

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016  
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM**

## ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Brendan Ryan, Chair  
Vincent Bucci, Member  
Councillor David Neumann, Member

**REGRETS:** Deb Cockerill, Vice Chair  
Mayor Chris Friel, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief W. Geoff Nelson  
Deputy Chief Rob Dinner  
Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant

Moved by Vincent Bucci  
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

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

CARRIED

## 1. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

## 1.1 Draft Official Plan of the City of Brantford Police Service

Ms. Danette Dalton, Policy Planner, provided a comprehensive presentation on the first draft of the City's new Official Plan. She drew attention to areas which pertain to policing and community safety and invited feedback.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### 3. MINUTES

Moved by Vincent Bucci  
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the minutes of June 15, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

<b>4. REPORTS</b>
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**4.1 Issues Update – Chief G. Nelson and Deputy Chief R. Dinner**

Chief Nelson reported that a letter had been received from a currently serving RCMP Officer who grew up in Brantford. The former resident offered his thanks for the positive influence of Brantford Police Service officers in their roles as DARE Officers and High School Resources Officers.

Chief Nelson was pleased to advise that the Brantford Police Service was the winner of the OACP's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award for the Mobile Crisis Response Program. The award is presented in recognition of the accomplishments of police agencies and their community partners working together to improve community safety and well-being.

He reported on roundtable discussions with partners on a communication strategy to be developed on the dangers of synthetic drugs, including Fentanyl.

Chief Nelson then outlined a number of community events which members of the Service had attended.

Deputy Chief Dinner provided a verbal report on events attended by senior staff, including the opening of courts and the recent March Past at the Ontario Police College.

**4.2 Statistical Reports**

**4.2.1 *Monthly Reports – May and June 2016***

These reports were received.

**4.2.2 *Semi-Annual Five-Year Statistical Report***

Deputy Chief Dinner outlined points of interest in this report. He indicated that crime categories which were lower than the five-year average included sexual offences, thefts and attempted thefts of motor vehicles, thefts from vehicles, and mischief. Crime categories found above the five-year average were assault, robberies with weapons, robberies without weapons, break and enter to businesses, and thefts. A marked increase was seen in frauds, which he attributed to cyber crimes.

**4.3 Budget Reports**

**4.3.1 *June 2016***

This report, for the period ending June 30, 2016, was received.

*4.3.2 July 2016*

This report, for the period ending July 31, 2016, was received.

*4.3.3 August 2016*

Chief Nelson presented this report, and indicated that spending was on target. He added that a \$280,000 surplus at year-end was predicted.

**4.4 Auction Proceeds Trust Account**

*4.4.1 Second Quarter Report*

This report indicated that the balance of the Police Services Board Auction Proceeds Trust Account at June 30, 2016, was \$21,955.42.

*4.4.2 Board Auction Process Update Report*

A report dated August 9, 2016, was received from Chief Nelson on the effectiveness of the on-line auction process following the one-year trial agreement with Police Auctions Canada. Chief Nelson indicated staff were pleased with the process and recommended the Board approve the renewal of the agreement on an ongoing basis.

Moved by                      Councillor David Neumann  
Seconded by                Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the renewal of the agreement with Police Auction Canada on an ongoing basis.

CARRIED

*4.4.3 Request for Funding – Brantford Police Youth Hockey*

Chief Nelson presented a request from Constable Curtis Logan for financial assistance with the Brantford Police Youth Hockey Program. Chief Nelson reported that the program consists of 30 children who can participate in on-ice sessions with Brantford Police officers on a monthly basis. The program focuses on boys and girls of diverse ethnicity from economically challenged neighbourhoods, and is designed to use the game of hockey as a catalyst to attract at risk youth to a program offering support and empowerment for education. He indicated costs include transportation and equipment.

Moved by                      Vincent Bucci  
Seconded by                Councillor David Neumann

WHEREAS a request has been made to financially assist the Brantford Police Youth Hockey Program

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports the program

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$3,800.44 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to financially assist the Brantford Police Youth Hockey Program.

CARRIED

#### *4.4.4 Request for Funding – Ontario ParaSport Games*

A request was received from the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee of the 2017 Ontario ParaSport Winter Games for a cash donation and in-kind support by providing 50 criminal records checks to their volunteer crew.

Moved by                      Councillor David Neumann  
Seconded by                Vincent Bucci

WHEREAS the Ontario ParaSport Games Committee has requested a cash donation and in-kind support by providing 50 Criminal Records Checks to their volunteer crew

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports the Ontario ParaSport Games

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$500.00 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to provide a donation to the Ontario ParaSport Games

AND FURTHER agrees to provide 50 Criminal Records Checks to their volunteer crew at no cost.

CARRIED

#### **4.5    Second Quarter Complaints Against Police Report**

Chief Nelson presented this report, prepared by Inspector D. Pancoe, which indicated nine new complaints had been received over the second quarter, with four being initiated internally, and five being initiated by members of the

public. All four of the internal complaints have been concluded and all found to be substantiated. One investigation of a public complaint remains outstanding.

4.6 Section 11 Review – Inc. #15-38191

Deputy Chief Dinner presented this report, prepared by Inspector Pancoe, which outlined the findings of the investigation into an incident which occurred on November 10, 2015, in which the Special Investigations Unit was called in. In his report, the SIU Director advised that they had completed their investigation, their file was closed, and that no further action was contemplated. No policy changes were required as a result of the findings of this investigation.

4.7 Summer Park Patrol Program Report

This annual report was received. Deputy Chief Dinner commented that this reports favourably upon very worthwhile program.

4.8 Towing Agreement – Update

A memorandum dated September 20, 2016, was received from Inspector Pottruff, in which he indicates that the three-year agreement expires in one year. He recommended the Board continue utilizing the services of Ken's Towing for the remainder of the agreement.

4.9 2015 Brantford Police Annual Report

This report was received.

4.10 Review of Policy #16-01 – Street Checks

Chief Nelson provided a verbal report. He indicated that after the Board had adopted their policy on Street Checks, the Ministry had developed a guidance document. A comparison of the documents revealed that the Board's document conforms to legislation and no changes to the policy were recommended at this time.

4.11 Taxi Bylaw Review

A memorandum dated September 6, 2016, from Constable M. Aasla was received which indicated he had reviewed the current Taxi Bylaw. He noted the taxi licence fees in Schedule B had not been increased in eight years. He provided comparisons to fees charged by our municipalities. He concluded by recommending an increase to the fees.

Councillor Neumann expressed his concern that increasing these fees may lead to Uber coming into our community.

Moved by Vincent Bucci  
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board supports the recommendation of staff and amends Taxi Bylaw #99-01, Schedule "B", effective January 1, 2017, as follows:

Taxi driver's licence fee (initial) from \$25.75 to \$36.05  
Taxi driver's licence fee (renewal) from \$17.51 to \$24.51  
Taxi plate fee (initial) from \$46.35 to \$64.89  
Taxi plate fee (renewal) from \$46.35 to \$64.89  
Broker fee (initial) from \$94.76 to \$132.66  
Broker fee (renewal) from \$94.76 to \$132.66

CARRIED

<b>5. NEXT MEETING</b>
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The next public meeting of the Board will be held on October 27, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

<b>6. NEW BUSINESS</b>
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There was no new business.

<b>7. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Moved by Vincent Bucci  
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:45 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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T. Brendan Ryan, Chair

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Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant