



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, February 23, 2006

Niagara Police Services Board
Board Room 4th Floor, 110 James Street, St. Catharines

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board commenced at 8:35 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. L. Tufford
Mr. M. Woodhouse

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief of Police W.E. Southall
Deputy Chief of Police D. Moody
Deputy Chief of Police G. Beaulieu
Superintendent G. Dagenais, Administrative Services
Superintendent D. Kane, Field Services
Superintendent D. Parrent, Support Services
A/Superintendent R. Coulis, Executive Services
P.C. S. Basilone, Media Officer
P.C. R. Frayne, Media Officer (Training)
Ms. M. George, Manager Finance Unit
Ms. M. Alexander, Manager, Human Resources
Mr. C. Williams, A/Manager, Information Services

Inspector S. Kenney, NRPS (Item 48. only)
Inspector J. Matthews, NRPS “
Inspector G. Skafffeld, NRPS “
Inspector B. Symonds, NRPS “

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, January 26, 2006.

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

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, January 26, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

26. Minutes of the Special Public Board Meeting held Thursday, January 18, 2006.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Public Board Meeting held Thursday, January 18, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Chair Iggulden reported the following:

Niagara Ambulance Communications Centre Opening

On February 8 Chair Iggulden attended the official opening for the Niagara Ambulance Communications Centre in the Foster Wheeler building, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

'Crime Stoppers' Breakfast

On February 22 Member Mal Woodhouse attended the 'Crime Stoppers' Breakfast hosted by the NRPS to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first Crime Stoppers case solved.

Public Hearing – Adult Entertainment Licencing

On March 7 the Board has scheduled a public licencing meeting to be held at Regional Council Chambers commencing at 9:30 a.m. to discuss proposed changes to the adult entertainment by-law.

Upcoming Meetings

- Licencing Committee meeting – March 9, 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.;
- Human Resources Committee meeting – March 9, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.;
- Finance Committee meeting – March 28, 8:30 a.m.;
- Board meeting – March 30, 8:30 a.m.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Southall reported the following:

2006 Homicide Statistics

For the period January 1 – February 20, 2006, there have been two homicides in Niagara, statistically equaling the 2005 period.

Formation of NRPS Investigative Team

On January 26 the NRPS announced the formation of a twelve-officer investigative team into the death of Cassey Cichocki as well as reviewing the homicides of four other women. A/Staff Sergeant Cliff Sexton, currently assigned to NRPS Major Crime Unit, will lead the team consisting of investigators from various investigative units within the Service.

Arrest – 2006 - 2nd Homicide – Niagara Falls

On January 30 a 33-year-old Niagara Falls resident was arrested and charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to the death of Cassey Cichocki whose body was discovered January 24 in the area of Whirlpool Road and Church's Lane, Niagara Falls. A post-mortem concluded the death was the result of physical trauma to the body.

Arrest – 2005 - 14th Homicide

On February 6, 21-year-old Toyon Adrian Johnson was arrested at a Brampton residence and charged with 1st degree murder in the December 24, 2005 death of 29-year-old Shelston Antonio Broome in St. Catharines. The NRPS is not seeking any additional persons in relation to this homicide.

Operations – Marijuana Grow Ops, Robberies & Traffic Fatalities

Statistics for 2006:

Grow Ops to February 20.....\$ 2,416,000 (estimated street value seized);
(bringing the total number of operations to 8, with 15 arrests);
Robberies.....26 (2 arrests, 7 solved, 19 ongoing);
Fatalities.....3 (one, same period 2005).

PRESENTATIONS

48. **NRPS Promotions – Inspectors**

The Board was formally introduced to the four newly promoted NRPS Inspectors, Scott Kenney, Joe Matthews, Geoff Skafffeld and Brent Symonds, effective Thursday, February 23, 2006.

As part of the NRPS management team, the four new Inspectors were proudly introduced by Chief Southall to the Board and to the community. The Inspectors have been chosen from eleven applicants forming the largest number in the history of the Service. Chief Southall noted the future of the organization will be in good hands with excellent and impressive leaders waiting in the wings. The Chief thanked the families for their support and encouraged their participation in Service functions.

During verbal resumées, Deputy Chiefs Moody and Beaulieu presented each Inspector and their families to the Board.

Chair Iggulden and Board members extended congratulations to the Inspectors and their families.

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

That the presentations be received.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board considered a letter dated February 3, 2006 from the Honourable Monte Kwinter, Minister, acknowledging receipt of Vice Chair Doug Martin's January 12, 2006 letter respecting the connection between the OPP wage settlements leading municipal police settlements, in which he notes the current provincial bargaining atmosphere, the recommendations of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards toward centralized bargaining, citing the regulations stipulated by the *Police Services Act*, and finally the Ontario Police Arbitration Commission as the final authority in the bargaining process.

28. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CSC 1-2006 January 11, 2006**

The Board considered a letter dated January 20, 2006 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, providing the Board with the decisions of the Region's Corporate and Financial Services Committee on January 19 that the following communication be received:

CS 3-2006	(December 23, 2005) Extension to budgetary reporting timelines;
CS 5-2006	(December 21, 2005) Interest Arbitration – Resolution, City of Cornwall;
CS 6-2006	(December 21, 2005) Purchasing – Award of Quotation – Microsoft Licence Requirements;
CS 7-2006	(December 21, 2005) Purchasing – Award of Quotation #2005-Q-151- Replacement Vehicles;
CS 8-2006	(December 21, 2005) Purchasing – Award of Quotation #2005-Q-152 – Prisoner Escort Van Replacement;
CS 9-2006	(December 21, 2005) Facilities – 110 James Street Project – RFQ 2005-Q-139 Asbestos Removal/Containment;
CS 10-2006	(December 21, 2005) Facilities – 110 James Street Project – Telephone Equipment Costs, Data & Voice Cabling/Equipment Costs;
CS 11-2006	(December 21, 2005) Purchasing – Award of Quotation - #2005-Q-153 Cab & Truck Chassis & Quotation #2005-Q-154 Diesel Driven Breathing Air Compressor System;
CS 4-2006	(December 21, 2005) Facilities – 110 James Street Renovation Plan for the Short-Term Accommodation Strategy; and
CSD 13-2006 PWA 12-2006	Report - Fuel Price Impact Working Group, forwarded to the Board for information.

29. **Niagara Parks Police Service – 2005 Annual Report**
The Board considered Report 53/2006 dated February 14, 2006 from Mr. John Kernahan, General Manager, Niagara Parks Commission, providing the Board with the 2005 Annual Report prepared for the Niagara Parks Police Service.
30. **FBI National Academy Associates - 2006 National Training Conference**
The Board considered a letter dated January 13, 2006 from Donald A. Campbell, FBINAA 2006 Conference Sponsorship Chair, FBI National Academy Associates, Toronto, acknowledging the Board's financial assistance for the National Training Conference of the FBINAA in Toronto from July 15 – 19, 2006.
31. **Annual Report – 2005 'Fail to Stop' Statistics**
The Board considered Service report 29/2006 dated January 2006 providing the Board with the prescribed information relative to suspect apprehension pursuits for the period January 1 through December 31, 2005, pursuant to Board By-law 237-2000.
32. **Annual Report – 2005 'Use of Force' Statistics**
The Board considered Service report 30/2006 dated January 25, 2006 providing the Board with the statistical analysis of all Use of Force reports submitted for the period January 1 to December 31, 2005, pursuant to Board By-law 171-1997.
33. **Annual Report - NRPS Comprehensive Employee Wellness Program**
The Board considered Service report 48/2006 dated February 13, 2006 providing the Board with the Service's 2005 operational plan to promote work-place wellness within the Niagara Regional Police Service.
34. **NRPS 2006 Annual Awards Ceremony**
The Board considered Service report 27/2006 dated February 3, 2006 providing the Board with an invitation to the 2006 Annual Awards Ceremony cohosted by the Service, the Board and the Association to recognize citizens and members by commendations, commemorative service bar presentations, retirees and special award recipients to be held at the Club Italia, Niagara Falls, on May 24, 2006.
35. **Special Fund – January 2006**
The Board considered Service report 47/2006 dated February 10, 2006 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of January 1 – 31, 2006.

Moved by: L. Tufford
Seconded by: D. Martin

That the information be received.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

36. **Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program**

The Board considered a letter dated January 24, 2006 from Noreen Alleyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, providing the Contractual Agreement relative to the *Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program* requiring full execution and compliance with prescribed requirements to complete the Ministry's allocation process.

Moved by: V. Badawey
Seconded by: L. Tufford

That the Board authorize the Chair to execute the Contractual Agreements relative to the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board;

And further, that the Contractual Agreements be similarly executed by Chair Peter Partington, on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara;

And further, that the three copies of the executed Contractual Agreement together with the resolution of Regional Council authorizing the Agreement, and a valid Certificate of Insurance, be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services as required.

Carried.

37. **2005-2006 R.I.D.E. Grant Program Final Report**

The Board considered Service report 26/2006 dated February 1, 2006 requesting the Board to authorize its Chair to execute the required R.I.D.E. Grant final report, Schedule C, relevant to the 2005 provincial grant, as required.

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

That the Board Chair be authorized to execute Schedule C to the 2005-2006 R.I.D.E. Grant and forward same to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Carried.

38. **2006-2007 R.I.D.E. Grant Program Application**

The Board considered Service report 25/2006 dated February 1, 2006 requesting the Board to authorize its Chair to execute Schedule E, 2006-2007 R.I.D.E. Grant Application, and submit same to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services as required.

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

That the Board Chair be authorized to execute Schedule E, Application for the 2006-2007 R.I.D.E. Grant and forward same to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Carried.

39. **Regional Niagara Budget Review Committee – Meeting 4-2006 January 19, 2006**

The Board considered a letter dated February 14, 2006 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, providing the Board with *Staff Directions* requested by members of the Region's Budget Review Committee at its January 19 meeting relating to further financial data required to support the four challenges listed under 'Costs per Capita', as well as a further review of the distribution of POA revenue, impacts of tourism and population growth on police spending, and the provision of options relative to funding the sick leave liability with respect to the Niagara Regional Police Service.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that the item be referred to the Chief of Police for a further report to the Police Services Board in response to Regional Council's request for information.

Carried.

40. **2007-2009 Business Planning Process - Commencement**

The Board considered Service report 51/2006 dated February 14, 2006 providing the Board with notice that, in compliance with the Adequacy Standards Regulation (*AI-001 The Framework for Business Planning*), the business planning process must occur during 2006 to ensure that the 2007-2009 Business Plan is completed by year end.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that the item be referred to the Board's Business Planning Committee.

Carried.

41. **Purchasing – Award of Quotations Q12249, Q12250 - Net Cyclops Inc. (NCI)**

The Board considered Service report dated February 9, 2006 requesting the Board approve the award of quotations Q12249 and Q12250 to Net Cyclops Inc (NCI) for hardware and software support for the Checkpoint Software and the Aladdin eSafe Gateway software, maintenance on the existing communication network of Nortel equipment, in the total amount of \$68,977.79 plus applicable taxes, budgeted funding 7442-1804.

Moved by: M. Woodhouse
Seconded by: L. Tufford

That the Board approve the award of Quotation Q12249 in the amount of \$62,025.79 and Quotation \$6,952.00 totaling \$68,977.79 plus applicable taxes to Net Cyclops Inc., Oakville, Ontario, funding budgeted in Information Systems.

Carried.

42. **Purchasing – 2006 Vehicle Replacements**

The Board considered Service report 24/2006 dated January 16, 2006 requesting the Board approve the initiation of the vehicle and equipment replacement 2006 capital project, and subsequent purchases of eight Ford Crown Victoria cruisers, fifteen Chevrolet Impalas cruisers and plainclothes vehicles, two Chevrolet Impalas (Court Services) and four Chevrolet Express Cargo vans through the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender, as part of the 2006 vehicle replacement to meet the ordering schedule for the 2006 models.

Moved by: L. Tufford
Seconded by: D. Martin

That the Board approve:

1. **The initiation of Capital Project ZPO0602, Vehicles, in an amount up to \$1,000,000 to be funded with the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve funds;**
2. **The purchase of eight Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruisers from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$219,200 plus applicable taxes;**
3. **The purchase of nine Chevrolet Impalas (uniform and CIB car replacements) from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$197,064 plus applicable taxes;**
4. **The purchase of six Chevrolet Impalas (Senior Officer vehicle replacements), from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$129,276 plus applicable taxes;**
5. **The purchase of two Chevrolet Malibus (Court Services car replacements) from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$38,320 plus applicable taxes;**
6. **The purchase of four Chevrolet Express Cargo vans from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$97,840 plus applicable taxes.**

Carried.

43. **NRPS 2005 Current Budget - Year-End Report**

The Board considered Service report 54/2006 dated February 12, 2006 requesting the Board approve, subject to approval of Regional Council, disposition of the 2005 consolidated Service and Board net expenditure savings of \$2,509,984 (subject to minor adjustments pending the financial audit).

Moved by: L. Tufford
Seconded by: V. Badawey

That, subject to approval of Regional Council of the Consolidated Year-End Transfer Report, the Board approve the following:

1. **A transfer to the Accumulated Sick Leave Reserve Fund in the amount of \$438,964, representing the budgeted amount not expended in 2005 for retirement sick leave payouts;**
2. **The establishment of a Police Services Board (PSB) contingency Reserve;**
3. **The transfer of the net expenditure savings of \$62,601 from the Police Services Board cost centre to the Police Service Board Contingency Reserve;**

And further, budget allocations totaling \$1.124 million for one-time expenditures as follows:

4. **\$750,000 for the Special Investigations Task Force;**
5. **\$100,000 for Business Plan support and Ontario Editorial Board;**
6. **\$60,000 for Court Services relocation;**
7. **\$13,872 for video cameras;**
8. **\$100,000 for furniture at 110 James Street;**
9. **\$100,000 for proactive recruiting initiatives;**

And further, an additional transfer to Reserve Funds as follows:

10. **A transfer to the Police Contingency Reserve for the remaining net expenditure savings of approximately \$1,323,511.**

Carried.

44. **Police User Fees & Charges**

The Board considered Service report 55/2006 dated February 14, 2006 requesting the Board authorize the attached schedule of existing fees and charges for the Police Service for inclusion in the consolidated Regional by-law for all Regional departments, boards and agencies.

Moved by: L. Tufford
Seconded by: M. Woodhouse

That the Board authorize staff to forward the schedules of fees and charges for the Niagara Regional Police Service to the Regional Clerk's office for inclusion in a consolidated fees and charges by-law.

Carried.

45. **Funding Request – International Police Hockey Tournament - NRPS Women's & Men's Hockey Teams**

The Board considered Service report 31/2006 dated February 10, 2006 requesting the Board consider the donation of \$1,000 from the Special Fund to be shared equally between the NRPS Women's and Men's hockey teams to participate in the 2006 International Police Hockey Tournament in Brampton March 1-2, 2006.

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

That the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Special Fund to help offset expenses incurred by the NRPS Women's (\$500) and Men's (\$500) hockey teams for their participation in the 2006 International Police Hockey Tournament.

Carried.

46. **Annual Funding Request – NRPS Male Chorus**

The Board considered Service report 52/2006 dated February 10, 2006 requesting the Board consider its annual funding donation from the Special Fund to the Niagara Regional Police Male Chorus.

Moved by: D. Martin
Seconded by: L. Tufford

That \$3,500 from the Special Account be used to fund the operation of the Niagara Regional Police Service Male Chorus for the next year.

Carried.

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

The Board considered a Notice received January 31, 2006 from the OAPSB providing the Board with the preliminary agenda for its 44th Annual Meeting and Conference to be held in Burlington, Ontario, from May 4 – 6, 2006.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Chairperson

Executive Director