

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017**  
**1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM**

<b>ROLL CALL</b>
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**PRESENT:** Deb Cockerill, Chair  
Brendan Ryan, Vice Chair  
Vincent Bucci  
Councillor Greg Martin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief W. Geoff Nelson  
Deputy Chief Rob Dinner  
Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant  
Duane Sprague, Zone Advisor – MCSCS

**REGRETS:** Mayor Chris Friel

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan  
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

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

CARRIED

<b>1. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS</b>
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There were no delegations or presentations.

<b>2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</b>
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There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

<b>3. MINUTES</b>
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Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan  
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the minutes of January 19, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

<b>4. REPORTS</b>
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**4.1 Issues Update – Chief W.G. Nelson and Deputy Chief R. Dinner**

Chief Nelson informed the Board that the contract with Commissionaires for perimeter security has been renewed. He also stated that using new technology, the Service was participating in a program which involved creating a data base with information on persons in the vulnerable sector, i.e., Alzheimer patients, etc.

He reported that he attended and spoke at the Brantford Mosque to Muslims to discuss security as a result of the recent shooting in Quebec.

He further informed the Board of a pilot project aimed at improving police responses to sexual violence. Brantford is one of 15 pilot projects, funded by the Ontario government, which will see sexual assault cases from 2014 and 2015 being reviewed by a panel comprised of representatives from the Brantford Police Service, Victims Services of Brant, Brant Community Healthcare System and a researcher from Wilfrid Laurier University. The purpose is to ensure that the Service police officers are receiving the best possible information to assist them in conducting investigations into sexual assault. The project also includes examining UCR coding practices.

**4.2 Statistical Reports**

**4.2.1 *Monthly Statistical Reports – November/December 2016***

Deputy Chief Dinner briefly reviewed the November and December Statistical Reports, highlighting points of interest.

**4.2.2 *Annual Five-Year Crime Analysis Report***

Deputy Chief Dinner reviewed the above-noted report, which included road safety and motor vehicle collision data, activity data, human resource data and Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data.

He stated a flat trend was seen in sexual offences, thefts over, drug investigations, impaired driving and offensive weapons. A declining trend was seen in break and enter (residence), break and enter (other), and mischief. Increasing trends were seen in assault, robbery with a weapon, break and enter (business), fraud and motor vehicle theft. Increases were also seen in personal injury accidents, while a flat trend exists for all motor vehicle collisions, impaired driving and fatal collisions.

Concerning human resource data, increases are being experienced in WSIB lost time, long-term disability, and overtime.

4.3 Budget

4.3.1 *2016 Year-end Budget Report*

Chief Nelson reviewed this report. He added that although it shows a \$183,000 surplus, invoices are still moving through the system and the surplus will be lower.

4.3.2 *January 2017 Budget Report*

Chief Nelson presented this budget, noting it was early in the year and he had no concerns.

4.4 2016 Annual Reports

4.4.1 *Training Report*

Deputy Chief Dinner reviewed this report, which outlined training received by members of the Service at the Ontario Police College, Canadian Police College, other facilities, post-secondary courses taken by members, in-service training, Canadian Police Knowledge Network (CPKN) on-line courses, and training completed by the Emergency Response Team.

He noted that on-line training was being expanded and was found to be most cost-effective.

4.4.2 *Complaints Against Police Report*

Chief Nelson reviewed this report, prepared by Inspector D. Pancoe. He noted that in 2016, 17 public complaints were received concerning the conduct of uniform members, the policies of or services provided by the Brantford Police Service. This was the same number received in 2015. He was pleased to advise that the Service responds to over 49,000 calls for service, and the low number of complaints is indicative of the professional displayed by members of the Brantford Police Service on a daily basis.

4.4.3 *Suspect Apprehension Pursuits*

Deputy Chief R. Dinner presented this report, prepared by Inspector S. Sumsion. He stated that four pursuits were initiated in 2016, all of which were for *Criminal Code of Canada* offences, namely break and enter; robbery; stolen vehicle, and stolen vehicle with operator having an outstanding Warrant to Arrest. One pursuit was discontinued by the pursuing officer, while the remaining three pursuits were terminated by the NCO, all in the interest of public safety. No motor vehicle collisions or injuries resulted from pursuits.

Further, Deputy Chief Dinner explained that a review of the Service's policy on pursuits was conducted in April 2016. As a result, the parameters allowing an officer to engage in a suspect apprehension pursuit were tightened.

**4.5 Proposed Amendments to Board Policy #07-01 – Auction Proceeds**

Chief Nelson outlined his report dated January 16, 2017, in which he recommended amendments to the designated uses of auction proceeds so that the criteria for the granting of auction function relate to the core objectives of the Police Services Board.

Moved by Vincent Bucci  
Seconded by Councillor Greg Martin

THAT Paragraph 3 (Designated Uses) of Board Policy #07-01 – Auction Proceeds, be amended as outlined in the staff report dated January 16, 2017.

CARRIED

**4.6 Notice of Inspection on the Investigation and Reporting of Firearms Discharges Causing Death or Injury by Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services**

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Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, advising that the Ministry planned to conduct an inspection to assess compliance with section 13 of the Equipment and Use of Force Regulation, for instances occurring between 2012 and 2017. A response had been sent indicating that no firearms discharges fitting the stated criterion have taken place in Brantford. Mr. Sprague confirmed that no inspection would subsequently be required.

**4.7 Policing Effectiveness and Modernization (PEM) Grant**

Correspondence was received indicating that as a result of feedback from municipal and policing stakeholders, the Ministry is now delaying the full transition to the PEM Grant for one year from 2017/18 to 2018/19. Additionally, the Ministry will continue its consultations on the Strategy and grants transformation and will consider changes based on the outcome of these consultations. Chief Nelson stated that he would advise the Ministry of the intent of the Police Service to continue to receive funding through the PAVIS, CPP and 1,000 Officers grant programs.

4.8 OAPSB News Release – *Police Services Act* Amendments

A news release on the need for updates to the *Police Services Act* was received.

<b>5. MEETING DATES</b>
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Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan  
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the following 2017 schedule of meeting dates for the Brantford Police Services be approved:

March 9  
April 13  
May 11  
June 8  
September 14  
October 12  
November 9

AND that the in-camera sessions be held at 12:00 noon, and the public sessions at 1:00 p.m. in the board room at the Brantford Police Station, 344 Elgin Street, Brantford.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned, at which time the in-camera session resumed. The public session resumed at 3:15 p.m.

<b>6. NEW BUSINESS</b>
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6.1 Project “FentanylCanKill.ca”

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan  
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

WHEREAS the abuse of the dangerous drug known as Fentanyl is of grave concern to our community

AND WHEREAS a community roundtable has resulted in agreement that a coordinated communication strategy will be an essential part of developing a harm reduction strategy

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this strategy

AND WHEREAS a critical part of the education and awareness campaign includes the development of the website [www.FentanylCanKill.ca](http://www.FentanylCanKill.ca)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$2,825.00 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to fund the development of the above website.

CARRIED

<b>7. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (3:20 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

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Deb Cockerill, Chair

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Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant