

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.
TRAINING ROOM, 344 ELGIN STREET, BRANTFORD**

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Mark Littell in the Chair

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mark Littell, Chair
 Councillor Greg Martin, Vice-Chair
 Mayor Kevin Davis
 Tammy Bonner
 Karen George

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Rob Davis
 Deputy Chief Jason Saunders
 Sgt. Cheney Venn
 Virginia Kershaw, Executive Assistant

Chair Littell reviewed the procedures which will be followed for this virtual meeting of the Brantford Police Services Board.

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1.1 BusPatrol Safety Program – Philip Kuckyt and Jean Souliere

P. Kuckyt and J. Souliere addressed the Board and provided a powerpoint presentation on the BusPatrol Safety Program. A copy of the powerpoint presentation is included in the original minute file folder. Questions of clarification on the costs for the program, cost sharing formula, partners who are taking advantage of this program and how municipalities can get involved in this initiative, which includes red camera programs, were detailed. Chief Davis noted that this initiative falls into the Police Strategic Plan and indicated that the City does need to get involved in programs such as this to move it forward to fruition in this municipality.

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the presentation made by P. Kuckyt and J. Souliere regarding BusPatrol Safety Program BE RECEIVED,

CARRIED

Prior to voting on this motion, the Executive Assistant was requested to contact the Brant County Police Services Board to determine what motion that Board passed after reviewing this presentation. Once determined, this matter will be brought back to the June Board meeting for review and further consideration.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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None

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Items 3.1, 3.2, 4.2.1, 4.2.2 4.23 and 4.4.4 were separated for discussion purposes prior to calling the vote on all Items for Consideration and Consent Items.

3.1 Andrea J. Cooper Safety Patroller Award

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by K. George

WHEREAS retired Brantford Police Constable Andrea J. Cooper had a genuine passion for protecting and educating others about safety and exemplified service to her community throughout her 30 year career; and

WHEREAS Andrea's transfer to School Safety in 2013 was her last posting prior to her retirement overseeing the CAA Safety Patrol Program at 34 schools within the City growing the program from 600 to 1,000 student volunteers from Grades 6 to 8; and

WHEREAS Andrea took a personal interest in the safety of elementary school children at road crossings and on school buses and organized two annual events to reward and recognize the efforts of her patrollers – Safety Patroller Appreciation Day and the CAA School Safety Patrol Leadership Camp; and

WHEREAS Appreciation Day was held at local cinemas treating all patrollers and teacher volunteers to a free afternoon of entertainment thanks to local supporters and grants culminating in Patroller of the Year Awards being handed out to three deserving recipients; and

WHEREAS Andrea coordinated the attendance of patrol captains at CAA's annual 3-day summer training company in Oshawa where, in 2016, CAA recognized her enthusiasm commitment and passion for safety of the children by presenting her with their School Safety Patrol Program Achievement Award, given to the Police Service that lends exceptional support to the Program; and

WHEREAS the community at large, including her Police Services family, school community family and all community members touched by Andrea's commitment were heartbroken to hear of her untimely passing on January 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS a request has been received from Michelle Dreyer of Our Lady of Providence Parents Council requesting that an appropriate honour be made in Andrea's name for her involvement and dedication for the Safety Patroller Program and Safety Village for close to 15 years as a Police Officer and a parent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Brantford Police Services Board ENDORSE the renaming of the annual Safety Patroller Award to the ANDREA J. COOPER SAFETY PATROLLER AWARD in honour of Andrea's long-standing commitment and dedication to the safety of children in our community.

CARRIED

Andrea Cooper's family including husband Don and daughter Sidney along with friends and other family were present during consideration of the resolution to rename the Safety Patroller Award in honour of Andrea's name for her dedication and commitment to the community and safety of children. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

3.2 Issues Update – Chief Davis / Deputy Chief Saunders (no copy)

Deputy Chief Saunders provided a verbal update on the following matters – majority of Police Staff have now received their first dose of COVID vaccine; Third Party Records Checks continue to bring in a steady stream of revenue for the Services; PRIDE pins and flags have been developed and officers will be encouraged to wear these in June to support PRIDE month; Telephone system will be upgraded this year to ensure that it is compliant with Next Generation 911 Program coming in 2024 and noted that Hybrid cruisers are being utilized currently with fully electric vehicles being investigated for purchase in the future.

Chief Davis noted that the recent hires for Brantford Police include a former military police officer and a Six Nations member who are currently training and will be on the streets shortly.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the April 8, 2021 Regular Police Services Board Minutes BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4.2 Annual Reports

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the following Annual Reports BE RECEIVED:

- 4.2.1** Auxiliary Unit Annual Report 2020
- 4.2.2** Annual Report under Section 8 of the *Missing Persons Act, 2018*.
- 4.2.3** B.E.A.T Unit Annual Report

CARRIED

Prior to voting on this Item, all Reports were separated for discussion purposes.

Prior to voting on the item, Staff Sgt. Cheney Venn addressed the Board and gave an overview of Item 4.2.1 (Auxiliary Unit Annual Report). It was noted that there were limited auxiliary activity in 2020 due to the pandemic and less public events. Questions of clarification on the recruitment process, types of events the Auxiliary gets involved with, remuneration, age requirements of auxiliary members, etc. were provided by Staff Sgt. Venn. The success of the program and willingness to be involved are evident through the letters of support and recommendation reviewed by Staff Sgt. Venn.

Moved by K. George
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT Item 4.2.1 BE AMENDED to include the following additional clause:

- B. THAT the Brantford Police Services Board EXTENDS their congratulations and thanks to members of the Auxiliary Unit for their hard work and dedication to our community.

CARRIED

Prior to voting on Item 4.2.3 (BEAT Unit Annual Report) Mayor Davis commended the work of the BEAT Unit in our downtown area, however noted that he has received concerns that the Unit is not within the downtown as often as some residents/merchants in that area feel is necessary. Mayor Davis requested further information on number of hours this Unit is deployed to review. Chief Davis noted that he is unaware if this information is collected, but will check and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

Moved Mayor Davis
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT Item 4.2.3 BE AMENDED to include the following additional clause:

- B. THAT the Board REQUEST the Service to provide additional data regarding B.E.A.T. including number of hours deployed and report back to the Board with this information.

CARRIED

4.3 Quarterly Reports

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the following Quarterly Reports BE RECEIVED:

- 4.3.1 Auction Proceeds Trust Fund

CARRIED

4.4 Information Items

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the following Information Item BE RECEIVED:

- 4.4.1 Towing Provisions and the *Consumer Protection Act* – Memorandum from Ministry of the Solicitor General
- 4.4.2 Brantford City Council Resolution – Results and Recommendations from the Pilot Project for Physical Security Guard Services
- 4.4.3 Brantford City Council Resolution – Prioritization Matrix Implementation and Asset Management Plan
- 4.4.4 Proposed Regulations under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 – Memorandum from Ministry of the Solicitor General (to be separated for Board member comments)

CARRIED

Prior to voting on this item, members of the Board reviewed Item 4.4.4 (Proposed Regulations). Mayor Davis questioned the review of allowing for police chiefs to impose suspension without pay to officers. Chief Davis noted that there is some latitude in Alberta, but will have to do some investigation on this matter and provide further information to the Mayor. At this point in time, the Board had no comments to provide back on the proposed regulations.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Chair Update on Activities on behalf of Board – M. Littell (no copy)

None

Mayor Davis requested information on whether or not the Police Services Board meetings are taped and uploaded on the Police Services website or YouTube so that they can viewed at a later date. V. Kershaw indicated that currently no recordings of the meetings occur, but will check with IT to determine if this can be achieved in the future.


6. NEXT MEETING DATE

June 10, 2021 – 9 a.m.

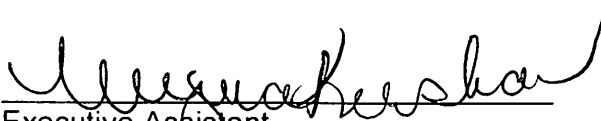
7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The minutes of this meeting were adopted on June 10, 2021.



Chair



Executive Assistant