



Police Services Board Minutes

Date: October 24, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillor Peirce, Members Brown, Haley, and Verhey
Staff: Inspector Quenneville, S/Sgt McTaggart - Brant OPP
Stevenson, Williams, and Davis

Member Haley in the Chair.

1. Attendance

1.1 Introduction and Welcome to Superintendent Lori Doonan

It was noted that Superintendent Doonan's visit will be rescheduled.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the County of Brant Police Services Board agenda of October 24, 2023, be approved, with the addition of an In Camera item (Intimate Personal Matters).

Carried

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 September 26, 2023

Moved by Member Verhey
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the Police Services Board minutes of September 26, 2023, be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

7. Statistics

7.1 Brant County OPP Detachment Commander's Report

Inspector Quenneville presented the Detachment Commanders Report. Discussion was held on the following:

- Impaired driving is a challenge provincially, and impairment is noteworthy in many aspects of enforcement.
- Efforts of the Traffic Management Unit were noted. In response to questions, Inspector Quenneville suggested that advocacy for front line officers would be supportive.
- In response to questions, Inspector Quenneville reported that there were 14 mischief incidents in 2023 as compared to 2 in 2022, resulting in a 600% increase.
- In response to questions, Inspector Quenneville noted the timelines of discussions with respect to transfer of care have been impacted by the management changeovers at the Detachment and hospital, renovations at the Brantford General Hospital, the impact of COVID, and pressure to priorities.
- Appreciation was extended for the successful grant application for the 2023/2024 Victim Services Grant. It was noted that the Child Exploitation Education Program will be presented to elementary and high school students and that transportation funding is included within the grant funds.
- OPP Citizen Youth Academy information will be shared through the schools.

Moved by Member Brown

Seconded by Member Verhey

That the Detachment Commander's and Statistics report of October 24, 2023, be received as information.

Carried

8. Staff Reports

8.1 RPT-0472-23, False Alarm Statistics - January to September 2023

In response to questions, Cindy Stevenson, General Manager Emergency and Protective Services noted that false alarm fee structures will be reviewed at the November budget presentation.

Moved by Councillor Peirce

Seconded by Member Verhey

That Staff Report RPT-0472-23 "False Alarm Statistics – January – September, 2023" be received as information.

Carried

9. Communications

9.1 2023 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Remainder - OPP Municipal Policing Bureau

Received as information.

9.2 2024 Annual Billing Statement - OPP Municipal Policing Bureau

Discussion was held with regards to the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau 2024 Annual Billing Statement. Questions were raised towards population growth and definition of property counts, noting the impact on the billing and OPP compliment levels, and that the County has a number of properties under construction. Chair Haley reported that information pertaining to a forthcoming webinar will be shared upon receipt. Inspector Quenneville will coordinate the delegation of a West Region liaison to speak at Council with attendance of Board members in the first quarter of 2024, requesting that the scope of questions be submitted in advance to provide a focused presentation. In response to questions, Inspector Quenneville reported that the Brant Detachment is considered a small detachment, and noted the variables discussed determine the staffing of.

9.3 CSPA Training Session - Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB)

Chair Haley encouraged members to register for two Community Safety and Policing Act training sessions offered by the Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB). She further noted that recordings will be posted by the OAPSB.

10. Other Business

10.1 Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Chair Haley presented an invitation from the St George Legion to participate in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Members expressed their availability to attend ceremonies in St George, Burford, and Paris. Discussion was held with regards to Legion donations and past ceremony participation. Staff was directed to coordinate Police Services Board representation at all Remembrance Day Ceremonies represented by the County of Brant.

10.2 Christmas Recognition for OPP Members - Budget Allocation

Chair Haley noted summer barbeques sponsored by the Board and past methods undertaken to recognize members of the OPP during the Christmas season. Interest was sought to present OPP Members with a Christmas token of appreciation.

Moved by Member Verhey

Seconded by Member Brown

That the Board present members associated with the Brant OPP Detachment with a token gift of appreciation;

And that the cost does not exceed \$1,000.

Carried

10.3 Draft memo for Council re: Communications

Chair Haley noted a coordinated effort towards the preparation of a communication strategy for the County of Brant Police Services Board, Brant County OPP, and the County of Brant Council members, as outlined in the draft memo proposed for presentation to Council. It was noted that the reference document can assist in the

provision of service and response to citizens, when concerns are shared through the appropriate channels.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Verhey

That the Police Services Board support the Communication Strategy;

And that the Communication Strategy memo be distributed to members of Council.

Carried

11. Updates

11.1 Council Communication

Councillor Peirce reported that Council has referred items to the Brant Safe Streets initiative. In response to discussion, Councillor Peirce noted that some traffic calming measures will be removed for the winter season.

11.2 OAPSB Zone 4

Member Verhey reported that there is no update regarding OAPSB Zone 4.

11.3 Chair Update

Chair Haley reported on plans to present the revised Community Safety Group Terms of Reference for the Board's consideration in November. She noted feedback received, follow-up questions, research undertaken, and budget implications. Chair Haley noted ongoing work undertaken by staff with regards to the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and the potential for the Board to be a conduit of review. Chair Haley noted the circulation to the Board of the draft Fall Dispatch Newsletter, she requested member feedback, and reported plans for distribution by the end of November. Members were encouraged to suggest future content to Inspector Quenneville.

12. In Camera

The Board convened In Camera at 10:07 a.m. to discuss intimate personal matters. This portion of the meeting is recorded in the Confidential – In Camera minutes of October 24, 2023. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:21 a.m. on a motion of Mayor Bailey and Councillor Peirce.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Brown

That the County of Brant Police Services Board convene In Camera to discuss intimate personal matters.

Carried

13. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Chair Haley noted that the December meeting of the Board will be held at the Call of the Chair.

The Board adjourned at 10:23 a.m. to meet again on November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary