

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015
1:25 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

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

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

IN-CAMERA MOTIONS

Moved by Vice Chair Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

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

CARRIED

1. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

2. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2.1 Exemplary Service Medal Presentations

2.1.1 *20-year Medal*

Sergeant James Sawkins was presented with a 20-year Exemplary Service Medal and thanked for his service to the community.

2.1.2 *30-year Bar*

Sergeant Grahame Lee was presented with a 30-year Exemplary Service Bar and thanked for his service to the community.

2.2 Brant Community Response Team

Sergeant Brad Cotton gave an informative presentation on the Brant Community Response Team, a collaborative community response to persons at acute high risk. He explained that this initiative was launched in March of this year after a need was identified in the community for assistance to persons who may require assistance from social agencies but may be slipping through the cracks.

He related that the Team was comprised of representatives of many community agencies including the Police Service, Nova Vita, Canadian Mental Health, Victim Services, School Boards, to name a few.

He further explained that it is the responsibility of all members to help identify “at risk” persons for submission to the Crisis Table. Criteria for submission include the situation being beyond one agency’s scope or mandate. Risk factors include alcohol, drugs, gambling, basic needs, poverty, housing, etc. Sergeant Cotton advised that the Team meets twice a week to conduct risk assessments on submissions. If the Team supported an intervention, the agencies involved would implement their plan within 24-48 hours and the subject would be plugged into whatever services they require.

Sergeant Cotton indicated that since March, 182 situations have been dealt with, helping over 250 people who were deemed to be in situations of acutely elevated risk.

Sergeant Cotton was thanked for his participation on this very important community support service.

Mayor Friel left the meeting at 2:05 p.m. at which time Vice Chair Ryan assumed the Chair.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Issues Update – Chief W.G. Nelson and Deputy Chief R. Dinner

Chief Nelson reported there will be a substantial increase in registration fees for training provided at the Ontario Police College, which will add \$10,000/year to the budget.

He related that the CALEA on-site inspection would take place December 7 to 10, 2015, and the Board was asked to meet with the inspectors on December 9 at 1:30 p.m. to be debriefed.

Chief Nelson indicated the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services had drafted legislation on carding and that he would be providing a media release in the near future.

Deputy Chief Dinner advised that over the past month, he had attended the Mayor's Luncheon, the Mid-Sized Police Service meeting and the OACP CEO Event Day, all of which were very informative. He also had reported that he had assisted the St. Thomas Police Service with their promotional process.

4.2 Statistical Report

Deputy Chief Dinner provided highlights on the August Monthly Statistical Report.

4.3 Budget Report

Chief Nelson reviewed the Budget Report, indicating that the budget was on target and anticipated a surplus of \$440,000, primarily due to gapping.

4.4 Auction Proceeds Trust Account

4.4.1 *Third Quarter Report*

This report was receiving, which indicated the account balance at September 30, 2015, to be \$4,755.29.

4.4.2 *Advertisement Opportunity – MADD Canada*

The Board did not wish to advertise in this magazine.

4.5 Complaints Against Police – Third Quarter Report

Chief Nelson reviewed this report, submitted by Inspector Donald Pancoe. He indicated that seven complaints had been made over the third quarter,

three of which were public complaints and four investigations have been designated as Chief's complaints.

4.6 Towing Contract – Annual Review

Inspector Pottruff provided a report in which he advised the current three-year agreement between the Board and Ken's Towing expires in 2017. He stated that during the past year, there have been no issues or concerns with respect to the level of service and recommended the Board continue utilizing the services of Ken's Towing for the remainder of the agreement.

4.7 Section 11 Review – Incident #13-40257

Deputy Chief Dinner reviewed this report, prepared by Inspector Pancoe, which reported on the findings of an investigation by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) into a complaint of assault. The report indicated that the SIU concluded there was no reliable evidence that an assault occurred or that the subject officer committed a criminal offence. Inspector Pancoe was satisfied that the officer(s) conducted themselves properly and no policy changes were required as a result of the finding of this investigation.

4.8 Police/Fire Radio System Upgrade Report

Chief Nelson reviewed this report, prepared by Sandy Ott, IT Manager, which indicated the project had successfully concluded and \$139,403.09 in surplus funds would be returned to the original funding source.

4.9 Taxi Bylaw – Request from Bell City Cabs

A request was received from Mr. Andy Atwal of Bell City Cabs to implement dash cams in their taxicabs, which would monitor the inside and outside front of cabs when they are on duty.

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Chief W.G. Nelson be directed to investigate the issue of the installation of dash cams in taxicabs and report back to the Board at the November meeting.

CARRIED

4.10 2016-2018 Strategic Business Plan

Inspector Pancoe presented this draft document.

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT a meeting with staff be held to review the Performance Indicators contained in the draft 2016-2018 Strategic Business Plan.

CARRIED

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Deb Cockerill

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:45 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 19th day of November, 2015

Mayor Chris Friel, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant