

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

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

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

1. IN-CAMERA MOTIONS

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

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

CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Sergeant Jeff Spencer gave a presentation of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Crime Map program. He indicated this computer tool, which allows the public to see what types of crime are occurring when and where in the community, has been available in Waterloo and Guelph for some time and has been well received by the public.

He advised that the GIS Crime Map is available for internal and external use through the Police Service computer system.

The internal site, available to Police Service staff, is a detailed tool which allows officers to search for calls for service, specific locations, occurrence times and has an information layer that provides addresses and photographs of wanted persons.

The external site, available to the public through the Service website, provides general information about police calls for service for the last ten days. It provides only a general location and type of occurrence due to privacy issues. The occurrence number of the incident is also provided. Searches of occurrences of a large number of specific types of crime based on dates ranging back to 2008 can be conducted.

Chief Nelson added that individuals, neighbourhood associations and non-profit agencies who provide services to the community will find the new application interesting and useful.

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Deb Cockerill

THAT the Brantford Police Service implement the new GIS mapping capability on the website, www.brantfordpolice.ca, so that it can be viewed externally by members of the community.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES

Moved by Brendan Ryan
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the minutes of the meeting held May 21, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

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

Chief Nelson informed the Board that the Police Service had held a number of events over the past month and provided a list of the community engagements, including Police Week events, the Red Sox game and All Stars Football Game. He provided an update on the Crisis Table, which involved 24 agencies. Chair Anderson asked that a representative of the Crisis Table be invited to a future Board meeting to describe how the initiative is working.

Deputy Chief Dinner reported on the recently held Promotional Oral Board which has resulted in 30 Constables being eligible for promotion to Sergeant, nine Sergeants on the list for promotion to Staff Sergeant, and four Staff Sergeants being on the promotion list to Inspector.

5.2 Statistical Report

Deputy Chief Dinner highlighted points of interest in the May 2015 Statistical Report.

5.3 Budget Report

Chief Nelson reviewed the May Budget Report, prepared by Inspector Kent Pottruff, Administrative Support Branch. He saw no issues of concern and anticipated a \$231,000 surplus at year end.

5.4 Request for Return of Found Money

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the request of James Hurley to return \$900.00 to him, which he found and turned in to the Brantford Police Service, as the owner has not been found.

CARRIED

5.5 SIU - Section 11 Review

Deputy Chief Dinner reviewed a report, prepared by Inspector D. Pancoe, on the results of an investigation into an incident which occurred on September 1, 2014, which involved a member of the public sustaining an injury following police involvement.

Deputy Chief Dinner indicated that an officer attempted to pull over a vehicle near West Street. The driver failed to stop, lost control of the vehicle and crashed. One passenger sustained a broken collarbone. The Special Investigations Unit was subsequently called. They released their final report on June 11, 2015, ten months after the incident, indicating the file was closed and no action was being taken.

After completing the review, Inspector Pancoe reports that he is satisfied that the officer conducted himself properly and that no policy changes are required.

5.6 Income Services Report

Chief Nelson presented a report, prepared by Inspector Kent Pottruff, i/c Administrative Support Branch, which indicated a review of the current fee schedule had taken place in order to reflect current practices and fair remuneration for services rendered.

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Deb Cockerill

THAT the 2016 Income Fee Schedule be amended as follows:

- a) remove fees associated to Records Checks for Adult School Crossing Guard applicants;
- b) remove the Recruit Applicant Processing fee, and
- c) add fees associated to the Alarm Reduction Bylaw.

CARRIED

5.7 CALEA Update – Inspector Donald Pancoe

Inspector Pancoe arrived at 1:40 p.m. and reviewed his report, which provided an update on the CALEA Program, which is part of our quality assurance plan. He indicated we are currently in the third year of our assessment cycle. The on-site assessment will take place December 7 to 10, 2015, with the accreditation award scheduled to be presented in St. Louis, Missouri at their conference scheduled for March 30 to April 2, 2016. He left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

5.8 Street Checks

Chief Nelson advised that recently the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services announced that they would be moving to standardize police street checks across the province. He reported that their examination of street checks, and the anticipated recommendations on training standards, supervision, oversight and retention, will provide added structure and consistency to this investigative activity.

He advised that a street check is an electronic record of an officer's interaction with a member of the community or observation of a certain circumstance where there exists a level of suspicion or possibility of criminal activity. Although he advised he did not condone stopping citizens without reasonable justification, he expected his officers to remain attentive to the activities within their patrol area and investigate all suspicious activities.

He advised that in 2014, 304 street checks were conducted by members of the Police Service.

5.9 Request for Sponsorship – Mayor's Gala

Moved by Deb Cockerill
Seconded by David Neumann

WHEREAS the Mayor's Gala will be held on October 24, 2015

AND WHEREAS the proceeds will be directed to the Brant County SPCA Shelter

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Police Services Board Auction Fund Account to the Police Services Board Special Projects Account and that this amount be used to sponsor the 10th Mayor's Gala.

CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Bill 35

Chief Nelson provided a report on Bill 35, the *Security for Courts, Electricity Generating Facilities and Nuclear Facilities Act, 2014*. He indicated the Act received proclamation on June 24, 2015, resulting in amendments to the *Police Services Act* related to security measures at courthouses. All persons authorized by a Police Services Board to provide security with respect to premises where court proceedings are conducted will be able to exercise certain powers, where reasonable.

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Deb Cockerill

THAT with respect to and upon proclamation of the *Security for Courts, Electricity Generating Facilities and Nuclear Facilities Act, 2014*, all Brantford Police Service police officers, special constables, auxiliary police members and others contracted by the Brantford Police Services Board who provide court security are hereby authorized by Section 137(1) of the *Police Services Act*.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Brendan Ryan

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

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 17th day of September, 2015.

Mayor Chris Friel, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant