

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015
1:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jean Anderson
Mayor Chris Friel
Todd Glaves
Councillor David Neumann

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

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Jean Anderson

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. ELECTIONS

2.1 Chair

Todd Glaves nominated Jean Anderson, who accepted the nomination. The nominations were closed and Jean Anderson was acclaimed Chair of the Brantford Police Services Board for 2015.

2.2 Vice Chair

Jean Anderson nominated Todd Glaves. The nominations were closed and Todd Glaves was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Brantford Police Services Board for 2015.

Mrs. Anderson assumed the Chair.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Exemplary Service Award - Special Constable Shawn Beaulne

Special Constable Shawn Beaulne was presented with this prestigious award for coming to the assistance of a male who was experiencing the symptoms of a heart attack. He immediately performed CPR until the arrival of the paramedics. His quick actions undoubtedly saved the man's life. Chief Nelson added that this was the second time the officer had received this award and thanked him for his assistance to the public.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. MINUTES

Moved by Vice Chair Todd Glaves
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the minutes of the meeting held November 21, 2014, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 Issues Update

Chief Nelson indicated that on January 9, he had met with Michelle O'Connor to discuss the City's Mental Health Strategy.

He also advised that a member of our Auxiliary Unit, Stephanie McKinley, had been hired by the Woodstock Police Service, reflecting the quality of our Auxiliary members.

Chief Nelson was pleased to report that he had met with Chuck Dowdall, the newly-appointed Executive Director of St. Leonard's Community Services

He further informed the Board that a news release would be issued today by the City asking the public to participate in the Safe Brantford survey, which would be available on the Brantford Police Service website. The Board would appreciate an update on the Safe Brantford initiative at a future meeting.

He invited Board members to attend a one-day symposium on February 3 at the Sanderson Centre on the Crisis Table.

Deputy Chief Dinner added that he had attended the March Past and graduation of the newest recruit on November 27, who was officially sworn in on December 1, 2014.

6.2 Monthly Statistical Reports

6.2.1 *October 2014*

This report was received.

6.2.2 *November 2014*

This report was received.

6.2.3 *December 2014*

Deputy Chief R. Dinner highlighted points of interest in this report. He was pleased to see a decrease from 2013 to 2014 in reported Sexual Offences, Break and Enter (Business) and Break and Enter (Other), and Thefts from Motor Vehicles. He credited the joint police initiative “Project Shutdown” for the continuing decrease in Thefts of Motor Vehicles

6.3 Budget Reports

6.3.1 *November 2014*

This report was received.

6.3.2 *December 2014*

Chief Nelson presented this report, which indicated there was a surplus of \$1.2 million at the end of December. He pointed out that the figures are not final as some invoices and final Ministry payments have not been received or included. He added that it would be March before the final surplus figure was determined. He noted that the surplus was driven by wages and benefits savings due to gapping, WSIB absences, maternity leaves, etc.

6.4 Fourth Quarter Auctions Proceeds Account Report

This report was received which indicated the balance as of December 31, 2014, was \$13,140.71. Chief Nelson added that he had just received information that two additional payments had been made from the account and the new balance was \$12,640.00.

6.5 Fourth Quarter Complaints Report

Chief Nelson presented this report, prepared by Inspector D. Pancoe, which indicated eight new complaints had been received over the last quarter, five of which had been initiated by the Chief of Police, and three received from the OIPRD. One complaint investigation was outstanding.

6.6 Request for Adult School Crossing Guard – Ecole Dufferin

A letter dated December 3, 2014, was received from Mme M. Redekop, Principal, Ecole Dufferin, advising of traffic safety concerns, including speeding, along Grand River Avenue. She requested that an adult school crossing guard be placed at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Edwin Street.

Deputy Chief Dinner reported that after receiving this correspondence, the Adult School Crossing Guard Supervisor made observations at this location and did a count of students crossing at this intersection. Staff then made a recommendation based on the low number that a warrant study not be requested. He added that the City of Brantford Engineering Department has now posted additional signage and reduced the speed limit in the area.

Moved by Vice Chair Todd Glaves
Seconded by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board supports the recommendation of staff not to request an Adult School Crossing Guard warrant study at Grand River Avenue at Edwin Avenue, Brantford.

CARRIED

6.7 Request for Return of Found Funds

Moved by Vice Chair Todd Glaves
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the request of John DeJong to return to him \$260.00, which he found and turned in to the Brantford Police Service, as the owner of the money has not been found.

CARRIED

6.8 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards – Zone 4 Membership

Moved by Councillor David Neumann
Seconded by Vice Chair Todd Glaves

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board renews their membership with the Ontario Association of Police Services Board Zone 4 at a cost of \$50.00.

CARRIED

6.9 Bylaws

6.9.1 *Taxi Bylaw - Amendments*

Chief Nelson indicated that as requested, input was sought from the local taxi companies regarding proposed amendments to the Taxi Bylaw. He indicated a report with the feedback will be available for the next Board meeting.

6.9.2 *False Alarm Reduction Bylaw – Update*

Chief Nelson reported that consultation had taken place with alarm companies, as well as seeking comments from the public through the police website. Feedback will be reviewed and a report will be prepared for the next Board meeting.

7. MEETING DATES

7.1 2015 Meeting Schedule

Moved by Vice Chair Todd Glaves
Seconded by Councillor David Neumann

THAT the following 2015 schedule of meeting dates for the Brantford Police Services be approved:

February 11
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 25
September 17
October 15
November 19

AND that the in-camera sessions be held at 12:00 noon, and the public sessions at 1:00 p.m. in the board room at the Brantford Police Station, 344 Elgin Street, Brantford.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Board Training

The County of Brant Police Services Board notified the Board of upcoming Police Services Board training by Peter Osinga, Policing Services Advisor, to be held in late February or early March. Councillor Neumann expressed interest in attending.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (1:40 p.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 11th day of February, 2015.

Jean Anderson, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant