

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018
10:30 A.M., BOARDROOM

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

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

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

CARRIED

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1.1 Recognition of Local Special Olympians and Champion Fundraiser

The Board welcomed and congratulated Neil MacDonald, Kerry Lane and Jacob Potts, three local Special Olympics athletes, who will be joining Team Canada to participate in the 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in March. Best wishes were conveyed to the athletes.

As well, the Board welcomed Mr. John Procee, who raised \$23,000 for Special Olympics. The Board learned that John has been an athlete and fundraiser for Special Olympics since 1997, and has raised more than \$300,000. Mr. Procee was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Mr. Jim Kruis, Community Coordinator with Special Olympics Ontario – Brantford. Mr. Procee was thanked for his outstanding efforts to this valuable community organization.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Greg Martin
Seconded by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan

THAT the minutes of the meetings held October 11, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Issues Update – Chief G. Nelson

Chief Nelson was pleased to report that a badge presentation for five new recruits would be held on December 13 at 1 p.m. He indicated that 20 students from King George Public School were writing letters to the recruits offering advice. Vice Chair Ryan agreed to attend the ceremony on behalf of the Board and say a few words.

Chief Nelson reported that he had attended the 2018 Health Minister's Medal Awards ceremony on October 17, 2018, at which time the Brantford Mental Health Crisis Support System, Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN became Honour Roll Members in the team category in recognition of the good work involving the integrated mental health support initiative.

Chief Nelson indicated that Copper Madness would again be held in November this year and provided a schedule to the Board.

Chief Nelson indicated that 28 cannabis-related calls had been received since the new legislation had been passed.

4.2 Statistical Report

Deputy Chief Dinner reviewed highlights of the April Statistical Report, noting that assaults were lower than 2017, while theft of motor vehicle and theft from motor vehicle were higher year-over-year. He stated that Criminal charges laid had increased from 1944 in 2017 to 2215 in 2018, year to date. He noted that false alarm calls appear to be plateauing at approximately 130, which is lower than the 225 calls per month experienced prior to the implementation of the Board's Alarm Bylaw. Of concern was the ever increasing WSIB monthly figure of 2909, up from 1489 in April of 2017. He noted that overtime continues to increase due to backfilling long-term absences.

4.3 Service Delivery Review Update

Chief Nelson stated that MetScan continues to move forward with this review.

4.4 Board Policy Amendments – Policy #00-28 and Policy #00-38

The Board was advised that amendments were being proposed to the Board policies on Criminal Harassment and Homicide to bring them in line with current legislation.

Moved by Councillor Greg Martin
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the amendments to Board Policy #00-028 “Criminal Harassment” and Board Policy #00-38 “Homicide” be approved.

CARRIED

4.5 Adult School Crossing Guard Location Review

Chief Nelson reviewed this annual report, prepared by A/Inspector Jason Saunders.

4.6 High School Resource Officer Program

Chief Nelson advised that he continues to receive positive feedback on the High School Resource Officer Program. He stated that GELA and the Six Nations Polytech schools have requested an officer; however, he does not have the resources to meet these needs.

A copy of an email was received in which Susan Noort, Principal of Tollgate Tech, expresses concern about the challenges of having the current officer assigned to Tollgate Tech unavailable due to other duties. She indicated she feels the program is valuable and benefits the school in many ways but hopes the officer can attend on a more regular basis.

Chief Nelson encouraged the Board to approach the two School Boards to explore funding options for the program.

Vice Chair Brendan Ryan spoke highly of the program and the benefits to students.

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Councillor Greg Martin

THAT a meeting be arranged between representatives of the Police Services Board, Grand Erie District School Board, and the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board to discuss the High School Resource Officer Program.

CARRIED

4.7 2018 Park Patrol Annual Report

This annual report was received. Chief Nelson noted the Park Patrol Program continues to be valuable and cost-effective.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next public meeting will be held on January 10, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Results of Cannabis Education/Enforcement Initiative

Chief Nelson reviewed this report, dated November 6, 2018, by A/Inspector Saunders, which outlined the results of an education and enforcement initiative which took place from October 16 to 31, 2018. During this initiative, approximately 3200 vehicles were stopped at 24 separate RIDE spot checks. One driver was charged with impaired driving by alcohol, and one driver was charged with impaired driving by drug. In addition 187 charges for various *Highway Traffic Act* offences were laid. The Service distributed approximately 3500 information pamphlets.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (11:15 a.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 10th day of January 2019.

Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant