

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brendan Ryan, Chair
Deb Cockerill, Vice Chair
Vincent Bucci, Member
Mayor Chris Friel, Member
Councillor David Neumann, Member

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

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

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

CARRIED

1. CONDOLENCES

Chair Ryan stated the Board was saddened by the sudden passing of Constable Mark Stachurski and offered condolences to the family. He stated that Mark was a highly respected and popular member who had a distinguished record with the Police Service. He further thanked Chief Nelson for the overwhelming support shown to Mark's family.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Chris Friel declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Item 4.4.5 – Request for Financial Support with the Mayor's Gala.

3. MINUTES

Moved by	Vice Chair Deb Cockerill
Seconded by	Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the minutes of March 17, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Issues Update – Chief G. Nelson

Chief Nelson was pleased to report that the Service had been successful in attaining its fifth re-accreditation with CALEA on April 2, 2016, at a conference held in St. Louis.

He was also pleased to report that on April 2, a popular information session was held on the Citizens on Patrol Program, at which time there was an overwhelming public response. He indicated that on May 28, a training session would be held and then the program would go live.

He further reported that the Brant Community Response Team marked its one-year anniversary date of its formation. He stated that 277 situations had been reviewed with 350 people being assisted. He was pleased to report that 74% of those assisted had no further contact with the police.

He informed the Board that the Street Check Regulation had been passed and policies and procedures will be developed.

He also spoke on the collaborative mental health program and media event which was recently held.

Deputy Chief Dinner advised that he had attended a March Past at the Ontario Police College at which time a Brantford Cadet had graduated. He further spoke on the successful Annual Leadership Program event at Ryerson Heights Public School, which he had recently attended.

4.2 Statistical Reports

4.2.1 *Monthly Statistical Report*

Deputy Chief Dinner highlighted points of interest in the February 2016 Statistical Report. He indicated that the first murder since 2011 had taken place, which also accounted for the increase in overtime hours. Although break and enters had increased, he advised that one subject had been arrested and charged with a number of these offences. He added that frauds continue to rise and spoke about educating the public about frauds relating to dating websites and recent scams.

4.2.2 *General Statistical Data*

General crime data from 2010-2014 was received.

4.3 Budget Report

The Budget Report, prepared by Inspector Kent Pottruff, for the period ending March 31, 2016, was received and reviewed. Chief Nelson advised that he had no concerns.

4.4 Auction Proceeds Trust Account

4.4.1 *First Quarter Auction Proceeds Trust Account Report*

This report was received, which indicated the Auction Proceeds Trust Account balance as of March 31, 2016, was \$26,755.52.

4.4.2 *Request for Financial Assistance – Brantford Kinsmen Annual Ribfest*

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

WHEREAS a request has been received from the *Brantford Kinsmen* for financial assistance to offset the cost of their Annual Ribfest

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this community event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$500 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to financially assist the Brantford Kinsmen Annual Ribfest event.

CARRIED

4.4.3 *Request for Financial Assistance – Brantford Police Association Annual Charity Golf Tournament*

Moved by Vincent Bucci
Seconded by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill

WHEREAS a request has been received from the *Brantford Police Association* for financial assistance with their Annual Charity Golf Tournament

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this community event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,000 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that

this amount be used to financially assist the Brantford Police Association Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

CARRIED

4.4.4 *Request for Financial Assistance – Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run*

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Brantford Coordinators of the local *Law Enforcement Torch Run and Barbecue* in support of the Special Olympics for financial assistance

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this community event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,000 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to financially assist the local Law Enforcement Torch Run and Barbecue.

CARRIED

4.4.5 *Request for Sponsorship Donation – 11th Mayor's Gala*

Mayor Chris Friel had declared a conflict of interest.

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

WHEREAS a request has been received from Mayor Chris Friel for sponsorship of the 11th Mayor's Gala in support of the Lansdowne Children's Centre

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board supports this community event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,000 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to become a Bronze Sponsor of the 11th Mayor's Gala.

CARRIED

4.4.6 *Request for Sponsorship Donation – OAPSB 2016 Spring Conference*

Information was received on sponsorship opportunities for the 2016 OAPSB Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting, to be held in May in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

4.5 First Quarter Complaints Against Police Report

This report, prepared by Inspector Donald Pancoe, noted there were eight complaints made, three of which were public complaints and five being initiated as a Chief's complaint.

4.6 2015 Annual Reports

4.6.1 *Use of Force Analysis*

Inspector Donald Pancoe attended and presented this report, which had been prepared by Sergeant Jason Saunders. The report indicated that the total number of use of force reports submitted was 186, an increase of 78 from 2014. It was noted that the marked increase can be attributed to the rise in the number of officers using Tasers and that 2015 was the first year of the canine unit. In 2015, 16 canine tracks resulted in use of force reports. It was further noted that the percentage of calls that the Brantford Police Service respond to that require use of force is approximately 0.26 per cent.

Inspector Pancoe indicated that the information gathered in this report will be used by the Training Section to tailor the training provided to all Brantford officers.

Chief Nelson added he was pleased to report that although there was some concern among some members of the public that there might be over-use of Tasers which have now been issued to all front-line officers, there has been a very modest increase in use.

4.6.2 *Canine Analysis*

Inspector Rudy Jambrosic presented this report, which had been prepared by Sergeant R. Batson. He indicated that 2015 was the first full year that the Service had two dedicated canine teams. Of note, Inspector Jambrosic reported there were 175 calls for service for the Canine Teams, which included tracking, building searches, recovering property and apprehensions, to name a few.

4.7 Adult School Crossing Guard Warrant Study Results

4.7.1 *Agnes G. Hodge School - Clench Avenue at Tuxedo Avenue*

Deputy Chief Dinner reported that a warrant study had been completed by City Engineering staff. City staff, as well as Brantford Police Service staff, recommends that no guard be placed at this location.

4.7.2 *Walter Gretzky School/St. Basil Catholic School - Gillespie Drive at English Lane*

Deputy Chief Dinner presented a report on the results of the warrant study conducted by City Engineering staff. A recommendation was made that a full-time Adult School Crossing Guard be placed at this location.

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board supports the recommendation of staff and approves the placement of one full-time Adult School Crossing Guard at Gillespie Drive and English Lane, adjacent to Walter Gretzky School/St. Basil Catholic School.

CARRIED

4.8 Brantford Public Library – Letter of support for BEAT Unit

A copy of a letter dated March 14, 2016, to Chief Nelson from Chief Librarian Kathryn Goodhue, was received. In her letter, Ms. Goodhue communicated her support of the BEAT Unit and expressed her appreciation for their attendance at occurrences at the main branch of the Brantford Public Library. Chief Nelson assured the Board that the BEAT members, who had been re-assigned to the Platoon Section due to manpower shortages, had been again returned to their regular duties.

4.9 Command Post Vehicle – Request for Quotations

A copy of the Request for Quotations for a command post vehicle was received for information purposes only.

4.10 Proposed Amendments to *Police Services Act*

The Board received copy of a letter to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services from the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards regarding proposed legislative language regarding police board responsibilities in the revised *Police Services Act*.

5. NEXT MEETING

- 5.1 The next public meeting of the Board will be held on May 19, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.
- 5.2 June Meeting Date – The June 16 meeting was rescheduled to June 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. for public session.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:00 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 19th day of May 2016.

T. Brendan Ryan, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant