

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017
11:45 A.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Deb Cockerill, Chair
Brendan Ryan, Vice Chair
Vincent Bucci
Mayor Chris Friel
Councillor Greg Martin

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

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

There were no presentations or delegations.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Greg Martin
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the minutes of May 11, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Issues Update – Chief G. Nelson

Chief Nelson advised that he has written to the Ontario Provincial Police to request specifics as a result of receiving a report from them indicating their members spent 1300 hours in our municipality in 2016.

Chief Nelson reported that the Brantford Police Service would respect a decision by the Pride committee that police officers were welcome to participate in the upcoming Gay Pride events, but not in uniform. He added that the police strive to have a relationship with everyone in the community and that after the events, a meeting would be held with the Pride committee to further discuss the matter.

Chief Nelson was pleased to report on the success of the One Stop Grad Shop program, developed by Constable Annaert, which was held on June 7 at King George School. The initiative enabled grade eight graduates to receive formal wear for their graduation ceremony at no cost. All garments had been donated. The purpose of the initiative was to help defray the cost of students attending the event, as well as strengthening the Police Service's partnership with youth and their families.

Chief Nelson further spoke of the launch of the new Police Service website.

He reported that the Torch Run for Special Olympics and BBQ would be held this Friday at Pauline Johnson.

4.2 Monthly Statistical Report

Deputy Chief Dinner advised that the report was unavailable.

4.3 Budget Report

Chief Nelson highlighted points of interest in the Budget Report ending May 31, 2017. There were no areas of concern.

4.4 Income Services – Schedule of Fees

A memorandum dated May 19, 2017, was received from Inspector Kent Pottruff in which he sought approval for the Service's overall 2018 Income Fee Schedule as amended. The new schedule included the Alarm Reduction Program fees.

Moved by	Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by	Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the 2018 Income Fee Schedule as presented this date.

CARRIED

4.5 Youth Hockey Program

A report, prepared by Constable C. Logan, assessing the effectiveness of the Youth Hockey Program was received and reviewed. The program receives financial support from the Board and the Brantford Police Association.

The program, instituted and designed by Constable Logan, was introduced to address the needs, interests and ambitions of the youth in our community. The initiative strives to establish hope and guidance to those who otherwise would not have access to such opportunities. As well, it was hoped that the experiences the youth gained resulted in creating and maintaining relationships with members of the Service, and that the youth will in turn act as ambassadors in their communities.

The report indicated that the youth involved in the program became more familiar with police as time went on and this engagement contributed to a significant positive change in the student's perceptions, attitudes and opinions about police.

The Board was very impressed with the success of the program, which Chief Nelson related was provided on a 100% volunteer police staff basis. Chief Nelson indicated that the program would continue again next year and would be seeking sponsors to fund the initiative.

5. MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board will be held on September 14, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Section 11 Review Report

Chief Nelson presented his Section 11 Review findings report with respect to SIU Case 09-OCD-010b (Benjamin Wood), and SIU Case 10-OFD-178b (Evan Jones).

6.2 Upcoming Legislation – Legalization of Marijuana

Mayor Chris Friel advised that the City was formulating an initiative with Brant County and Six Nations to develop a functional model for the regulating of marijuana sales.

He indicated the Police Service and Board may be asked to participate. He indicated more information will be forthcoming in the near future.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (12:15 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 14th day of September, 2017.

Deb Cockerill, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant