

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jean Anderson, Chair
Todd Glaves, Vice Chair
Councillor Vince Bucci, Member
Mayor Chris Friel, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Jeff Kellner
Deputy Chief W. Geoff Nelson
Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant

REGRETS: Cheryl Antoski, Member

Moved by Vice Chair Todd Glaves
Seconded by Councillor Vince Bucci

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

CARRIED

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Facility Needs Assessment – Mr. Jamie Vandyk of Walter Fedy

Mr. Vandyk presented his report which included an immediate action plan to address space and program pressures in the building, with minimal costs, as well as a short-term plan to address more substantial changes to lengthen the life of the 22-year old facility. He also provided information on possible expansion opportunities for the next five to ten years.

Deputy Chief Nelson indicated the recommendations would be included in the capital forecast.

3.2 False Alarm Reduction Strategy – Constable Robin Butterfield

Constable Butterfield provided a presentation on a false alarm reduction strategy, indicating that in 2012, 2,627 alarms were responded to, of which only 42 (or 1.6%) were found to be valid. He indicated that almost 70% of the false alarms are repeat offenders. He stated that in 2012, 2,284 man hours were lost to false alarms, costing \$94,000 in officer time. Constable Butterfield pointed out that alarm companies are often making no attempt to contact property owners or other key holders to verify if an alarm is real or false, but calling police.

A recommendation was received that all alarm systems in the city be registered, with residential and commercial property owners with alarms paying a \$25 registration fee. He also recommended that false alarms be billed to the alarm companies, not the alarm holder.

Moved by Vice Chair Todd Graves
Seconded by Councillor Vince Bucci

WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board has received a presentation this date on a strategy to reduce the number of false security alarms

AND WHEREAS staff has recommended the Board create a bylaw to establish a system for the registration of security alarm systems that imposes fees and charges for services provided by the Brantford Police Service in relation to false alarms

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in an effort to reduce the number of false alarms the Brantford Police Services Board directs staff to prepare a draft bylaw for consideration.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES

Moved by Vice Chair Todd Graves
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the minutes of the meeting held September 19, 2013, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1 Statistical Reports

5.1.1 *July 2013 Statistical Report*

This monthly report was received.

5.1.2 *August 2013 Statistical Report*

Deputy Chief Nelson highlighted points of interest in this report.

5.2 Third Quarter Budget Report

Chief Kellner presented this report for the period ending September 30, 2013, indicating the budget was 1.5% underspent and he had no concerns.

5.3 Auction Proceeds Account

5.3.1 *Third Quarter Report*

The reported indicated that the account balance was \$38,544.11.

5.3.2 *Request for Assistance – Wellness Committee*

A letter dated October 4, 2013, was received from the Wellness Committee, indicating that the 21-year old treadmill in the staff gym needed to be replaced and asked for financial assistance with the purchase.

Moved by Vice Chair Todd Glaves
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Wellness Committee for financial assistance to replace a treadmill in the employee gym

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board agrees to fund 50% of the cost of one treadmill if the Associations agree to fund the balance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$3,250 from the Police Services Board Auction Proceeds Trust Fund to the Police Services Board Special Projects Account (150500) and that this amount be used towards the purchase of a treadmill.

CARRIED

5.4 Third Quarter Complaints Against Police Report

Chief Kellner provided this report for the period ending September 30, 2013, prepared by Inspector Scott Easto, and noted that eight new complaints had been received. Two complaints remain outstanding.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on November 26, 2013.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Vice Chair Todd Glaves

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:30 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 26th day of November, 2013.

Jean Anderson, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant