



Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board Minutes

Date: October 22, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillor Peirce, Members Brown, Budreau, and Haley

Staff: Inspector Quenneville, Stevenson, Williams, and Pluck

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Affirmation of Office for the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board Members

Spencer Pluck, Deputy Clerk / Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board Secretary, conducted the Affirmation for Office of the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board for Mayor David Bailey, Councillor John Peirce, Jim Brown, Ron Budreau, and Jennifer Haley.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

S. Pluck called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board.

Councillor Peirce nominated Member Haley. Member Haley accepted. No more nominations were received.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Brown

That Member Haley be elected Chair of the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board,
and;

That nominations be closed.

Carried

S. Pluck called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board.

Councillor Peirce nominated Member Brown. Member Brown accepted. No more nominations were received.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Haley

That Member Brown be elected Vice Chair of the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board, and;

That nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed;

Carried

Member Haley assumed the Chair.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chair Haley requested that items 8.2 to 8.7 move forward to be heard immediately following item 6.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Brown

That the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board agenda of October 22, 2024 be approved, as amended.

Carried

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

6. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

None.

7. Statistics

7.1 Brant County OPP Detachment Commander's Report

Inspector Quenneville noted that the Detachment Commander's Report is different compared to previous iterations, and that the changes are done in the interest of consistency across the province. Chair Haley advised that further revisions to the report structure are being made and that this only the first version. Members expressed positive feedback on the new report format, noting that it effectively presents statistics in a clear and direct manner.

Inspector Quenneville presented the Detachment Commands report. Discussion was held on the following:

- Staffing changes have occurred at the detachment, with a sixth Sergeant position, a Second Operational Support Sergeant position, three recruits, and two lateral officers being received. Inspector Quenneville further

noted that a Domestic Abuse Issues Investigator has been designated at the Brant detachment, and that the vacant Detective Constable position has been filled and will begin in the coming weeks.

- Inspector Quenneville provided an update on discussions with the Brantford General Hospital surrounding the Memorandum of Understanding for the Transition of Care, noting that the document is with legal and the next steps will be training and implementation.
- Plans are underway to host the second Youth Academy and applications are being received by youth in the community.
- Plans are underway for the 2025 Special Olympics, with the Ontario Provincial Police, Brantford Police Service, and Six Nations Police as co-hosts.
- Traffic Management Unit charges year to date, noting a significant increase in part three charges.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the Detachment Commander's Statistics report of October 22, 2024, be received as information.

Carried

8. Staff Reports

8.1 RPT-0350-24, False Alarm Statistics - January to August, 2024

C. Stevenson presented RPT-0350-24, False Alarm Statistics January to August, 2024.

In response to questions, C. Stevenson advised that an analysis of the five properties with thirty-six repeat false alarms can be provided to the Board and that the fines are collected through invoicing. Members expressed the desire for an additional column displaying outstanding receivables in the next report.

Moved by Member Budreau
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That Staff Report RPT-0350-24 "False Alarm Statistics - January to August, 2024" be received as information.

Carried

8.2 RPT-0486-24, Overview of Community Safety and Policing Act

Cindy Stevenson, General Manager of Emergency & Protective Services, provided an overview of the report, noting that the report can be used as a reference tool for the board moving forward.

In response to questions, C. Stevenson advised that the Inspectorate of Policing monitors the board's activities.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Brown

That RPT-0486-24, Overview of Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, be received as information.

Carried

8.3 RPT-0481-24, Abuse Policy

C. Stevenson presented RPT-0481-24 Abuse Policy, noting the policy is required to be adopted by the board under the new insurance coverage and that the policy may be reviewed and enhanced at a future meeting.

In response to questions, C. Stevenson advised that a media representative would be determined by the board, and that the media inquiries are specific to the abuse policy.

Discussion was held regarding designating the Chair as the media representative, with the Vice Chair serving as an alternate.

Moved by Member Budreau
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board adopt the Abuse Policy as presented.

Carried

8.4 RPT-0349-24, Budget to Actual Year to Date

C. Stevenson presented RPT-0349-24 Budget to Actual Year to Date, and noted that a draft budget for 2025 will be brought to the November Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board meeting for the Board's consideration.

In response to questions, C. Stevenson advised that the Board would submit budget estimates to Council for budget approval, and that the County's budget for 2025 is scheduled to be approved by the end of February 2025.

Discussion was held regarding releasing a fall Dispatch Newsletter, and the benefits that the newsletter provides to the community.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Budreau

That the budget to actual variance report at October 7, 2024, as attached, be received as information.

Carried

8.5 RPT-0488-24, Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board Draft Procedural By-law

S. Pluck presented RPT-0488-24 Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board Draft Procedural By-law, noting staff are looking for feedback from the Board to incorporate into a final draft.

In response to questions, S. Pluck noted that public notification is deemed complete for Special Board meetings when notice is published on the County of Brant website more than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

In response to questions, S. Pluck advised that items not included on the agenda may be added at the meeting with the consent of the majority of members present.

Moved by Member Brown
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the attached Draft Procedural By-law for the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board be received as information, and;

That comments of the Board be incorporated for future adoption.

Carried

8.6 RPT-0480-24, Review of Community Safety Groups

C. Stevenson presented RPT-0480-24 Review of Community Safety Groups. Discussion was held regarding the review of community safety groups, and the status of funds of the Community Safety Groups.

Inspector Quenneville noted that through consultations with the Ministry, it was suggested that the Board develops a robust delegation policy for those wishing to address the Board directly.

Further discussion was held with regards to neighbourhood watches, and in response to questions, Inspector Quenneville confirmed that neighbourhood watch is not an active O.P.P. program, and raised concerns surrounding liability and risk management.

C. Stevenson advised that they would be looking for feedback from the Board on how to recognize the past contributions of the Community Safety Groups.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Brown

WHEREAS the former Police Services Board requested a review of the three (3) area Community Safety Groups;

That the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board dissolve the Community Safety Groups based on their lack of standing under the Community Safety and Policing Act;

That community engagement continue to be held through initiatives directed by the local O.P.P. and Detachment Board;

AND that the current members of the area Community Safety Groups receive formal appreciation from the Detachment Board for their dedication, commitment and contributions to community safety.

Carried

8.7 RPT-0490-24 Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board Name Confirmation

S. Pluck presented RPT-0490-24 Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board Name Confirmation, noting that the Board has the opportunity to change their naming convention.

Discussion was held with regards to updating the Board's name to the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board.

That RPT-0490-24 be received as information;

And that the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board provide direction on the Board's naming convention.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board be renamed to the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board;

And that a by-law be presented at the November 25, 2024 Brant County O.P.P. Detachment Board meeting to reflect this change.

Carried

9. Communications

Discussion was held regarding the Mandatory Thematic Training, with members to submit confirmation of the completed training to the Deputy Clerk.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Budreau

That the following items of communication be received as information:

- January to March 2024 Detachment Revenues - OPP MPB Financial Services Unit
- April to June 2024 Detachment Revenues - OPP MPB Financial Services Unit
- 2025 Municipal Policing Billing Statement Property Count - Municipal Policing Bureau

- 2025 Annual Billing Statement - Municipal Policing Bureau Ontario Provincial Police
- Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 Mandatory Thematic Training - All Chiefs Memo 24-0055
- 2024 County of Brant Interim Provincial Offences Act Summary of Payment - January 1 to June 30
- Brant Co, 2024 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Reminder - OPP PB Financial Services Unit

Carried

10. Other Business

10.1 Remembrance Day Services

Discussion was held regarding the Burford, St. George, and Paris Remembrance Day services. The Board identified members to attend each ceremony.

11. Updates

11.1 Council Communication

None.

11.2 OAPSB Zone 4

Chair Haley noted she attended an OPP focus group for the Ontario Association of Police Services Board Zone 4, and that Zone 4 has meetings scheduled in February and May. She further highlighted that the detachment golf tournament raised \$10,000 for Brant Safe Beds. Chair Haley reported that a tree dedication ceremony is taking place on October 23 at 6:00 p.m. in memory of Auxiliary S/Sgt Bruce Harschnitz, and acknowledged the passing of Constable Dylan MacKinnon.

12. In Camera

None.

13. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 10:59 a.m. to meet again on November 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary