

**BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.
BOARDROOM, 344 ELGIN STREET, BRANTFORD**

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Mark Littell in the Chair

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mark Littell, Chair
Councillor Greg Martin, Vice-Chair
Mayor Kevin Davis
Tammy Bonner
Karen George

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Rob Davis
Deputy Chief Jason Saunders
Virginia Kershaw, Executive Assistant

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Chair Littell acknowledged students from Conestoga College's Administrative Business Management Post Graduate Diploma Program who are observing the public portion of the Board meeting as part of their course requirements.

Chair Littell reviewed the procedures which will be followed for the virtual meetings of the Brantford Police Services Board.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Items 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 4.2 and 4.5 were separated for discussion purposes prior to calling the vote on all Items for Consideration and Consent Items.

3.1 Issues Update – Chief Davis / Deputy Chief Saunders (no copy)

Deputy Chief Saunders noted that there will be virtual fundraising for Special Olympics due to COVID. He noted that there were additional costs in the 2020 budget due to the COVID measures that needed to take place. Currently the

Police budget sits in a deficit position, with final budget figures being available in spring or later.

Deputy Chief Saunders noted that the Services drone used in many parts of the operation, purchased in 2017, requires immediate replacement as it is inoperable and is considered an emergency piece of equipment. It has been repaired twice so far, and the costs to repair it again are not considered cost effective. Questions of warranty length, how much use the current drone has had, procedure for purchase – single source or through RFP, camera technology compatibility for future use were posed by Board members and reported back to the Board in March.

Deputy Chief Saunders provided a brief update on the towing process issues raised at the January meeting, noting that Provincial regulations are coming on stream and will be reviewed when developing a process for the City. Some interim changes are being put in place in the community to address some of the concerns brought forward by the towing companies in January with a full report on how to proceed with this matter being brought back to the Board for consideration in March.

Chief Davis advised that a request has been made to rename the Annual Safety Patrollers Award to honour the late Andrea J. Cooper. In order to have staff review and finalize the details and provide for an opportunity for Andrea's family to be involved in the process, further review needs to happen by Staff and brought back to the Board for endorsement

Moved by Mayor Davis
Seconded by K. George

THAT the request made by Michelle Dreyer requesting that the Safety Patrollers Award be renamed to honour the late Andrea J. Cooper BE RECEIVED and REFERRED to Staff to review the request and report back to the Board in March on the appropriateness of renaming the Awards in her honour.

CARRIED

Chief Davis reviewed various operational matters including funding allocations and acknowledgment of work performed by Cst. Mike Aasla ensuring the Services compliance with Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR).

3.2 Agreement with R.S. Vehicle Maintenance

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the agreement between Roger Sinden operating as R.S. Vehicle Maintenance and Brantford Police Services Board for Brantford Police

Service vehicle maintenance, effective December 30, 2020, BE APPROVED and EXECUTED.

CARRIED

3.3 Auction Proceeds Account – Request for Funds - Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E.) Scholarship Program

Moved by K. George
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the resolution BE REFERRED to the March Board meeting to allow for Staff to gather more information on the Program and whether or not other Police Boards have made donations to the Scholarship Program:

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board approves the transfer of \$(to be determined) from the Auction Fund Account to the Special Projects Account (#132016) to provide a donation to the Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E.) Scholarship Program.

CARRIED

3.4 UPS Battery Replacement Project – Cancellation and Funding (no copy)

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the UPS Battery Replacement Program Project (PD1914) BE CANCELLED and that the unspent funds of \$14,500 BE RETURNED to the Police Vehicle/Equipment Replacement Reserve (RF0490).

CARRIED

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the January 14, 2021 Regular Police Services Board Minutes BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4.2 Monthly Statistical Reports

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the following Monthly Statistical Reports BE RECEIVED:

- 4.2.1** Report ending August 31, 2020;
- 4.2.2** Report ending September 30, 2020.

CARRIED

4.3 Quarterly Reports

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the following Fourth Quarter Reports BE RECEIVED:

- 4.3.1** Auction Proceeds Trust Fund.

CARRIED

4.4 Annual Reports

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the following Annual Report BE RECEIVED:

- 4.4.1** 2020 Annual Training Report

CARRIED

4.5 Information Items

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by T. Bonner

THAT the following Information Items BE RECEIVED:

- 4.5.1** Thank you from Laurier University re. Use of Force Recertification Training for Special Constables
- 4.5.2** Letters/Emails of thanks to Brantford Police Service members from various members of community.

CARRIED

M. Littell referenced the posting/picture of Constable Sevier going viral on social media for stopping to play pick-up hockey with children in the community. Chief Davis acknowledged the Staff who received kudos and feedback from members of the community.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Chair Update on Activities on behalf of Board – M. Littell (no copy)

None

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 11, 2021 – 9 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

The minutes of this meeting were adopted on March 11, 2021.



Chair



Executive Assistant