

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

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

REGRETS: Mayor Chris Friel

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1.1 Special Olympian Stephen Slezsac

Mr. Slezsac was welcomed to the meeting. Chief Nelson announced that the Special Olympics World Winter Games will take place from March 14 to 25, at which time 110 athletes representing Team Canada will travel to Austria to compete. He was pleased to introduce Stephen Slezsac of Brantford, who will be participating in Floor Hockey. Best wishes were extended to Mr. Slezsac.

1.2 Presentation of 2016 Civilian Merit Awards

Cheryl-Lyne Sparks and Reece Atfield were presented with 2016 Civilian Merit Awards and thanked for their assistance to the Service.

1.3 Presentation of 20-Year Exemplary Service Medal

Constable Phil Minotti was presented with his medal and thanked for his exemplary service over the past 20 years.

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

3. MINUTES

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the minutes of February 15, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

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

Chief Nelson indicated that the sexual assault investigation review was continuing and that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police President had contacted him to discuss Brantford's progress into this emerging country-wide issue.

He was pleased to add that the Special Constable Service of Wilfrid Laurier University was now providing a 24/7 patrol service in Brantford.

He informed the Board that the annual Citizens' Police Academy would be starting soon and was happy to report that the community initiative was still of great interest to the community.

Chief Nelson provided a document on the Citizens on Patrol organization structure, advising that four platoons will be lead by a Team Leader, which will then report to the Team Supervisor. He was pleased to advise that most of these leadership positions for this volunteer program were now filled. An additional orientation session is planned for interested citizens.

4.2 Monthly Statistical Report

Deputy Chief R. Dinner provided highlights of interest in the January 2017 report. He commented that sexual assaults had dropped from 20 in 2016 to 9 in 2017, and break and enter (business) had also dropped from 27 in 2016 to 10 in 2017. Increases were noted in theft of motor vehicle from 22 in 2016 to 44 in 2017. He further noted the decrease in overtime from 281 hours in 2016 to 1451 in 2017.

4.3 Monthly Budget Report

Chief G. Nelson presented this straight-line based report, prepared by Inspector K. Pottruff, for the period ending February 28, 2017. No areas of concern were noted. He explained that some budget lines will show a surplus at the beginning of each quarter, but zero out at the end of the quarter. This was due to grants being paid quarterly.

4.4 Request for Financial Assistance

4.4.1 *Torch Run for Special Olympics*

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Brantford Coordinators of the local *Law Enforcement Torch Run and Barbecue* in support of the Special Olympics for financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this community event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,000 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to financially assist the local Law Enforcement Torch Run and Barbecue.

CARRIED

4.4.2 *School Safety Patrol Program*

Moved by Vincent Bucci
Seconded by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan

WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board recognizes the School Safety Patrol Program as being a valuable asset to our community

AND WHEREAS the Board supports recognizing “Patroller of the Year” recipients

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,500 from the Police Services Board Auction Proceeds Trust Fund to the Police Services Board Special Projects Account (132016) and that this amount be used to fund four \$375.00 awards for Brantford “Patroller of the Year” recipients.

CARRIED

4.5 2016 Annual Reports

4.5.1 *Calls for Service*

Chief Nelson presented his report, dated March 9, 2017, which outlined the volume and nature of calls for service received in 2016. He noted a 10.28% increase in the total number of calls generated. Of note was a 62.4% increase in attempted suicide calls, and a 23.92% increase in mental health related calls. The Board was pleased to learn of the training officers have taken to assist with citizens in mental health crisis.

4.5.2 2016/2017/2018 Business Plan

A report dated February 23, 2017, was received from Inspector D. Pancoe, which provided the 2016 status of the 53 performance objectives of the 2016/2017/2018 Business Plan. Although the objectives were listed as ongoing, it was explained that we are only one-third of the way through the plan. Chief Nelson added that the Service was in the midst of developing software to assist with the checklist of performance objectives.

4.6 Taxi Bylaw Amendments

Chief Nelson stated that after a review of the Taxi Bylaw, a number of amendments had been suggested and outlined to the taxi industry is a meeting held with staff in January. Draft amendments had been then made to the Taxi Bylaw document and provided to the taxi industry with a request to provide any concerns to the Board prior to this meeting. No comments had been received from the taxi industry.

Proposed changes to the bylaw will clarify compliance with all accessibility legislation. Amendments also will allow for the transfer of taxi owner licences providing there has been five consecutive years of ownership and operation. The Bylaw will also require taxi brokers to establish policies and procedures with respect to the safety of their drivers.

First Reading

Moved by	Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by	Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board amends Bylaw #99-01, "Licensing, Regulating and Governing Owners and Drivers of Taxicabs".

CARRIED

Second Reading

Moved by	Vincent Bucci
Seconded by	Vice Chair Brendan Ryan

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board amends Bylaw #99-01, "Licensing, Regulating and Governing Owners and Drivers of Taxicabs".

CARRIED

Third Reading

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board amends Bylaw #99-01, "Licensing, Regulating and Governing Owners and Drivers of Taxicabs".

CARRIED

4.7 2016 Ontario Community Safety Survey

4.7.1 *News Release – Forum Research Inc.*

A news release was received indicating that an unsponsored poll was taken by The Forum Poll of 7729 Ontario residents on their own police forces. It further indicated the vast majority feel safe in their communities, have confidence in their police services, and find them trustworthy and courteous.

4.7.2 *Brantford Results*

Chief Nelson advised that 202 Brantford residents had been surveyed. It was noted that 91% found the local police service trustworthy, 94% found officers courteous and 77% polled viewed Brantford Police staff as fair. Overall satisfaction with Brantford Police Service is similar to the Ontario provincial average.

5. MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board will be held on April 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m., at which time the in-camera session resumed. The public session resumed at 2:06 p.m.

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Councillor Greg Martin

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

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:07 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 20th day of April 2017.

Deb Cockerill, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant