

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014 – 10:00 A.M.
BOARD ROOM**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Todd Glaves, Chair
Jean Anderson, Member
Councillor Vince Bucci, Member
Mayor Chris Friel, Member

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

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Councillor Vince Bucci

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

CARRIED

1. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

2. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Vince Bucci
Seconded by Jean Anderson

THAT the minutes of the meetings held October 16, 2014, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1 Proposed Amendments to Taxi Bylaw

Constable Matthew MacMillan, Licensing Officer, attended. His report proposing amendments to the Taxi Bylaw was reviewed. The changes mainly involved clarifying eligibility of taxi drivers due to current or past criminal conduct. Changes to safety inspections of taxicabs were also suggested. Chief Nelson proposed that the next step would be receiving feedback from the taxi industry.

5.2 Chief's Update

Chief Nelson related that the Crisis Table Workshop, held October 22, 2014, was well attended and had been successful. He indicated two officers from the Hong Kong Police Service had spent a week with the Service and found it very interesting. He provided an update on the proposed alarm reduction bylaw, advising that the draft bylaw was in the hands of the Assistant City Solicitor. Chief Nelson also mentioned that staff is currently researching the feasibility of utilizing www.policeauctions.com for disposal of property. He was pleased to advise that the Mental Health in the Workplace Committee was established in October and were responsible for the implementation of a Peer Support Program.

Deputy Chief Dinner advised that the annual Thank-a-Vet luncheon had been well attended and he had been pleased to participate. He also commented on the moving Remembrance Day ceremony held November 11 and the participation of the Honour Guard. He made mention that the Auxiliary Awards Night had been held and these dedicated volunteers were thanked for contributing over 6500 hours over the past year.

5.3 Statistical Report – September 2014

Deputy Chief R. Dinner provided an overview of the Monthly Statistical Report and highlighted points of interest.

5.4 Budget

5.4.1 Monthly Budget Report

The October budget report, prepared by Inspector Kent Pottruff, was received. Chief Nelson provided explanations for two business units that were currently overspent. He added that he anticipated a surplus of \$700,000 at year end.

5.4.2 Amendment to 2015 Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Vince Bucci
Seconded by Jean Anderson

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board ratify a motion taken November 5, 2014, to revise the 2015 budget estimate to \$29,953,022, an increase of 4.73%.

CARRIED

Chief Nelson also provided a report dated November 19, 2014, as a result of being asked by the City Treasurer to further examine the 2015 budget estimates and asked to locate budget reductions of \$852,687.00. He indicated that the most significant impact on the 2015 budget is increases to employee compensation which accounted for 92.74% over the overall increase. The remainder of the budget increase is attributed to expanded services, new services, inflationary impacts and positive changes to revenue. He suggested the elimination of non-mandated programs, and the elimination of staff through attrition.

5.5 Request for Financial Support – Arts After School Kids Program

A request was received from the Arts After School Program for \$1,000. It was stated that the Board fully supports this very important program, but noted that the Board policy stipulates that the auction fund not be used for ongoing funding of programs.

Moved by Mayor Chris Friel
Seconded by Vince Bucci

WHEREAS a request has been received from the *Arts after School Kids Program* for financial support of their program

AND WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board fully supports the work of this organization

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Police Services Board Auction Proceeds Trust Fund to the Police Services Board Special Projects Account (150500) and that this amount be used as a contribution to the *Arts After School Kids Program*

AND THAT the *Arts After School Kids Program* be encouraged to seek other sources of ongoing funding next year.

CARRIED

5.6 Court Security Plan – Update

Chief Nelson reviewed a letter provided to the Court Liaison Committee Members following a court facility security audit. The results of the audit had been provided at an in-camera session for security reasons. Chief Nelson indicated that 17 recommendations flowed from the security audit, with four directed to the Service. They included providing full-time manning of magnometers during court and providing additional on-site supervision at the court facilities. Thirteen recommendations were presented for the consideration of the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Chief Friel commented that the Province needs to recognize that although the City's Police Services Board is responsible for courthouse security, Brant County OPP and Six Nations Police are also court facility users and that we need to partner with them to work on this inequality.

5.7 Section 11 Report - Special Investigations Unit Investigation

Chief Nelson provided a report indicating that the Special Investigations Unit had investigated an incident as a result of an injury received by an adult male and adult female stemming from a motor vehicle collision with a police cruiser. The SIU determined the officer was not responsible for the collision in question and the resulting casualties. As well, the Chief's investigation found that the officer's conduct was in compliance with Brantford Police Service policy and procedures.

5.8 Adult School Crossing Guards

5.8.1 Annual Adult School Crossing Guard Location Study

This annual report, prepared by Sergeant G. Lee, was received, indicating that 56 full-time guards and 11 spare guards provide assistance vital to the safety of students within our City.

5.8.2 Warrant Study Results – Russell Reid School

A report dated November 12, 2014, was received from Sergeant G. Lee, which indicated a warrant study had been conducted by City Engineering staff. The study indicated that an adult school crossing guard is not warranted at that location. It was the recommendation of staff that a guard not be assigned to Cambridge Drive at Russell Reid School.

Moved by Jean Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Vince Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board supports the recommendation of staff that an Adult School Crossing Guard not be assigned to Cambridge Drive in front of Russell Reid School.

CARRIED

5.9 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards – Membership Renewal

Moved by Councillor Vince Bucci
Seconded by Jean Anderson

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the renewal of their membership in the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards at a cost of \$4,446.55.

CARRIED

5.10 The Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet Contractual Agreement – 2014/2015

Information was received that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services were providing funds under the “Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet Grant Program” in the amount of \$225,950. Chief Nelson indicated that these funds were to be used for manpower and that an officer would be hired in January 2015.

Questions arose regarding the release to the media of the names of persons criminally charged. Staff indicated that the names of accused persons are only released to the public once the “Information” has been sworn to.

5.11 Remembrance Day Service – Honour Guard

Chair Todd Graves advised that he was impressed with the professionalism of the honour guard at the Remembrance Day Service and asked that letters of appreciation be sent to those members.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next public meeting of the Brantford Police Services Board will be held on January 15, 2015.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Adult School Crossing Guard – Norman Street at Wayne Drive

A letter was received from Norma Wood, CET, Supervisor of Transportation and Parking Services for the City of Brantford, further to the Board's request for a warrant study to be conducted at the intersection of Norman Street at Wayne Drive, adjacent to Ecole Fairview.

Ms. Wood indicated the need for a permanent Adult School Crossing Guard at that location was discussed at a meeting of the Transportation Safety Committee. She advised that given the increase in the number of students attending the school and the safety concerns at the intersection, the committee felt that a warrant study was not necessary and that a guard should be permanently assigned to the intersection.

Moved by Jean Anderson
Seconded by Vince Bucci

THAT an Adult School Crossing Guard be placed on a permanent basis at the intersection of Norman Street and Wayne Drive.

CARRIED

7.2 Vehicular Speed Reduction Committee

Mayor Friel advised the Board that the above Committee would be purchasing speed signs so that radar boards could be installed in neighbourhoods. He added that they were also looking into red light cameras.

7.3 Remarks of Appreciation – Councillor Vince Bucci

It was noted that Councillor Vince Bucci's appointment to the Brantford Police Services Board will expire at the end of the month. He was thanked for his service to our community and ongoing support.

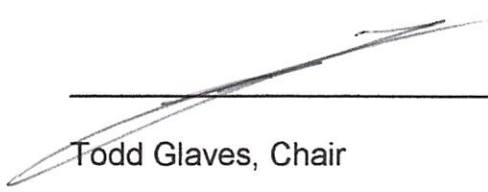
8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jean Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Vince Bucci

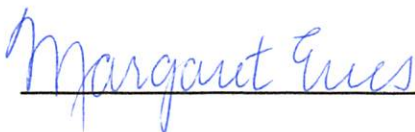
THAT the meeting be adjourned. (10:45 a.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 15th day of January, 2015.



Todd Glaves, Chair



Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant