



BOARD REPORT

To: Chair and Members
Brantford Police Services Board

From: Inspector Kevin Reeder

Date: March 17, 2026

Subject: Report on Section 81(1) Investigation (SIU)
(SIU# 25-OCI-457)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board accepts this report as required under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, and

THAT the Board directs the Chief of Police to post this report on the internet within 30 days of receiving the report.

BACKGROUND:

Section 81(1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* directs that if the SIU Director causes an incident to be investigated under Section 15 of the *Special Investigations Unit Act, 2019* involving a member of a police service, other than a Deputy Chief of Police, the Chief of Police of the police service shall investigate:

- (a) the member's conduct in relation to the incident;
- (b) the policing provided by the member in relation to the incident; and
- (c) the procedures established by the chief of police as they related to the incident.

The Chief of Police shall report the findings and any action taken or recommendations based on the findings of the Section 81(1) investigation to the Police Service Board.

Section 8(3) of Ontario Regulation 90/24 directs that a Chief of Police who is required to report on an investigation under Section 81(1) shall give the report to the Police Service Board. If no criminal charges are laid against a member of the police service, the report shall be given within 90 days after the SIU Director publishes a final report.

Section 8(5) of Ontario Regulation 90/24 directs that a Police Service Board shall publish the report on the internet no later than 30 days after receiving the report.

Summary of SIU Incident

On November 12, 2025, at 8:14 p.m., Brantford Police Officers were called to an address near Grand River Avenue and Morrell Street for an intoxicated person. Officers attended and located the male Complainant. The Complainant was in a hospital gown and found to be intoxicated in a building hallway. He was reportedly staying with a resident of an apartment in the building, where he was returned without incident and left in the care of the resident.

At 9:29 p.m., the resident of the apartment contacted police to report that the Complainant was becoming physical and she wanted him removed. Prior to officers arriving, a trained negotiator tried to reason with the Complainant over the phone to have him go to another location. The Complainant was argumentative and told the officer he was ready to fight officers when they arrived.

At 9:53 p.m., officers attended and tried to reason with the Complainant. A SOAR crisis worker was also present with the officers and tried to deescalate the situation. The Complainant continued to talk about fighting the officers on scene but eventually agreed to go with the SOAR crisis worker. While he was walking towards the apartment door he tensed up and became combative by clenching his fists. The officers attempted to arrest the Complainant and gain control of him by escorting him to the ground. Unfortunately, when he was taken to the ground his head struck the corner of a wall causing a laceration and temporary unconsciousness.

He was subsequently transported to the Brantford General Hospital and eventually released from custody on an undertaking. He was charged criminally with assault, resisting arrest and failing to comply with probation.

Due to the injuries sustained during the arrest, the SIU was contacted by the Brantford Police Service. The SIU conducted an investigation into the circumstances and the actions of the police, naming two officers as Subject Officials. On his assessment of the evidence, SIU Director Joseph Martino determined that the force used by police was legally justified and there were no grounds to believe the officers committed any criminal offences.

As a result, the investigation was closed with no further action being taken by SIU.

Findings of the Section 81 Investigation

The ensuing Section 81(1) investigation looked at the officer's conduct, the service provided and any deficiencies or violations of policy and procedure.

The investigator found no deficiencies with the policies and procedures or services provided by members of the Brantford Police Service.

Further, there was no evidence discovered that suggested members committed misconduct or unsatisfactory work performance.

As a result, no further action is recommended to be taken.