

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.
BOARDROOM, 344 ELGIN STREET, BRANTFORD**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Deb Cockerill, Chair
T. Brendan Ryan, Vice Chair
Vincent Bucci, Member
Councillor Greg Martin, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Chief W. Geoff Nelson
Deputy Chief Rob Dinner
Inspector Donald Pancoe
Marva Usher, Executive Assistant
Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant

REGRETS: Mayor Chris Friel, Member

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

2. 2019 POLICE BUDGET

2.1 Capital Budget

Inspector Pancoe provided an overview of the proposed 10-year Capital Plan and presented the 2019 10-Year Capital Budget Forecast, Capital Project Details Sheets and Reserve Forecast Balance. He indicated that the long-standing capital envelope of \$383,720 had been increased by 2% on advice of City Finance staff to \$391,394. Chief Nelson noted that the 10-year forecast was fully funded by the envelope.

Deputy Chief Dinner provided an update on the new facility project, indicating that a Class D estimate had been received and that a meeting would be held with the CAO and City Treasurer to further discuss funding. Should the project moves forward, the 10-year forecast would need to be adjusted.

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the 2019 Ten-Year Capital Forecast, as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the 2019 Capital and Minor Capital projects, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Operating Budget

Inspector Pancoe then presented the draft 2019 Police Operating Budget, totaling \$33,037,315, a 1.83% increase over 2018. He noted that this figure was based on the current level of service with inflation. He also provided a list of unmet needs request, which would bring the figure to \$33,740,653, a 4% increase. He stated that 88.61% of the figure was labour costs.

Chief Nelson then provided additional documents, including crime statistics and human resources data. He noted the steady increase in calls for service. He commented that 75% of calls were not for crime incidents, but were social disorder calls, which would include domestic disputes, bylaw complaints, incidents involving mental health issues. He stated the community expect police to respond to these calls, Chief Nelson added that although the Barrie Police Service had 60 more officers, they responded to 2,000 less calls. Although the crime statistics were trending downward, it was noted that the community still experiences a crime rate well above the Provincial average.

Chief Nelson outlined initiatives which had been launched to find efficiencies, including a proactive mental health strategy, on-line crime reporting and the Service Delivery Review, which should be concluded in May.

Vice Chair Ryan commented that it was the Board's number one priority to provide adequate protection of citizens, which included having sufficient resources.

Human resources data was reviewed, which included standard overtime, scheduled overtime and WSIB lost time, all of which were continuing to trend upward.

The unmet needs request included the hiring of six front-line officers, with start dates spread over 2019, as well as a Corporate Communications Director. Chief Nelson added that the workload was taxing on current resources and that 11.3 hours per day in scheduled overtime was necessary to provide unmet resources due to staff absences.

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the 2019 Operating Budget of \$33,740,653, a 4.00% increase over the 2018 Operating Budget.

CARRIED

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 13th day of September, 2018.

Deb Cockerill, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant