

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brendan Ryan, Chair
Mayor Chris Friel
Councillor David Neumann

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

REGRETS: Deb Cockerill, Vice Chair

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

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

CARRIED

1. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

2. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Dedication of Plaque in Honour of the Late Jean Anderson

Chair Brendan Ryan welcomed Ms. Barb Hannam, daughter of the late Chair Jean Anderson. He read the inscription on the plaque – “In recognition of her lifetime public service to the community, including her distinguished service to the Brantford Police Services Board for the years 2001 to 2015”. The plaque, which also contained a picture of Mrs. Anderson, will hang in the Board Room.

Chair Ryan described Mrs. Anderson as a wonderful woman, with grace, class and integrity, who had dedicated her life to public service.

2.2 ParaSport Winter Games – Debi-Dignan-Rumble, Co-Chair of Volunteers

Ms. Dignan-Rumble and Ela Stya-Jones, Chair of the 2017 ParaSport Winter Games attended the meeting.

Ms. Dignan-Rumble advised she was Co-Chair of Volunteers with Mr. Alfred Spencer, Director of Outreach & Strategic Initiatives Branch - Accessibility Directorate of Ontario. She indicated that the City of Brantford and County of Brant would be hosting the Ontario ParaSport Winter Games on February 10 to 12, 2017. She added that the events would be held at eight to ten locations, and there was a need for approximately 200 volunteers.

She noted that police checks would be required for all volunteers, and a number of volunteers would also require vulnerable sector checks. She recognized that providing these police checks would be labour intensive and indicated she would be in touch in the Fall when firm numbers would be available. At that time, she advised she would be seeking financial support for the cost of the police checks.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the minutes of January 21, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Issues Update – Chief G. Nelson

Chief Nelson advised that Daniel Pearson Hirdes and Daniel MacKenzie are co-founders of HealthIM. HealthIM, founded in 2015, is a Canadian startup company. HealthIM has been working in partnership with the Brantford Police Service over the past year to develop software that supports police officers in the field responding to mental health calls.

The HealthIM application (app) provides police services with a secure mental health reporting system to standardize communication between officers and health practitioners, and assist decision making in the field. The app leverages existing police hardware and clinically proven algorithms to minimize length of calls and significantly improve reporting accuracy. The end result is less time spent in hospital emergency departments and a higher quality of care for mental health patients.

The app is currently installed on all Brantford Police Service cruisers.

Chief Nelson also read a letter of thanks from a citizen. The Board applauded the officers for their act of kindness to citizens in our community.

4.2 Statistical Reports

4.2.1 *Monthly Crime Statistical Reports – November and December 2015*

Deputy Chief Dinner highlighted points of interest in these reports.

4.2.2 *Annual Five-Year Crime Analysis Report*

Deputy Chief Dinner presented this report. He noted that Sexual Assaults had risen over 2014, but were in line with the five-year average. Assaults had decreased over 2014 and the five-year average. He advised that Robberies with Weapons were trending upwards. He was pleased to report a downward trend in Break and Enter of Residences, although there was a rise in Break and Enter of Businesses.

Despite a jump in the number of motor vehicle thefts from 388 in 2014 to 503 in 2015, he reported the five-year trend is showing a slight decline which he attributed to the efforts of Team Shutdown.

Deputy Chief Dinner outlined road safety statistics and noted a declining trend in impaired driving, personal injury motor vehicle accidents and fatal motor vehicle accidents.

4.3 Budget

4.3.1 *2015 Year-end Budget Report*

Chief Nelson presented this report and indicated that the surplus amounted to \$318,674; however, minor adjustments may still be made.

4.3.2 *January 2016 Budget Report*

Chief Nelson presented this report, commenting that it was very early in the year and that he had no concerns.

4.4 2015 Annual Reports

4.4.1 *Training Report*

Deputy Chief Dinner presented the 2015 Annual Training Report. The report outlined training by members at Police Colleges, other facilities, post-secondary courses taken by members, on-line police training and in-service training conducted by staff.

He advised that strict guidelines are followed to track the training delivered to and received by members, and throughout 2016, the Service will continue to ensure that members receive the education and training required to effectively perform their duties.

4.4.2 *Suspect Apprehension Pursuit Report*

Inspector Steve Sumsion attended the meeting and presented this report. He indicated that in 2015, 38 Fail to Stop Reports were submitted, and of these reports, 14 resulted in a pursuit being initiated. He noted that this number is slightly higher than 2014.

He added that it is important to note that officers elected not to engage in a pursuit during 24 or 63.2% of failing to stop incidents. He felt this displays good judgement and considered in the best interest of public safety.

4.4.3 *Complaints against Police Report*

Chief Nelson reviewed this annual report, noting that in 2015, 33 complaints were investigated.

Fifteen public complaints were received concerning the conduct of police officers, and two Service complaints were received. Of these, one public complaint was found to be substantiated.

He added that in 2015, 16 internal complaints were investigated, ten of which being substantiated. One investigation remains ongoing.

He concluded that with the growing number of interactions between police and the public, the number of complaints remain low.

4.5 Amendments to Taxi Bylaw #99-1 – Security Cameras

First Reading

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT Taxi Bylaw 99-1 be amended to include the following addition to paragraph 10:

(b) Any owner licensed under this Bylaw may install in a taxicab a security camera system. The owner must ensure that the security camera system shall:

(i) be positioned in the front or rear passenger area of the vehicle;

- (ii) *not provide wireless access to recorded images stored or produced by the system;*
- (iii) *be sturdy and secured with tamper-proof hardware to prevent unauthorized access to images or tampering with the system power source, wiring, wire connections and components;*
- (iv) *retain an image for a minimum of seven days after being recorded;*
- (v) *only allow access to the information recorded by the system to police or the owner of the taxicab company;*
- (vi) *affix to the interior and exterior of the taxicab a decal or sign that provides notice to the public that the security system is contained within the taxicab, and that the notice is clearly visible.*

The owner or driver of a taxicab equipped with a security camera system shall not operate such taxicab unless the system is in proper working order within the vehicle while on duty. Failure to ensure the camera is in good working order would place the vehicle out-of-service at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

CARRIED

Second Reading

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

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Third Reading

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

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4.6 Request for Disposal of Unclaimed and Found Property

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board dispose of found and unclaimed gift cards, credit cards and corporate loyalty funds, valued at \$423.79, by donating them to a charitable organization.

CARRIED

The Board asked that the found property be donated to the Out of the Cold Program.

4.7 Request for Financial Assistance – Send a Kid to Camp Program

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

WHEREAS a request has been received from Brantford Parks and Recreation to sponsor a child for their Send a Kid to Camp Program

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this initiative

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$250 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#150500) and that this amount be used to sponsor two children.

CARRIED

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2016.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:10 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 17th day of March 2016.

T. Brendan Ryan, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant