

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM**

ROLL CALL

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

REGRETS: Todd Glaves, Vice Chair

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

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

There were no presentations.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Brant Taxi - Taxi Bylaw Amendments

Brant Taxi withdrew their request to appear as a delegation.

3.2 Canadian Security Association (CANASA) – Proposed False Alarm Reduction Bylaw

CANASA was represented by Norman Cheesman, Anna de Jager – Duplicki, Brad Hooton and Lorrie Hooton. Constable Michael Korda, staff resource for the development of the bylaw, also attended.

CANASA representatives provided their comments on the proposed False Alarm Reduction Bylaw. Support was voiced on the concept of a registration system for all alarm system users. They recommended that the practice of Enhanced Call Verification, prior to making a request for police response, be specifically required in the proposed bylaw. They also indicated that the fine for false alarms should be charged to the end user than that the alarm company. They further requested the Board reconsider the suspension of service for non-payment of fines, and institute a suspension policy that relates directly to the number of alarm site false alarms in a finite time period (i.e., fourth alarm in a six-month period). They indicated that fines directed to alarm companies for false alarms would most likely be passed on to end users in any event.

Cst. Michael Korda, staff resources for this initiative, indicated the bylaws of 18 police services had been reviewed prior to the final version of the draft being presented. He added that much of the bylaw was best practices of each, as well as from a template of CANASA. He reported that in 2014, the Service responded to 2,650 alarms from businesses, industry and private residences. Of those, 98% were false.

Mayor Friel commented that it was be an extremely onerous task to set up an administrative body to deal with more than 2,600 separate bills per year and felt it was best to bill the alarm companies.

First Reading

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Bylaw 2015-01, being a bylaw of the Brantford Police Services Board to establish a system for the registration of security alarm system and the reduction of false alarms, be adopted.

CARRIED

Second Reading

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Bylaw 2015-01, being a bylaw of the Brantford Police Services Board to establish a system for the registration of security alarm system and the reduction of false alarms, be adopted.

CARRIED

Third Reading

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT Bylaw 2015-01, being a bylaw of the Brantford Police Services Board to establish a system for the registration of security alarm system and the reduction of false alarms, be adopted.

CARRIED
The delegation left at 2:00 p.m.

4. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the minutes of the meeting held January 15, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1 Issues Update

Chief Nelson provided a verbal report on current issues.

Deputy Chief Dinner indicated that on January 19, he met with Sgt. Nick Savard, MP, DND, Detachment Commander of Wolseley Barracks in London. They are the MP's that look after our jurisdiction, and in particular our 56th Field Regiment in Brantford. They discussed the National Investigation Service (NIS) mandate and protocols, and Deputy Chief Dinner was provided with an updated MOU for review which contains mutual understandings and typical MOU related protocols.

He reported that on January 21, the Service held the swearing in and graduation ceremony for the six newest Auxiliary recruits.

On February 10, he advised he attended with Chief Nelson the OACP Zone 4 meeting in Hamilton. Chief Glenn De Caire of the Hamilton Police Service gave a presentation on "Social Navigator Program", which was followed by updates from around the zone, committee updates and a roundtable discussion on current issues and trends.

5.2 Statistical Reports

5.2.1 Monthly Crime Statistical Report

The January 2015 statistical report was received.

5.2.2 *Semi-Annual Five-Year Crime Analysis Report*

Deputy Chief Dinner reviewed this report and highlighted points of interest. He was pleased to report that the 2014 totals for a number of crime categories were below the five-year average, including sexual offences, assault, robberies, break and enters, thefts of motor vehicles and impaired driving. In 2014, there were 2397 motor vehicle accidents, while the five-year average was 2,178. An increase was also seen in the category of fail to stop for police, which totalled 29 incidents, above the five-year average of 19. Mayor Chris Friel spoke on road safety and indicated an update would be received on the Red Light Program.

5.3 Budget Report

Chief Nelson reviewed this report, submitted by Inspector Kent Pottruff, for the period ending January 31, 2015. It was noted that the report reflected the year-to-date expenditures only as the budget has not yet been approved by City Council.

5.4 2014 Annual Reports

5.4.1 *Training Report*

Deputy Chief Dinner reviewed his report which was a summary of all police training received in 2014, including training received at the Ontario Police College, Canadian Police College, other facilities, as well as in-service training and post-secondary courses taken by members. He stated that the training reflects the commitment to the professionalism of the Service and ensures our members obtain the knowledge and skills they require to perform their daily duties.

5.4.2 *Suspect Apprehension Pursuit Report*

This report, prepared by Inspector S. Sumsion, indicated that 31 Fail to Stop Reports were submitted, 12 of which resulted in a pursuit being initiated. The report indicated that it was important to note that in 59.3% of the incidents of failing to stop, officers elected not to engage in a pursuit, which is usually the result of good judgment and in consideration of the best interest of public safety. In 2014, there were injuries reported in three pursuits. It was explained that the report has been forwarded to the Training Section for consideration while developing future suspect apprehension pursuit training.

5.4.3 *Complaints Against Police Report*

This report, prepared by Inspector Donald Pancoe, indicated that 25 complaints were investigated in 2014. Seventeen public complaints were received, a 70% increase over 2013, four of which were investigated, while one was withdrawn and 12 were screened out by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director.

5.5 Bylaws

5.5.1 *Taxi Bylaw – Amendments*

After circulating the proposed Bylaw amendments to the local taxi brokers for input, correspondence was received from Brant Taxi and City Taxi.

First Reading

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the proposed amendments to Taxi Bylaw #99-01, as recommended by staff, be adopted.

CARRIED

Second Reading

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the proposed amendments to Taxi Bylaw #99-01, as recommended by staff, be adopted.

CARRIED

Third Reading

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the proposed amendments to Taxi Bylaw #99-01, as recommended by staff, be adopted.

CARRIED

5.6 Disposal of Property

A report was received from Chief Nelson indicated that the Service currently has two old vans that had been assigned to the Court Section, both of which have high mileage. Efforts to sell the vans on Kijiji have been unsuccessful. City staff has indicated they could use the vehicles in their fleet, which would reduce the cost of seasonable rental vehicles for the remaining life of the vans.

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT a 1999 van and 2001 van, currently used for court transportation, be transferred to the City of Brantford fleet by use by Parks and Recreation.

CARRIED

5.7 Request for Financial Assistance

5.7.1 *Brantford Police Association – Annual Group Retirement Party*

A request was received for a financial donation to the annual group retirement party the Brantford Police Association is hosting which will recognize four retirees. It was noted that although the Board supported this endeavour, no funds were available in their budget.

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the request of the Brantford Police Association to donate funds to their annual group retirement event be denied.

CARRIED

5.7.2. *School Safety Program – Patroller-of-the Year Awards*

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board recognizes the School Safety Patrol Program as being a valuable asset to our community

AND WHEREAS the Board supports recognizing “Patroller of the Year” recipients

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,500 from the Police Services Board Auction Proceeds Trust Fund to the Police Services Board Special Projects Account (150500) and that this amount be

used to fund three \$500.00 awards for Brantford "Patroller of the Year" recipients.

CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Information Session – City Committees

Information was received that City Council has given direction to fill vacancies on their legislated Committees, one being the Brantford Police Services Board. Two information sessions will be hosted by the City. It was noted that no one was available to attend the first session, however, Margaret Eves will attend the second session to answer any questions/

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel

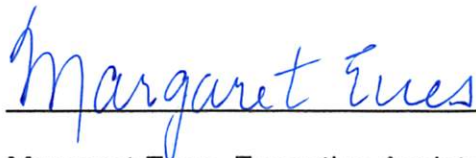
THAT the meeting be adjourned. (2:45 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 19th day of March 2015.



Jean Anderson, Chair



Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant