

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.
TRAINING ROOM, 344 ELGIN STREET, BRANTFORD**

Mark Littell in the Chair

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| ROLL CALL |
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PRESENT: Mark Littell, Chair
Councillor Greg Martin, Vice-Chair
Mayor Kevin Davis
Tammy Bonner
Karen George

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Rob Davis
Deputy Chief Jason Saunders
Insp. Kristen Bell-Samson
Cst. K. Renzini
Robin Matthews-Osmond, Corporate Communications Manager
Duane Sprague, Zone 4 Ministry of Solicitor General
Virginia Kershaw, Executive Assistant

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| 1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS |
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None

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| 2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST |
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None

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| 3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION |
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3.1 Drone Replacement (deferral from February 11, 2021 Board meeting) (no copy)

Presentation

Deputy Chief Saunders and Cst. K. Renzini

Insp. Bell-Samson and Cst. K. Renzini provided a powerpoint presentation on the drone usage in the Services. The use of the drone has been an integral part of the Service operation noting that it is used in accident investigation, public events, missing/vulnerable person locates, natural disaster investigation and keeping public safety. The use of a drone allows for shorter officer investigation time, can be used in courts and helps mitigate liability. The drone has been used in conjunction with other City departments including Traffic Enforcement, EOC and

Fire Department. Questions of clarification on number of pilots authorized to fly this device, suppliers and warranty, manufacturers and upkeep costs for the current device which will no longer be supported by the manufacturer by end of 2021 were detailed to the Board.

Resolution

Moved by K. George
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT a capital project for the purchase of a new drone in the amount of \$45,000 BE APPROVED and FUNDED from the Police Vehicle/Equipment Reserve (RF0490).

CARRIED

3.2 Issues Update – Chief Davis / Deputy Chief Saunders (no copy)

Chief Davis noted that he had reached out to ABLE which indicated that the average contribution to this Program has been approximately \$1250.

Moved by K. George
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1250. from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) to provide a donation to the Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E.) Scholarship Program.

CARRIED

Deputy Chief Saunders noted that there is a COVID outbreak at the Ontario Police College which has subsequently closed in-person classes and moved to virtual learning. It is unknown how this outbreak will affect further intakes.

**3.3 Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OASPB) Zone 4
Membership – 2021**

Moved by K. George
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board RENEW their OASPB Membership for 2021, at a cost of \$50.00.

CARRIED

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| 4. CONSENT ITEMS |
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4.1 Minutes

Moved by K. George
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the February 11, 2021 Regular Police Services Board Minutes and March 2, 2021 Special Police Services Board Minutes BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4.2 Annual Reports

Moved by K. George
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the following Annual Report BE RECEIVED:

4.2.1 2020 Annual Suspect Apprehension Pursuits Report

CARRIED

4.3 Information Items

Moved by K. George
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the following Information Item BE RECEIVED:

4.3.1 Ontario Improving Safety and Enforcement for Towing Industry -
Province to Launch Joint Forces Operation Team and Tow Zone Pilot

CARRIED

It was noted that legislation in the works to review towing industry, but it is uncertain when this may be put in place. Brantford Police Service is developing a brochure to distribute to all persons who are involved in an accident noting all towing operators who can assist them. All tow operators that have reached out to the Board have been contacted to be included on the brochure.

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| 5. NEW BUSINESS |
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5.1 Chair Update on Activities on behalf of Board – M. Littell (no copy)

None

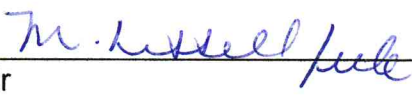
6. NEXT MEETING DATE

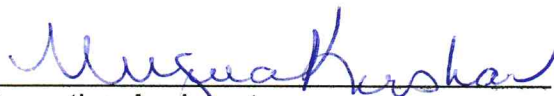
April 8, 2021 – 9 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The minutes of this meeting were adopted on April 8, 2021.


Chair


Executive Assistant