

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016
1:15 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Brendan Ryan, Chair Deb Cockerill, Vice Chair Mayor Chris Friel, Member Councillor David Neumann, Member
REGRETS:	Vincent Bucci, Member
ALSO PRESENT:	Chief W. Geoff Nelson Deputy Chief Rob Dinner Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant

Moved by	Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by	Councillor David Neumann

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

CARRIED

1. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations or presentations.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. MINUTES

Moved by	Vice Chair Deb Cockerill
Seconded by	Councillor David Neumann

THAT the minutes of April 21, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Issues Update – Chief G. Nelson

Chief Nelson distributed copies of the Accident Support Services International Ltd. Bulletin, Issue 39, which contained an article entitled,

“Brantford Police Service and CROMS Mobile – A Model for Success”, with accompanying photo, which highlighted the success of the additional collision reporting channel.

He further was pleased to advise that the Brantford Police Service had been selected to be awarded the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police’s Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award for work with the Brant Community Response Team initiative. The award will be presented on July 28, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

Chief Nelson reported on the graduation last evening of 40 community members from the Citizens Police Academy. He was pleased with the ongoing positive response to this program.

He advised the Board that “Eddie the Trauma Dog” would be beginning his work with Victim Services of Brant in the upcoming months. He will be used by VSB staff to comfort victims of trauma.

4.2 Statistical Report

Deputy Chief Dinner highlighted points of interest in the March 2016 Statistical Report. He noted the decrease in the break and enter (business) category, as well as thefts of motor vehicles. Although personal injury accidents had increased, he was pleased to advise that the total number of motor vehicle collisions was significantly lower than last year.

He noted that the number of alarm calls was the lowest in nine years and attributed this to the passing of the Alarm Reduction Bylaw.

4.3 Budget Report

The Budget Report, prepared by Inspector Kent Pottruff, for the period ending April 30, 2016, was received and reviewed. Chief Nelson advised that he had no concerns.

4.4 Income Services Report

A report dated May 5, 2016, was received from Inspector Kent Pottruff, advising that the Income Fee Schedule had been reviewed and compared to surrounding police agencies. It was the recommendation of staff, as a result of this annual review, that no changes be made to the Income Fee Schedule for 2017.

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board supports the recommendation of staff that no changes be made to the current Income Fee Schedule for 2017.

CARRIED

4.5 Annual Reports – 2015

4.5.1 *Auxiliary Report*

The report, prepared by Auxiliary Inspector Lance Crump, was reviewed by Deputy Chief Dinner.

4.5.2 *BEAT Unit Report*

The report, prepared by Sergeant Randal Batson, was reviewed by Deputy Chief Dinner.

4.6 Amendment to Policy #91-03 – Return of Found Property to Finder

Chief Nelson spoke to his report, dated April 22, 2016, which indicated that it is normal practice for found property turned in to the Police Service to be returned to the finder if its rightful owner cannot be located. As well, unclaimed property is sold at auction. He noted that today, many electronic devices are used by their owners to store vast amounts of private and confidential information. He added that he feels that selling these items through our on-line auction is not appropriate given the risk of inadvertently sharing a citizen's personal information with the buyer of the device. He subsequently recommended an amendment to the Board Policy #91-03.

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Policy #91-03 – Return of Found Property to Finder, be amended to read:

"It is the policy of the Brantford Police Services Board that upon request, found property turned in to the Brantford Police Service is to be returned to the finder if its rightful owner cannot be located, with the exception of bicycles motor vehicles, **firearms and devices capable of storing private or confidential information, which are to be disposed of in accordance with the *Police Services Act* and Brantford Police Service policy.**

CARRIED

Moved by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board denies the request of Trevor Harris to return the cell phone, which he found and turned in to the Brantford Police Service, as such devices are ineligible under amended Board Policy #91-03, "Return of Found Property to Finder".

CARRIED

4.7 CALEA – Confirmation of Awarding of Successful Re-accreditation

A letter dated April 2, 2016, was received from CALEA advising that the Brantford Police Service has been awarded CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation, effective March 20, 2016, for the fifth time.

4.8 Awarding of Tender for Command Post

A report on the bid process for a new command post was received from Inspector David Wiedrick. He indicated that five bids were received.

Moved by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the contract for a command post be awarded to PK Welding & Fabricators Inc., based on lowest responsive bid received, at a cost of \$293,000.00, plus tax.

CARRIED

4.9 Three-year Business Plan – 2016/2017/2018

A printed version of the 2016/2017/2018 Strategic Business Plan was received.

4.10 2015 Brant Community Response Team Annual Report

This report, prepared by Sergeant Brad Cotton, was received.

5. NEXT MEETING

- 5.1 The next public meeting of the Board will be held on June 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Victim Services of Brant – 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

A request for financial assistance was received from Victim Services of Brant.

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

WHEREAS Victim Services of Brant has requested the Board sponsor a hole for \$100 at their 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

AND WHEREAS Victim Services of Brant has requested the Board sponsor a draw prize at a cost of \$500.00

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports the work of this organization

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$600.00 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to provide financial assistance to the 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament of Victim Services of Brant.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (1:45 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 15th day of June, 2016.

T. Brendan Ryan, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant