



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

***PUBLIC MINUTES***

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Niagara Police Services Board  
Board Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 110 James Street, St. Catharines

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board commenced at 8:40 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. L. Iggulden, Chair  
Mr. D. Martin, Vice Chair  
Mr. V. Badawey  
Mr. B. Bentley  
Mr. B. Smeaton  
Mr. M. Woodhouse

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Chief of Police W.E. Southall (arrived at 8:55 a.m.)  
Deputy Chief of Police D. Moody (arrived at 9:14 a.m.)  
A/Deputy Chief of Police G. Dagenais  
Superintendent D. Kane, Field Services (arrived at 8:55 a.m.)  
Superintendent D. Parrent, Support Services (arrived at 8:55 a.m.)  
A/S/Sergeant J. Matthews, Policing Standards  
Sergeant J. Maggiolo, Executive Officer, Operations  
Ms. M. George, Manager Finance Unit

Ms. D. Morton, Executive Director  
Ms. S. Taylor, Executive Assistant

**OTHERS:**

Sergeant P. Disimoni, President (departed at 9:45 a.m.)  
Niagara Region Police Association

**DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Pursuant to Section 28 of the *Police Services Act*, the Chair of the Police Services Board shall be elected on an annual basis at the first meeting of each year.

The Executive Director assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Moved by: B. Smeaton  
Seconded by: D. Martin

**That Larry Iggulden be nominated for the position of Chair.**

**Carried.**

Mr. Iggulden agreed to let his name stand.

Moved by: B. Smeaton  
Seconded by: V. Badawey

**That the nominations for the position of Chair be closed.**

**Carried.**

There being no further nominations, the following Motion was passed:

Moved by: D. Martin  
Seconded by: M. Woodhouse

**That Larry Iggulden be elected Chair of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board for 2006.**

**Carried.**

3. **Police Services Board – Election of Vice Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Moved by: B. Bentley  
Seconded by: M. Woodhouse

**That Doug Martin be nominated for the position of Vice Chair.**

**Carried.**

Mr. Martin agreed to let his name stand.

Moved by: B. Smeaton  
Seconded by: M. Woodhouse

**That the nomination for the position of Vice Chair be closed.**

**Carried.**

Moved by: V. Badawey  
Seconded by: B. Bentley

**That Doug Martin be elected Vice Chair of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board for 2006.**

**Carried.**

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, December 15, 2005.

Moved by: B. Smeaton  
Seconded by: D. Martin

**That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, December 15, 2005 be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried.**

#### **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

Chair Iggulden expressed his appreciation for the confidence of the Board in allowing him to sit as Chair of the Board for another year. The Board with its continuity needs to address three issues – new collective agreements for the Uniform and Civilian staff and for the Senior Officers Association, to accomplish a resolution of the Service's facilities, and to complete the 2007 operating and capital budgets. Chief Southall has completed the Service's Program Review providing good insight for the personnel requirements, and will have to face the needs and maximize any investment for facilities. It is expected that the Chief will place this item as a top priority for assistance to the Board to make the necessary decision for Regional Council's consideration. Chair Iggulden looks forward to working with all for the coming year.

## REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Southall reported the following:

### *Discovery of Body in Niagara Falls*

Major Crime is investigating the discovery of an adult body in the area of Whirlpool Road/Church's Lane in Niagara Falls on January 24. A press conference has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26.

Deputy Chief of Police Moody continued:

The January 25 post mortem indicated definite trauma to the body. The Service is concerned with the possible link to deaths of several prostitutes in the same manner over the past several years.

### *1<sup>st</sup> 2006 Homicide – Welland*

On January 10 the NRPS responded to a welfare check of a Welland residence requested by Family and Children Services when three children had been not been picked up from school. Officers found the body of the 32-year-old female who had been strangled and an adult male requiring medical attention. The 43-year-old male was released from hospital and charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder.

### *14<sup>th</sup> 2005 Homicide – Update*

Major Crime Unit continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding the murder of 29-year-old Shelston Antonio Broome in St. Catharines on December 24, 2005. On January 16, 2006 police arrested a 21-year-old for 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, and on January 17 arrested a 20-year-old for the same charge, both from Brampton. On January 22 Glenroy Edwin Francis surrendered to the NRPS in St. Catharines and was charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder. The Service has issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant for suspect Toyan Adrian Johnson, Brampton, for 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder.

### *Niagara Falls Woman Held Captive*

On January 23 a Niagara Falls woman found a male intruder in her apartment who confined her to a chair for approximately eight hours. A 30-year-old suspect was arrested following her release.

### *Peace Bridge Arms Seizure*

Two Missouri residents are in police custody following their apprehension while attempting to enter Canada at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie on December 22, 2005, following a vehicle search which revealed four undeclared fully loaded handguns consisting of three semi-automatic firearms and a revolver, additional loaded magazines, a silencer and plastic dagger disguised as a comb.

### *Operations – Marijuana Grow Ops, Robberies & Traffic Fatalities*

Statistics for 2006

Grow Ops to January 24.....\$ 2,016,000 (estimated street value seized);  
7 grow ops, 12 arrests  
plus two additional grow ops in St. Catharines and Welland were taken down overnight  
January 25.  
Robberies..... 14 (5 arrests, 3 solved, 11 ongoing investigations)  
Fatalities..... 3 (28 for 2005)

### *2005 RIDE Program*

The 2005 NRPS RIDE program has concluded with the final statistics:

Program duration..... November 27, 2005 – January 1, 2006;  
Vehicles stopped ..... 3,550;  
Roadside tests..... 132;  
12-hr suspensions..... 26;  
Arrests..... 11

*2006 Traffic Fatalities*

For the period January 1 through January 26, there have been three fatalities:

- January 17 on Niagara Stone Road in Niagara-on-the-Lake;
- January 21 ATV collision on a dirt trail in Fort Erie;
- January 21 at the Victoria Avenue/King Street intersection in the Town of Lincoln.

**ADJOURNMENT** (at 9:30 a.m.)

Moved by: B. Smeaton  
Seconded by: M. Woodhouse

**That the Board move into Confidential to deal with a Human Resources matter and return to the Public Agenda thereafter.**

**Carried.**

**RECONVENE** (at 9:45 a.m.)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **2006 Police Service Current Budget**

*At the Special Public Board meeting held on January 18, 2006, the Board referred Service report 11/2006 dated January 11, 2006 providing the Board with the 2006 Police Service current budget resulting in a total net expenditure budget of \$101,800,498 or a combined total of \$102,550,498, an increase from the 2005 budget of 5.2% and 3.7% impact on the tax levy after consideration of assessment growth impact.*

Moved by: D. Martin  
Seconded by: B. Bentley

**That the Board request Chief Southall to reduce the proposed 2006 authorized strength by two positions (namely, one Sergeant, Professional Standards, and one Inspector, Labour Relations) for an increase of 34 positions to authorized strength.**

**Carried.**

Moved by: D. Martin  
Seconded by: B. Smeaton

**That, subject to approval by Regional Council of the consolidated Current Budget, the 2006 proposed Current Budget be approved in the amount of \$102,307,816 net expenditure, consisting of the Niagara Police Services Board in the amount of \$750,000; and the Niagara Regional Police Service in the amount of \$101,557,816, which represents an increase from the 2005 budget of 4.95% or approximately 3.45% net impact.**

Carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**DEPUTATIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services**

The Board considered a memorandum dated December 22, 2005 from Noreen Alleyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, advising that the Ministry will be forwarding information in January 2006 regarding the entry of Niagara's new hires from the *Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program* into the Ontario Police College (post April 2006) to facilitate the recruitment and hiring processes.

**6. Canadian Association of Police Boards**

The Board considered the CAPB National dated December 2005 providing the Board with CAPB internal corporate information, as well as announcing the creation of the Police Sector Council (PSC), the use of electronic ticketing by Ottawa Police, and items of interest to the national policing community.

**7. Ontario Association of Police Services Boards**

The Board considered the OAPSB *Bulletin Board* dated December 2005 providing the Board with policing information relative to civilian police governance in Ontario.

**8. Niagara Parks Police – 2005 Fourth Quarter Report on Special Constables**

The Board considered a report 14/2006 dated January 6, 2006 from Chief Tim Berndt, Niagara Parks Police, providing the Board with information relating to complaints, use of force, discipline and arrests associated to the Special Constables employed through the Niagara Parks Police for the fourth quarter, period October 1 to December 31, 2005.

**9. Regional Municipality of Niagara – Access to Justice Act, 2005**

The Board considered Regional report CSD 163-2005 dated December 7, 2005 providing an update to the Joint Board of Management, Niagara Area Courts and Regional Council on the 2006 P.O.A. court closures stemming from the shortage of justices of the peace, and some details on the recently introduced provincial *Access to Justice Act, 2005*, pursuant to Council direction December 15, 2005.

**10. Town of Pelham – OMERS Pension Plan**

The Board considered a letter dated December 6, 2005 from Cheryl Miclette, Town Clerk, providing the resolution of the Town Council endorsing and supporting the stated opposition of Regional Niagara to the proposed and potentially costly changes to the OMERS Pension Plan.

**11. Mandatory Retirement**

The Board considered Service report 20/2006 dated January 3, 2006 providing the Board with relevant information regarding Bill 211 *Ending Mandatory Retirement Statute Law Amendment Act, 2005*, which received Royal Assent on December 12, 2005 and will be enacted effective December 12, 2006.

12. **Annual Report – Informants & Agents**

The Board considered Service report 3/2006 dated December 12, 2005 providing the Board with the necessary and required information relating to implementation of written procedures regarding informants and agents, confirmation of compliance with the procedures including specialized training courses, and a summary of payments made to informants, pursuant to Board By-law 207-2000.

13. **Quarterly Report – Suspect Apprehension Pursuits**

The Board considered Service report 4/2006 dated January 3, 2006 providing the Board with exception-based reporting, the prescribed information relative to suspect apprehension pursuits for the period September 1 through December 31, 2005, pursuant to Board By-law 237-2000.

14. **Quarterly Report – Policing Standards Unit –Administration of the Public Complaints System**

The Board considered Service report 22/2006 dated January 11, 2006 providing the Board with information relating to the investigations of alleged police misconduct reported by members of the public for the fourth quarter, period October 1 through December 31, 2005 and statistical yearly comparison, pursuant to Board By-law 173/1997.

15. **Special Fund – November 2005**

The Board considered Service report 6/2006 dated January 9, 2006 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of November 1 - 30, 2005.

16. **Special Fund – December 2005**

The Board considered Service report 19/2006 dated January 13, 2006 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of December 1 - 31, 2005.

Moved by: V. Badawey  
Seconded by: M. Woodhouse

**That the information be received.**

**Carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

17. **R.I.D.E. Grant Program Reports**

The Board considered Service report 5/2006 dated December 28, 2005 requesting the Board to authorize its Chair to execute the required R.I.D.E. grant reports relevant to the 2005 provincial grant as required.

Moved by: B. Smeaton  
Seconded by: D. Martin

**That the Board Chair be authorized to execute the required documentation to be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.**

**Carried.**

18. **NRPS Printrak Motorola Canada Maintenance & Support Agreement**

The Board considered Service report 12/2006 dated January 17, 2006 requesting the Board approve the renewal of the contract for maintenance and support for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (A.F.I.S.) and the support plan covers equipment and software for the annual period April 1 through March 31, 2007, budgeted funding 7442-1804.

Moved by: M. Woodhouse  
Seconded by: V. Badawey

**That the Board approve the following:**

- 1. The renewal of the Printrak Motorola Canada Maintenance and Support Agreement authorizing the Niagara Regional Police Service to maintain usage of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (A.F.I.S.) in the amount of \$51,944 plus applicable taxes, to be funded from the Forensic Services current budget (cost centre 7442, account 1804);**
- 2. That Chief Southall be authorized to execute the required documents and forward copies of the Maintenance and Support Agreement to Motorola Canada for formal processing.**

**Carried.**

19. **Sponsorship Request – Women’s Place of South Niagara Inc.**

The Board considered a letter dated January 3, 2006 from Tamara Coleman-Lawrie, Development Officer, requesting the Board consider sponsorship from the Special Fund to the Women’s Place of South Niagara Inc. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ‘Strike-Out Violence’ Bowling Tournament on March 3, 2006 to commemorate the March 8 International Women’s Day celebration. (2005 - Board contributed a lane sponsorship.)

Moved by: V. Badawey  
Seconded by: B. Bentley

**That the Board approve a donation of \$125.00 from the Special Fund as a ‘lane sponsor’ to Women’s Place of South Niagara Inc. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ‘Strike-Out Violence’ Bowling Tournament on March 3, 2006.**

**Carried.**

20. **Funding Request – 2006 Canadian Power Lifting Championships - Constable #9157 Steve Magistrale**

The Board considered Service report 1/2006 dated January 3, 2006 requesting the Board consider financial assistance to NRPS Constable Steve Magistrale from the Special Fund to enable his participation in the 2006 Canadian Power Lifting Championships in Chilliwack, BC, in April 5-9, 2006.

Moved by: D. Martin  
Seconded by: B. Bentley

**That the Board approve a donation of a total of \$250.00 from the Special Account to help offset expenses incurred by Constable Steve Magistrale for his participation in the 2006 Canadian Power Lifting Championships.**

**Carried.**

21. **Sponsorship Request – Niagara Region Police Association**

The Board considered a letter dated January 13, 2006 from Leanne McClay, CAO/General Counsel, requesting the Board consider financial assistance from the Special Fund to the Association for the hosting of the February 20 dinner during the Executive Board meeting of the Police Association of Ontario at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls, on February 20-21, 2006.

Moved by: B. Smeaton  
Seconded by: D. Martin

**That the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Region Police Association to assist NRPA in its hosting of the February 20-21, 2006 Executive Board meeting of the Police Association of Ontario in Niagara Falls.**

**Carried.**

22. **Police Association of Ontario – Labour Employment 2006 Seminar**

The Board considered a Notice from the Police Association of Ontario providing the Board with information relative to the PAO annual labour seminar *Labour Employment 2006*, to be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Toronto, March 6 and 7, 2006.

Moved by: D. Martin  
Seconded by: V. Badawey

**That any Board member wishing to attend advise the Board's Executive Director.**

**Carried.**

23. **Board – Committee Representation**

The Board considered a memorandum dated January 10, 2006 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, requesting the Board to consider and confirm membership on its various Committees.

Moved by: B. Smeaton  
Seconded by: B. Bentley

**That member Vance Badawey be appointed Chair of the Board's Human Resources Committee for 2006.**

**Carried.**

Moved by: D. Martin  
Seconded by: M. Woodhouse

**That the Board confirm its Committee membership at outlined in the report.**

**Carried.**

24. **Board – 2005 Annual Report on Board Activities**

The Board considered a memorandum dated January 17, 2006 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with an annual report on Board activities for the year 2005.

Moved by: V. Badawey  
Seconded by: B. Smeaton

**That the information be received and forwarded to Regional Council for information purposes.**

**Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Executive Director