



Police Services Board Minutes

Date: April 20, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Electronic Participation only

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillor Peirce, Chair Haley, Member Brown, Member Verhey

Staff: Inspector Darling, Acting Staff Sgt. Hampson – OPP
 Hewitt, Davis

1. Attendance

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Haley extended appreciation to the Auxiliary Volunteers in recognition of National Volunteer Week, and welcomed Inspector Darling.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
 Seconded by Member Brown

That the Police Services Board agenda be approved with additions under Business Arising from the Minutes (Brant Tow Group and Brant Safe Streets) and In Camera (Citizen Communication regarding Public Security).

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

None

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 Police Services Board Minutes of March 16, 2021

Moved by Councillor Peirce
 Seconded by Member Brown

That the Police Services Board minutes of March 16, 2021 be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 OPP Traffic Unit Enhancements

In response to questions, Acting Inspector Darling reported that members will be brought on board in the roles of proactive traffic enforcement once detachment vacancies are filled. She noted that there has been no billing for the unit to date, and should platoons not be fully staffed prior to the addition of the officers, those two members of the traffic unit may be pulled away to support the front line. Board members expressed concerns with the timelines and purpose of the unit, noted rotational vacancies within the detachment and expressed the opinion that the OPP Traffic Unit Enhancements and Detachment complement are completely separate. The Board directed the secretary to arrange a meeting, to include Chief Administrative Officer.

6.2 Brant Towing Group

Member Brown reported on a meeting held with the Brant Towing Group (BTG) executive, Chair Haley, Deputy Clerk Adam Crozier and himself. He noted that the meeting was positive, and that the contract was discussed at length, with the goal of simplification to reduce redundancy of issues covered in other legislation. Next steps will be to circulate a draft to members for comment, final review of the Board, and presentation to BTG if will of the Board.

Discussion was held with regards to the health of Ed Derus, his contributions, and history of the Brant Towing Group in the County of Brant. The Board supported a request that Mayor Bailey provide representation on behalf of the Police Services Board.

6.3 Brant Safe Streets

Member Brown reported that, in response to concerns raised, members of the Board met with OPP and County staff to clarify roles, strategies, and procedures of the Brant Safe Streets strategy. He noted that aspects of the strategy have been working, and that the County and OPP agreed to further refine and clarify all roles, and provide information and education to all stakeholders following.

7. Statistics

Inspector Darling introduced herself, noted that she is filling in until May 9th, and ensured that information would be passed forward following her term. In response to questions Inspector Darling and Acting Staff Sgt. Hampson reported that:

- March 6th incident referencing Middletown Line was in Brant.
- Loud vehicle campaign is being led by Acting Sgt. Brian Workman, with Constable Vitalis involved in messaging and media. As requested Councillor Pierce will be connected with A/Sgt. Workman
- ATV enforcement and areas were reviewed, Barkers Bush is included in enforcement area.
- Impaired driving charges have increased in areas outside of Brant, potential reasons, awareness and education were noted.

- Rationale / commentary to explain foot patrol hours will be provided in future reporting.
- Currently there are three front line vacancies, two vacancies for the Traffic Unit Enhancement, there are two expected vacancies in May and one long term position will be classified as a vacancy in June. The Detachment Administrative Clerk is a civilian position that will be filled with a contract.

Members expressed appreciation towards social media posts and physical presence and resolution during a small protest in St. George.

Moved by Mayor Bailey

Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the Detachment Commander's, Statistics, and OPP False Alarm reports of March 2021 be received as information.

Carried

7.1 Brant County OPP Detachment Commander's Report

7.2 False Alarms

8. Communications

Discussion was held with regards to the Paris Community Policing Group and work with officers. It was noted that Community Policing meetings have not been scheduled, storage needs have not been received, and that the OPP are happy to reach out to Town Hall attendees and provide the Chair's contact information. Members noted challenges of in person meetings, benefits of community meetings, encouraged the group to utilize virtual formats that can enable members to join using a computer or phone/call in option, and expressed the desire for engagement. Member confirmed that St. George and Paris are the only active Community Policing Groups.

Moved by Member Verhey

Seconded by Member Brown

That the following communications be received as information:

- Mark Sherwin re: OPP Presence in Paris;
- Edith Stone, Community Policing Chair re: Follow-up towards response of Board;

And, that the Chair respond accordingly.

Carried

8.1 Mark Sherwin re: OPP Presence in Paris

8.2 Edith Stone, Community Policing Chair re: Follow-up towards response of Board

9. Other Business

None

10. Updates

10.1 Council Communication - Councillor Peirce

Councillor Peirce reported that a BusPatrol presentation will be forthcoming to Council, Brant Safe Streets will address concerns of residents, and Automated Speed Enforcement will be initiated in Community Safety or School Zones.

10.2 OAPSB Zone 4 - M. Verhey

Member Verhey reported that the Ontario Association of Police Services Board Zone 4 has had significant changes to the Board, structure / format. He noted an update was received from Chris Herapath, Police Services Advisor, and discussion was held on municipal issues, as well as the continued collection of membership fees.

10.3 Community Safety & Well-Being Plan

Jen: believes survey tool out with community on Brant Engage platform, noted downside of working virtually is engagement, expresses concerns of deadline and draft of report

10.4 Chair Update

Chair Haley reported attending the virtual St. George Community Policing meeting, their desire for visibility within the community, reviewed updates provided and discussions held and noted opportunities to engage regarding the Safe Streets Program. Discussion was held with regards to the positive response of County residents to the Town Hall meetings, the impact of Covid, and opportunities to continue the momentum.

10.5 2021 Priorities

None

11. In Camera

The Board convened In Camera at 10:18 a.m. to discuss Confidential Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) regarding OPP Detachment Board Proposal Submission Process and Citizen Correspondence re: Public Security. This portion of the meeting is recorded in the Confidential – In Camera minutes of April 20, 2021. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:55 a.m. on a motion of Councillor Peirce and Mayor Bailey.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Verhey

That the County of Brant Police Services Board convene In Camera to discuss Confidential Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) regarding OPP Detachment Board Proposal Submission Process and Citizen Correspondence re: Public Security

Carried

12. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 10:57 a.m. to meet again on May 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., virtually.

Secretary