

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Friel, Chair
Brendan Ryan, Vice Chair
Deb Cockerill

ALSO PRESENT: Chief W. Geoff Nelson
Deputy Chief Rob Dinner
Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant
Peter Osinga, Zone Advisor – Ministry of
Community Safety & Correctional Services

REGRETS: Councillor David Neumann

1. IN-CAMERA MOTIONS

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Deb Cockerill

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

CARRIED

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

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- 3.1 20-year Police Exemplary Service Medals were presented to Detective Elana Emmons, Constable Terri-Ann Fortier, and Detective Terry Shipp.
- 3.2 A 30-year Police Exemplary Service Bar was presented to Inspector Steve Sumsion.
- 3.3 Framed Replica Police Exemplary Service Medals were presented to Retired Sergeant Rick Ryerse.

All members were congratulated and offered thanks for their loyal and dedicated service.

4. REMARKS

Mr. Peter Osinga, Zone Advisor – Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services was introduced by Chief Nelson. Mr. Osinga advised he was attending today as a routine visit and would be happy to answer any questions Board members may have.

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Deb Cockerill

WHEREAS Jean Anderson, a life-long resident of the City of Brantford, was known as a great lady who handled herself with grace and acted as a mentor to many; and

WHEREAS Jean Anderson had served on the Brantford Police Services Board since 2011 after being appointed by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; and

WHEREAS Jean ably acted as Chair of the Board in 2012, 2013, and again in 2015 up to the time of her passing; and

WHEREAS Jean, a devoted life-long volunteer to the community, also served on the Brant County Board of Education, Brantford General Hospital Board, Brant Community Foundation, the Arnold Anderson Sports Fund, to name a few; and

WHEREAS she was known for her infectious spirit, love for people, sense of humour and tireless volunteer work in this community; and

WHEREAS Jean was bestowed the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her volunteerism; and

WHEREAS Jean was a loving devoted mother to her daughter, Barb, and sons Chris and Rob, and their families; and

WHEREAS Jean Anderson passed away at the Stedman Community Hospice-Hankinson House on August 30, 2015, in her 85th year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Brantford Police Services Board offers their condolences to the family of Jean Anderson for their profound loss.

CARRIED

Mayor Friel advised that with the unfortunate passing of Jean Anderson, he would assume the Chair and Mr. Brendan Ryan would assume the role of Vice Chair for the balance of 2015.

5. MINUTES

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Deb Cockerill

THAT the minutes of the meetings held June 25, 2015, and August 11, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

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

Chief Nelson advised that the Police Service was partnering with Victim Services of Brant to acquire a trauma dog. He also indicated that the CALEA mock on-site was held, with positive results, and that the on-site inspection was scheduled for December 7 to 10, 2015. He was pleased to add the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Unit would go live in three days, which would see designated personnel, accompanied by St. Leonard's staff, be responders to incidents involving persons with mental health issues. He also updated the Board on discipline matters.

Deputy Chief Dinner indicated he had attended the graduation of three recruits at the Ontario Police College, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, and the official opening of courts.

6.2 Statistical Reports

6.2.1 *Monthly Report – June and July 2015*

Deputy Chief Dinner provided highlights of the July report, indicating marked increases from 2014 in Break and Enter (Business) and Young Persons Charged. He attributed the rise in Young Persons Charged to a rash of damage reports. He also noted a marked decrease in Theft of Motor Vehicle from 81 in 2014, to 51 in 2015, although he noted the total year to date was 249, higher than the 206 reports received in July 2014.

6.2.2 *Five-Year Semi-Annual Statistical Report*

Deputy Chief Dinner presented this report, noting flat trend in reported sexual offences and frauds. He added that sexual offences, and all other crime types, less offensive weapons and robberies with weapon, were experiencing a declining trend. He added that Thefts and Attempted Thefts of Motor Vehicles, Assaults, and Break and Enter (Residences) were below the five-year average.

He reviewed road safety statistics, noting a declining trend in Impaired Driving, Personal Injury Accidents, Fatal Accidents and all Motor Vehicle Collision incidents. He reviewed the top ten locations of motor vehicle collisions in the City, noting three intersections on Wayne Gretzky Parkway made the list.

He noted declining trends in Calls for Service, Casino-Related Calls and Alarms, but noted an increase in Fail to Stop for Police incidents.

He then presented Human Resource Data trends, noting an increase in WSIB lost time.

6.2.3 2014 Uniform Crime Reporting Survey Results

This report was received and reviewed by Deputy Chief Dinner. Of note was the decrease in the overall Crime Severity Index for Brantford CMA from 6th in 2013 to 9th in 2014.

6.3 Budget Report

Chief Nelson reviewed this report, prepared by Inspector Kent Pottruff. He added that the Service is awaiting grant funds and anticipates a \$550,000 surplus at year-end.

6.4 Auctions Proceeds Trust Account

6.4.1 Second Quarter Report

This report indicated that the account balance was \$5,692.95 as of June 30, 2015. Chief Nelson added that a report will be received at the end of the year providing the effectiveness of the on-line property auction method.

6.4.2 Request for Donation – Brant-Brantford Crime Stoppers Annual Sip and Dine Event

Moved by	Deb Cockerill
Seconded by	Brendan Ryan

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Police Services Board Auction Proceeds Trust Fund to the Police Services Board Special Projects Account (150500) and that this amount be used to act as a sponsor of the Brant-Brantford Crime Stoppers' Annual Sip and Dine to Help Fight Crime Event.

CARRIED

6.5 Second Quarter Complaints Against Police Report

This report, prepared by Inspector Donald Pancoe, was reviewed by Chief Nelson. He indicated that six conduct complaints had been received over the second quarter, two originated by staff and six being referred to the Service by the OIPRD.

6.6 Adult School Crossing Guard Request – Ryerson Heights School

A memorandum was received from Sergeant Lee, Traffic Section, indicating that as a result of safety concerns, a temporary guard had been placed at the intersection of Dowden Avenue and Bradley Lane. He added that unfortunately, a warrant study could not be conducted unless the guard was removed, but felt it was unsafe to do so. From observations and discussions with school staff, he felt there was a demonstrated need for a full-time guard.

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Brendan Ryan

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board supports the recommendation of staff and confirms the placement of a full-time Adult School Crossing Guard at Bradley Lane and Dowden Avenue, Brantford, to assist students attending Ryerson Heights School.

CARRIED

6.7 Taxi Bylaw Review Report

A memorandum dated August 18, 2015, was received from Constable Mike Aasla, Taxi Licensing Officer, indicating he had reviewed the taxi bylaw and had no recommendations for any changes at this time.

6.8 Section 11 SIU Review

A memorandum dated August 28, 2015, was received from Inspector Donald Pancoe, as a result of a Section 11 Review of an incident which took place on April 11, 2015, at which time police responded to a domestic dispute on Raleigh Street, Brantford. During the incident, a police officer deployed a Taser after a male subject started stabbing himself with an 8-inch knife. The SIU had been called and after investigating, advised that the officers acted properly.

Inspector Pancoe indicated that a review was also conducted by police staff and it was determined that the officer(s) conducted themselves properly and no policy changes were required.

6.9 Summer Park Patrol Program Report

The above report, prepared by Park Patroller Brodie Batson, was received and reviewed. Chief Nelson was pleased to advise that six of the patrollers would be working weekends until Thanksgiving. Deputy Chief Dinner spoke highly of the effectiveness of the program, adding the Service has the only such Park Patrol Program in the Province.

6.10 Community Volunteer Program

Chief Nelson introduced this report, prepared by Inspector Steve Sumsion, which outlined the formation of a “Citizens on Patrol” program. The program would be a community-driven crime prevention initiative with a mandate to detect suspicious, disruptive and criminal behaviour.

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Deb Cockerill

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board supports the establishment of a Community Civilian Volunteer Program by the Brantford Police Service

AND FURTHER that the Brantford Police Service work closely with Safe Brantford and the City of Brantford Corporate Communications to promote the new program and collect applications for volunteers

AND FURTHER that once the program is established and volunteers are identified, the Brantford Police Service implement a one-year pilot project of the program, after which the initiative will be evaluated.

CARRIED

6.11 2014 Annual Report

This report on the activities of the Brantford Police Service was received.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on October 29, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Brendan Ryan

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:40 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 29th day of October, 2015.

Mayor Chris Friel, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant