

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jean Anderson, Chair
Mayor Chris Friel
Councillor David Neumann

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

REGRETS: Todd Glaves, Vice Chair

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
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 Police Exemplary Service Award – Sergeant Grahame Lee

Sergeant Grahame Lee was presented with a Police Exemplary Service Award as a result of his heroic actions during a house fire on February 14, 2015. Chief Nelson reported that while off duty, Sergeant Lee came upon a smoke-filled home. Acting on information that someone was inside, he entered the home on multiple occasions in search of victims, putting his own life at risk. He was thanked for his heroic actions.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Appointment of New Board Member – T. Brendan Ryan

Chair Anderson welcomed Mr. T. Brendan Ryan, who was recently appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as a member of the Brantford Police Services Board for a two-year term.

4. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the minutes of the meeting held March 19, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1 Issues Update

Chief Nelson advised that eight Summer Park Patrollers had been hired and would report for duty on Monday. He also reported that the Service had hosted an event with representatives from the Beam Education Community Centre at which time members were able to sample Noah's Pudding or Ashure, an old, traditional Turkish dessert. Noah's Pudding is served at organizations to promote peace and dialogue between people of different backgrounds, ethnicity and faith.

Deputy Chief Dinner advised he had attended an open house at the local Mosque at which time there was a great deal of dialogue. He also attended CFB in Meaford with Mayor Friel and members of the 56th Field Regiment at which time they observed a demonstration and address to the troops. He indicated that these events were being held to educate employers on the role of reservists. He added that the 56th Field Regiment would be holding a field exercise in late April and that the Brantford Police Service will be participating and providing the services of a search manager and the canine unit.

5.2 Statistical Report

The Statistical Report for March 2015 was received and points of interest were highlighted by Deputy Chief Dinner. He noted that while assaults and break and enters were down, motor vehicle thefts and offensive weapon incidents had increased. He was pleased to report the increase in foot and bicycle patrol hours.

5.3 Budget

5.3.1 *2015 Approved Operating Budget Items*

A memorandum dated March 25, 2015, was received from Inspector K. Pottruff, i/c Administrative Support Branch, which advised of the items that have been approved in the 2015 operating budget for the Board.

5.3.2 Budget Report – March 2015

Chief Nelson provided this report, advising that the first quarter was on target. He advised that the 2014 surplus was \$732,006.

5.4 Auction Proceeds Trust Account

5.4.1 First Quarter Report

This report indicated the balance at March 31, 2015, was \$8,638.82.

5.4.2 Historical Report

Chief Nelson provided this report, as requested by the Board at a previous meeting, which outlined revenue and expenditures for the period 2011 – 2014. He advised that the average revenue is \$6,973, with the annual expenses being \$11,391, leaving an average annual shortfall of \$4,418.

5.4.3 Police Auction

Chief Nelson outlined this report which indicated that the current practice for the disposal of unclaimed property is through public auctions which are held twice a year – May and October, with the auctioneer being paid a 20% commission. Recently, staff advised that they had not been profitable. Chief Nelson reported that profit is adversely affected by the fixed cost of running the auction, and if attendance and sales are low, the profits decrease accordingly.

A staff recommendation was received to move to an online auction method to reach a broader base of potential buyers and cut the staff time required in auction preparation. A contracted company would pick up property and store it in their warehouse, thus freeing up space in the Property room.

Information was received that a number of Ontario police services are using Police Auctions Canada and are very pleased with the results. Many reported that since changing to this method of auction, they have seen an increase in profits because larger online audiences result in higher bids and increased profits. Staff recommended entering into a one-year trial agreement with Police Auctions Canada.

Moved by
Seconded by

Mayor Chris Friel
Councillor David Neumann

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board enter into a one-year trial agreement with Police Auctions Canada for the disposal of found and unclaimed recovered property.

CARRIED

Staff was asked to review the new method over the next ten months and bring back a recommendation to the Board. As well, they were asked to inform the public of the change in the auction method through the media.

5.5 Request for Return of Found Funds

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the request of Bonnie Sinden to return \$280.00 to her which she found and turned in to the Brantford Police Service, as the owner has not been found.

CARRIED

5.6 First Quarter Complaints Against Police Report

Chief Nelson reviewed this report, prepared by Inspector Donald Pancoe, which indicated that 12 new conduct complaints had been received over the first quarter of 2015. Six of those were instigated by senior staff and classified as “Chief’s Complaints”. Six complaints had originated from the OIPRD, with four of those being screened out and two remaining active.

5.7 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards – Request for Sponsorship

Correspondence was received from the OAPSB requesting the Board to consider a donation in support of their annual conference. The Board is unable to provide any funds.

5.8 Police Week 2015

Chief Nelson provided a list of activities planned for Police Week 2015, which will be held May 9 to 15, 2015. Activities included Family Day on May 9, at the Children’s Safety Village and the Copper Bowl, a football game between police and high school students, on May 15, 2015, at the Wayne Gretzky Centre.

5.9 Development of 2016-2018 Business Plan

Inspector Don Pancoe attended and presented a report on the development of the next business plan. He indicated that a consultant, Lean Productivity Systems, had been retained to assist with the process.

He outlined proposed timelines, including the identification of goals and objectives, an environmental scan, and consultation with staff and the public. He added that twenty staff members will be assisting with the development of the Goals and Objectives. Brendan Ryan will assist on the Board's behalf.

5.10 False Alarm Reduction Bylaw

Constable Mike Korda attended and spoke to the implementation process of the False Alarm Reduction Bylaw, which was passed in February. He reported that to make the Bylaw operational, staff visited three other police agencies that currently have false alarm programs in place. As a result, they found that cost savings could result in changes to the Bylaw.

He recommended that the current bylaw be amended to require only alarm companies requesting a police response to an alarm incident be required to register the company, as opposed to each individual alarm site. As well, the sliding scale for false alarm fines be changed so that one flat fee be charged.

It was reported that the City Solicitor's office had been consulted and recommended rescinding the original Bylaw and passing a new Bylaw with these amendments.

Moved by T. Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Bylaw 2015-01, False Alarm Reduction, be rescinded.

CARRIED

First Reading

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Bylaw 2015-02, being a bylaw of the Brantford Police Services Board to establish a system for the registration of security alarm systems and the reduction of false alarms, be adopted.

CARRIED

Second Reading

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Bylaw 2015-02, being a bylaw of the Brantford Police Services Board to establish a system for the registration of security alarm systems and the reduction of false alarms, be adopted.

CARRIED

Third Reading

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Bylaw 2015-02, being a bylaw of the Brantford Police Services Board to establish a system for the registration of security alarm systems and the reduction of false alarms, be adopted.

CARRIED

Staff was asked to ensure that alarm companies be notified when enforcement of the bylaw is set to begin.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on May 21, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 10th Mayor's Gala

Notice of the 10th Mayor's Gala, to be held October 24, 2015, was received.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:05 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 21st day of May, 2015.

Jean Anderson, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant