

BRANTFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016
10:00 A.M., BOARD ROOM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brendan Ryan, Chair
Deb Cockerill, Vice Chair
Vincent Bucci, Member

REGRETS: Mayor Chris Friel, Member
Councillor David Neumann, Member

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

Moved by Vincent Bucci
Seconded by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill

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

CARRIED

1. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1.1 20-Year Exemplary Service Medal

Sergeant Chuck Wheeler was presented with a 20-Year Exemplary Service Medal and thanked for his service to the community.

1.2 Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program

Inspector Rudy Jambrosic briefly explained the Citizens on Patrol Program, a citizen volunteer initiative, which will see volunteers walking neighbourhoods and community events. He indicated their job is to observe and report any incidents which may require police response. He then introduced Noah Kunej, a University of Waterloo student who will be employed by the Police Service for the summer. Inspector Jambrosic reported that Noah has created the website for the COP Program, namely www.bpscitizensonpatrol.ca, which was recently launched.

Mr. Kunej then provided a presentation on the website, walking through the two sides – one for the public and one for members of the COP Program. The Board learned the “member” side allows members to interact with each other and submit reports, while the “public” side provides valuable information on the Program.

Both presenters were thanked for their contributions to this community initiative. They left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chair Ryan declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Item 4.5.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the minutes of May 19, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Issues Update – Chief G. Nelson

Chief Nelson reported on the recent Provincial Cabinet shuffle, which resulted in David Oraziotti being appointed Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, while Yasir Naqvi had been moved to the position of Attorney General.

He informed the Board of the Gun Amnesty initiative, held for four days in June, which resulted in members of the public turning in 15 handguns, 40 long guns, as well as over 2,000 rounds of ammunition. These results exceeded expectations and he offered thanks to Cst. Shannon Parks and Sgt. Brad Loveday for their work on the project.

Deputy Chief Dinner reported that as part the United Way's Day of Caring on June 4, members of the Service participated in the building of a fence at a Habitat for Humanity home in the City.

4.2 Monthly Statistical Report

Deputy Chief Dinner reported on the April 2016 Monthly Statistical Report. Increases were seen in Robberies with Weapon, Break and Enter Residence and Break and Enter Business. Decreases were seen in Theft of Motor Vehicle, as well as motor vehicle accidents. He was pleased to report

the ongoing decline in false alarms. He added that although BEAT hours were down, personnel who had been re-assigned to other areas of the Service due to long-term absences, had been returned to the BEAT Unit.

4.3 Budget Report

Chief Nelson reviewed the Budget Report for the period ending May 31, 2016, and added that he had no concerns with the budget.

4.4 Board Policy #16-01 – Street Checks

Chief Nelson reviewed his report dated May 30, 2016, and draft Board policy on Street Checks. He indicated the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police had formed a working group, which had developed draft policies for both Police Services and Police Services Boards, which was before the Board today. These drafts fully comply with legislation and operational processes.

He further reported that contrary to first reports, the Ministry has now announced that it will be issuing “guidance” documents for the development of policy on street checks.

Staff recommended that the Board pass this draft policy put forward today, but compare it to the Ministry’s guidance document once it is received. By passing the policy now, Chief Nelson stated it will allow the Service to go forward with their operational policy and plan training initiatives.

There was discussion on the definition of “street check” and it was suggested that information on the issue be posted on the Service website.

The draft policy required the Chief of Police to supply an annual report to the Board. Although the Board requested this report be supplied quarterly, Chief Nelson responded that he could not at this time capture the information quarterly, but the Service would be working with their PRIDE partners to streamline the information for input into the computer system, but noted IT was finding this challenging.

Moved by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

THAT the Brantford Police Services Board adopts Policy #16-01, “Street Checks - Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances – Prohibition and Duties”, as presented this date, subject to a policy review after receiving the Guidance Report from the Ministry of Correctional Services and Community Safety.

CARRIED

4.5 Request for Financial Assistance

Chair Brendan Ryan declared a conflict of interest.

Moved by Vincent Bucci
Seconded by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill

THAT the following motion taken by electronic poll on June 15, 2016, be approved –

“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 (132016) and that this amount be used to fund three \$500.00 awards for Brantford “Patroller of the Year” recipients.”

CARRIED

5. NEXT MEETING

The next public meeting of the Board will be held on September 15, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Requests for Financial Assistance

6.1.1 *2017 International Police Hockey Tournament*

Moved by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Brantford Police Association to financially assist the 2017 International Police Hockey Tournament, the proceeds of which will be donated to local charities

AND WHEREAS the Board supports this event

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 (132016) and that this amount be used as a donation to the 2017 International Police Hockey Tournament.

CARRIED

6.1.2 2016 Mud Heroes

Moved by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill
Seconded by Vincent Bucci

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Brantford Auxiliary Police to financially assist the 2016 Mud Heroes event, the proceeds of which will be donated to Lansdowne Children's Centre

AND WHEREAS the Board supports this event

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 (132016) and that this amount be used as a donation to the 2016 Mud Heroes event.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vincent Bucci
Seconded by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (11:25 a.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 15th day of September, 2016.

T. Brendan Ryan, Chair

Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant

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CARRIED

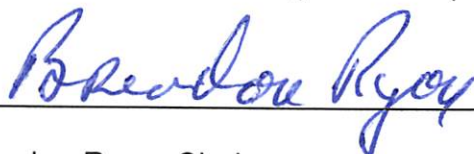
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Moved by Vincent Bucci
Seconded by Vice Chair Deb Cockerill

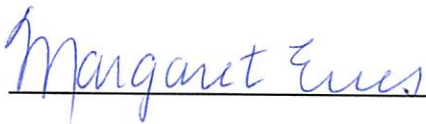
THAT the meeting be adjourned. (11:25 a.m.)

CARRIED

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 29th day of September, 2016.



T. Brendan Ryan, Chair



Margaret Eves, Executive Assistant