

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Friel, Acting Chair
Deb Cockerill
Councillor David Neumann
Brendan Ryan

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

REGRETS: Jean Anderson, Vice Chair

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

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

CARRIED

1. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

2. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS
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There were no presentations or delegations.

3. ELECTION

3.1 Election of Vice Chair

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Mayor Chris Friel be appointed as Vice Chair of the Brantford Police Services Board.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the minutes of the meeting held April 16, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

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

Chief Nelson reported that all senior officers had met with a consultant for an introductory meeting in the 2016-2018 Business Plan process, which is being led by Inspector Pancoe. As well, he was pleased to advise the community garden will be going in on the Police Station grounds on May 24. He also reported on the PTSD Awareness and Prevention Symposium held in Brantford which saw Brantford Police Service officers in attendance. Chief Nelson further commented on the success of the Lansdowne Children's Centre Motorcycle Ride, held May 9, which was supported by many of the Service officers.

Deputy Chief Dinner was pleased to advise of the success of Police Week, including the events held at the Children's Safety Village as well as the new initiative – The Copper Bowl – a football game involving police vs. high school all-stars. He also advised that one of the police dogs had received certification for new skills, including currency and narcotics, and the second dog would soon be receiving this training.

5.2 Statistical Report

The April Statistical Report was received. Highlights of interest were reviewed by Deputy Chief Dinner. He indicated break and enters of businesses had risen from 6 in 2014, to 17 in 2015. As well, he reported that that theft of motor vehicles had risen from 20 in 2014, to 31 in April 2015. This problem will be addressed by Team Shutdown. He also commented that offensive weapons had increased from 4 in 2014, to 25 in 2015.

5.3 Budget

5.3.1 *Monthly Budget Report*

The report, prepared by Inspector Kent Pottruff, was received. Chief Nelson stated the budget was on track and he projected a year-end surplus.

5.3.2 Alarm Reduction Strategy Revenue Projection

Chief Nelson reviewed his report, which projected revenue totalling \$678,700 from 2015 through 2019 as a result of the False Alarm Reduction strategy, which is scheduled to be implemented July 1, 2015.

Moved by David Neumann
Seconded by Brendan Ryan

THAT the Alarm Reduction Strategy Projection report be received.

CARRIED

5.4 Request for Return of Found Money – ITEM DEFERRED

5.5 Request for Financial Assistance

5.5.1 Special Olympics Torch Run

Moved by David Neumann
Seconded by Brendan Ryan

WHEREAS a request has been received to financially support the 2015 Special Olympics Torch Run and BBQ, to be held June 4, 2015, organized by the Brantford Police Service

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this charitable community event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#150500), and that this amount be used to sponsor the local 2015 Special Olympics Police Torch Run and BBQ.

CARRIED

5.5.2 Sunshine Foundation

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by David Neumann

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Brantford Professional Firefighters Association to financially support Sunshine

Day, their fund-raising initiative for the Brantford Sunshine Foundation

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this charitable community event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$500.00 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#150500), and that this amount be used to sponsor Sunshine Day.

CARRIED

5.5.3 *Recovery Theatre*

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Brendan Ryan

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Recovery Theatre to consider sponsorship opportunities for their Brantford International Buskers Festival

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this charitable community event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$250.00 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#150500), and that this amount be used to sponsor the Brantford International Buskers Festival.

CARRIED

5.5.4 *Send a Kid to Camp Program*

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Brendan Ryan

WHEREAS a request has been received from Brantford Parks and Recreation to sponsor a child for their Send a Kid to Camp Program

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this initiative

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$250.00 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#150500), and that this amount be used to sponsor two children. CARRIED

5.6 Inquest – Robert Howard Clause

5.6.1 *Verdict of Coroner's Jury*

A report dated April 27, 2015, was received from the Chief Coroner providing the verdict of the coroner's jury and the coroner's verdict explanation from the inquest into the death of Robert Howard Clause, who died March 4, 2011.

5.6.2 *Recommendations of Coroner's Jury*

A memorandum dated May 6, 2015, was received from Inspector D. Pancoe advising that a review of Service policy and procedures indicates that we are already adhering to the two recommendations proposed by this inquest relating to policing, and he was not recommending any changes to either directive.

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by David Neumann

THAT the verdict of the coroner's jury and coroner's verdict explanation from the inquest into the death of Robert Howard Clause be received.

CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 David Baxter Memorial Award Recipient – Jean Anderson

Mayor Friel was pleased to advise that Chair Jean Anderson had been the recipient of the above award at a recent Chamber of Commerce function for her life-long commitment to the community.

Moved by David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board send their heartfelt congratulations to Jean Anderson after being recognized by the Chamber of Commerce by awarding her the David Baxter Memorial Award for her exemplary service to our community and making the City of Brantford a better place to work, live, play and conduct business.

CARRIED

7.2 PRIDE Meeting

Chief Nelson advised a PRIDE budget meeting would be held June 24 at 3 p.m. and required a member of the Board to attend.

7.3 Safe Brantford

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Brendan Ryan

THAT Safe Brantford staff be thanked for attending a meeting with the Board to share ideas on how the Board can contribute to this initiative

AND FURTHER the Brantford Police Services Board offers their full support of the Safe Brantford initiative.

CARRIED

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by David Neumann

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board directs the Chief of Police to explore the possibility of implementing a GIS mapping initiative and a community volunteer program and report back to the Board.

CARRIED

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by David Neumann

THAT Safe Brantford staff be requested to investigate the implementation of a Pocket Contact List program and report back to the Brantford Police Services Board on how the Board can be of assistance.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Brendan Ryan

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

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 25th day of June, 2015.

Jean Anderson, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant