

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 – 10:35 A.M.
BOARDROOM, 344 ELGIN STREET, BRANTFORD**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vincent Bucci, Chair
Brendan Ryan, Vice-Chair
Mayor Kevin Davis, Member
Councillor Greg Martin, Member
Mark Littell, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Chief W. Geoff Nelson
Deputy Chief Rob Dinner
Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant
Virginia Kershaw, Incoming Executive Assistant
Inspector Don Pancoe
Inspector Rich Paolini
Inspector Jason Saunders
Inspector Kristen Bell-Samson

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1.1 20-Year Police Exemplary Service Medal – Sergeant Keith Tollar

Sergeant Keith Tollar was presented with his 20-year Police Exemplary Service Medal. Sergeant Tollar was thanked for his dedicated service.

Members of the Committee were in agreement with amending the agenda to add Aaron Wallace, Director of Strategic Development as a delegation to speak to Item 4.8.3 (Coordination Efforts with the Downtown Street Outreach Team)

1.2 Delegation – Aaron Wallace re. Item 4.8.3 – Coordination Efforts with the Downtown Street Outreach Team

Mr. A. Wallace addressed the Committee and reviewed the Downtown Street Outreach Team noting that this is a one year pilot project which will commence in June 2019, ending May 2020. The scope of review will be the downtown area at the beginning with outreach being done and project service locations being defined within the area. The Team will interact with downtown merchants, persons in crisis, various stakeholders and vulnerable society members in an effort to assist persons with their needs. Outcomes of the Project would include the amount of connections made and services provided to them, training of downtown merchants for persons who may require assistance in their establishment, securing funding moving forward and how diversion of matters effect other resources in our community. A. Wallace was requested to provide further information on the Project

to members of the Board. Chief Nelson noted that the Police Services has input into this project primarily through the Downtown Beat Officers.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by M. Littell

THAT the minutes of the meeting held March 7, 2019 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Issues Update – Chief G. Nelson

Chief Nelson provided an updated on various issues relating to activities of Brantford Police Service including concerns raised with MPP Willem Bouma regarding discussions surrounding the removal of front licence plates on vehicles in Ontario. He advised that an extension has been reached with Ontario SPCA for services noting that the Board could consider a motion of support advising the Province that animal cruelty enforcement should not be under Police jurisdiction.

Moved by M. Littell
Seconded by Councillor Martin

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is considering the removal of the need for a front licence plate on vehicles in Ontario; and

WHEREAS Chief Nelson has reported that this will negatively impact tools used for Policing matters including traffic enforcement, Amber Alerts, etc

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Board write to MPP Will Bouma to echo the concerns by Chief Nelson on this matter.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Davis
Seconded by B. Ryan

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is considering moving responsibility of animal cruelty investigation to policing; and

WHEREAS Chief Nelson has expressed his concern about the impact of moving this responsibility

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Board write to MPP Will Bouma to echo the concerns by Chief Nelson on this matter.

CARRIED

Deputy Chief Dinner indicated that the capital budget has been approved by Council allowing for the design work of a new Police headquarters to begin. A member of the Board was requested for this design committee.

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by B. Ryan

THAT Mark Littell BE DESIGNATED as the Board representative on the Facility Design Committee.

CARRIED

4.2 Statistical Reports

4.2.1 September 2018

The September 2018 Monthly Statistical Report was received.

4.3 Budget

4.3.1 2019 First Quarter Report

The 2019 First Quarter Budget Report was received. Questions of clarification were provided to members of the Board, including the increasing trend of WSIB.

4.4 Auction Proceeds Account

4.4.1 2019 First Quarter Report

The Auction Proceeds Trust Account for the period ending March 31, 2019 was received.

4.4.2 Request for Donation – HOPE Mental Health Walk

Moved by M. Littell
Seconded by Councillor Martin

WHEREAS a request has been received from Mr. Mark Stapleton for a donation to the Mental Health Week; and

WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board recognizes the important civic event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$250 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to sponsor Mr. Stapleton in the Mental Health Walk.

CARRIED

4.4.3 Special Olympics Ontario Invitational Youth Game 50th Anniversary Watch

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by M. Littell

WHEREAS a request has been received to support the 2019 Special Olympics Ontario International Youth Games by purchasing a Special Olympics 50th Anniversary Watch for a participating athlete; and

WHEREAS the Brantford Police Services Board recognizes this important civic event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$84.75 from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) and that this amount be used to purchase a watch for a Special Olympian.

CARRIED

4.5 Complaints Against Police

4.5.1 2019 First Quarter Report

The 2019 First Quarter Report – Public Complaints Report was received.

4.6 2018 Annual Reports

4.6.1 Canine Unit

The 2018 Canine Services Activity Report prepared by A/Inspector Kristen Bell-Samson was received. Questions of clarification were provided to members of the Board.

4.6.2 Accessibility Report

The 2018 Accessibility Report prepared by Inspector Paolini was received.

4.7 Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Moved by B. Ryan
Seconded by M. Littell

THAT a Board policy BE DEVELOPED on declarations of interest to conform with changes to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Ryan
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT a review of Board by-laws BE CONDUCTED to ensure they conform with current legislation

CARRIED

4.8 Current Issues

4.8.1 Guns and Drugs Violence

No discussion

4.8.2 Downtown Policing

Chief Nelson noted that there is a Downtown Beat Patrol in operation currently and funded through the Services budget.

4.8.3 Coordination Efforts with the downtown Street Outreach Team

Discussed under Delegation 1.2

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, May 9, 2019

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 9th day of May, 2019

Chair



Executive Assistant

