

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.
BOARDROOM & VIRTUAL, 344 ELGIN STREET, BRANTFORD**

Councillor Greg Martin in the Chair

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councillor Greg Martin, Chair
Councillor Mandy Samwell, Vice-Chair
Allan Lovett (virtual)
Dan Houssar
Krupesh Shah

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Rob Davis (virtual)
Deputy Chief Jason Saunders
Tareq El-Ahmed, CFO, Amy Lin, Accounting Supervisor
David Tilley, Zone 4 Advisor, Ministry of Solicitor General (virtual)
Virginia Kershaw, Executive Assistant

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 2024 Brantford Police Services Budget (Estimates Committee Resolution)

Resolution Adopted by Estimates Committee on January 22, 2024

THAT acting in accordance with the powers from the Police Services Act, the overall 2024 Brantford Police Services budget BE SET at \$49.33 million.

Members of the Board were advised of the resolution adopted by Estimates Committee of City Council relating to the 2024 Budget submission. City Council passed the motion above, acting in accordance with the powers of the Police Services Act, which has resulted in a shortfall/difference of \$1,073,276 (2.4%) between the Board's submission of \$50,407,165 (12.89%) and \$49,333,889 (10.49%) noted in the resolution.

Staff provided members of the Board with line-by-line budget worksheets, approved staffing hires for 2024 and suggested budget reductions that could be considered if deemed appropriate by the Board.

If the Board is of the opinion that the budget set is not sufficient to provide for adequate policing for the Service, the Board could invoke s.39(5) of the Police Act and request that the Ontario Civilian Police Commission become involved to settle any disputes.

The recommendation provided by staff include the moving of the Business Unit relating to Adult School Crossing Guards to the City for their administration, resulting in a savings of \$645,674 to the Police budget. T. El-Ahmed went through all other staff reduction recommendations noted in the memo dated January 26, 2024. Various line-by-line budget items were detailed for the Board.

Moved by A. Lovett
Seconded by D. Houssar

THAT the revised 2024 Brantford Police Services Operating Budget of \$49,325,932 (10.47% increase), which includes the following additional reductions and changes to revenue estimates, BE APPROVED:

ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS (Business Unit)	-	645,674.00
41205 - PROV GRANTS - COND -CSPT	-	48,937.00
42066 - REPORT FEES	-	60,000.00
42072 - SPECIAL DUTY POLICE	-	100,000.00
60235 - SPECIAL DUTY POLICING		85,000.00
43716 - WSIB RECOVERY	-	40,000.00
61102 - GENERAL SUPPLIES	-	50,000.00
62510 - REGISTRATION FEES	-	100,000.00
(1) SRO/Prose 1st Class Constable (Exit Strategy Specialist)	-	81,622.00
Overtime Reduction	-	40,000.00
Total Reduction:	-	1,081,233.00

CARRIED

Chair Martin requested a separate vote on the reduction of the Adult School Crossing Guards (Business Unit), and Vice-Chair Samwell requested a separated vote on all other staff reduction recommendations.

Separated Voting Results

Reduction of Adult School Crossing Guards (Business Unit) – Reduction of \$645,674
CARRIED

41205 - Prov. Grants – COND-CSPT – Reduction of \$48,937.00
CARRIED

42066 – Report Fees – Reduction of \$60,000.00
CARRIED

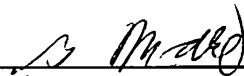
42072/60235 – Net Special Duty – Budget Reduction of \$15,000.00 42072 – Special Duty Police – Reduction of \$100,000.00 60235 – Special Duty Policing – Reduction of \$85,000.00	CARRIED
43716 – WSIB Recovery – Reduction of \$40,000.00	CARRIED
61102 – General Supplies – Reduction of \$50,000.00	CARRIED
62510 – Registration Fees – Reduction of \$100,000.00	CARRIED
SRO/PROSE – 1 ST Class Constable (Exit Strategy Specialist) – Reduction of \$81,622.	CARRIED
Overtime Reduction – Reduction of \$40,000.00	CARRIED

With the approved reductions above, the Operating Budget now stands at the revised total of \$49,325,932 / 10.47% increase from 2023.


4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were adopted on February 8, 2024.



Chair



Executive Assistant