness and Modernization Grant

AND WHEREAS the new transitional Police Enhancement Modernization Grant will be made available to Municipal Police Services and Ontario Provincial Police contract locations currently receiving funding under TAVIS, PAVIS, CPP and Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Programs

AND WHEREAS the current Police Services Budget includes \$769,915 in grants under these funding programs, funding for which may now be in jeopardy

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Service is eligible to receive transitional funding under the PEM Grant in 2017 in an amount equivalent to the combined subsidies previously received, however may not receive this amount in future years

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board writes to the Minister, with a copy to MPP Dave Levac, expressing dismay on the lack of consultation on this matter, the potential loss of funding, and the Board's concern regarding the implication of negative impacts to services provided to our community.

CARRIED

5.4 Auctions Proceeds Account

5.4.1 *2016 Fourth Quarter Report*

This report indicated the account balance at December 31, 2016, to be \$22,522.19. Chief Nelson commented that the on-line auction has been a success. There was discussion regarding what types of community initiatives the Board is funding and a report on previous donations was requested for the March meeting.

5.4.2 *Request for Financial Assistance – Team Caged Dragon*

Moved by	Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by	Councillor Greg Martin

THAT the request to financially assist Team Caged Dragon, a local group of youth boxers, so that they may attend an amateur tournament in Canada, be denied at this time.

CARRIED

5.4.3 Request for Financial Assistance – Pauline Johnson C.V.S. - Breakfast Club

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor Greg Martin

THAT the request to financially assist the Pauline Johnson Collegiate Breakfast Club be denied at this time.

CARRIED

5.4.4 Request for Financial Assistance – Arts After School Kids Program

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor Greg Martin

THAT the request to financially assist the Arts After School Kids (AASK) Program be denied at this time.

CARRIED

5.5 2016 Fourth Quarter Complaints Report

This report, prepared by Inspector D. Pancoe, indicated that in the fourth quarter, seven external/public complaints were received. One public complaint had been resolved through Customer Service Resolution, one complaint had been withdrawn and five complaints are ongoing.

5.6 Request for Return of Found Television

Moved by Councillor Greg Martin
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the request of Francine Savoie-Jansson to return the RCA television to her, which she found and turned in to the Brantford Police Service, be approved.

CARRIED

5.7 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards – Zone 4 Membership

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board renews their membership in the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards – Zone 4, at a cost of \$50.00.

CARRIED

5.8 Taxi Bylaw

5.8.1 *Transfer of Taxi Broker Licence*

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor Greg Martin

THAT the following motion made November 25, 2016, be ratified:

“THAT the Brantford Police Services Board supports the recommendation of staff:

THAT the Police Services Board approves the transfer of Taxi Broker Licence from Bell City Cabs (2068802 Ont. Inc.) to 2490715 Ont. Ltd. operating as Bell City Cabs.

AND FURTHER THAT 2490715 Ont. Ltd. pay the initial Broker fee of \$132.66

AND FURTHER THAT Tom Bernas, Director of both 1913674 Ont. Inc. and 2490715 Ont. Ltd., and all shareholders provide the Police Services Board with a Police Vulnerable Sector Check.

AND FURTHER THAT the Police Services Board approve the transfer of the 26 Taxi Owners Licences from Bell City Cabs (2068802 Ont. Inc.) to 1913674 Ont. Inc.

AND FURTHER THAT 1913674 Ont. Inc. pay the initial Taxi Owner Plate fee of \$64.89 per vehicle.

CARRIED

Chief Nelson added that amendments to the Taxi Bylaw, brought forward at a previous meeting, will be brought forward at next month's meeting for discussion, along with a recommendation that the Board meet with City staff to discuss the transfer of the Taxi Bylaw to the City.

5.8.2 Grand River Cab Inc. – Correspondence

The Board received for their information a copy of a letter to Mayor Friel and City Councillors from Grand River Cab Inc. voicing concerns regarding their loss of almost 3,000 hectares of established area for transportation services due to the recent boundary adjustments.

5.9 Wilfrid Laurier Brantford Special Constable Service 2016 Annual Report.

This report was received.

6. MEETING DATES

6.1 2017 Schedule of Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2017, at which time the 2017 schedule of meeting dates will be discussed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:20 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 15th day of February 2017.

Deb Cockerill, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant