



**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, February 22, 2007

**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 8:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

A/Chief of Police G. Beaulieu
Superintendent G. Dagenais, Patrol Services
Superintendent D. Kane, Emerg/Investigative Support Services
Superintendent D. Parrent, Field Services
Inspector J. Matthews, Policing Standards
Inspector G. Skatfeld, Executive Services
Inspector B. Wright, Emergency Services
Inspector S. Kenney, Labour Relations
S/Sgt. S. McLean, Attendance Management
Sergeant D. Beaulieu, Policing Standards
Sergeant J. Maggiolo, Executive Officer, Operations
Mr. A. Gladwish, A/Director/Consultant, Information &
Communication Technology
Ms. M. George, A/Director, Business Services
Ms. L. DiDonato-DeChellis, A/Manager Finance
Mr. C. Fisher, Manager, Facilities, Fleet & Supply

Mr. P. DiSimoni, President, Niagara Region Police Association

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair

At the Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board held on Thursday, January 25, 2007, the Board deferred the elections Chair and Vice Chair until the February 22nd Board meeting pending confirmation on two appointments to the Police Services Board – one provincial and one citizen appointment.

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Election of Chair

Chair Iggulden requested the Board defer the elections for Chair and Vice-Chair until the March Board meeting as confirmation is pending on two appointments to the Police Services Board – one provincial and one citizen appointment.

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

That the election of the Chair of the Niagara Police Services Board be deferred to the March 29, 2007 Board meeting.

Carried.

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Election of Vice Chair

Chair Iggulden requested the Board defer the elections for Chair and Vice-Chair until the March Board meeting as confirmation is pending on two appointments to the Police Services Board – one provincial and one citizen appointment.

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

That the election of the Vice Chair of the Niagara Police Services Board be deferred to the March 29, 2007 Board meeting.

Carried.

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Board – 2007 Committee Representation

At the Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board held on Thursday, January 25, 2007, the Board considered a memorandum dated January 10, 2007 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, requesting the Board's confirmation of membership on its various standing committees as outlined on the attached list.

The following Motion was duly passed:

“That the item be deferred to the February 22, 2007 meeting. Carried.”

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

That the item be deferred to the March 29, 2007 meeting.

Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

32. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, January 25, 2007.

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

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, January 25, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

33. Minutes of the Special Public Budget Meeting held Thursday, February 8, 2007.

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

That the Minutes of the Special Public Budget Meeting held Thursday, February 8, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Chair Iggulden reported the following:

Police Services Board 2007 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

On February 20 the Board put out a call for nominations for the Board's Award of Excellence to all members of the Service. This award was created in 2003 and recognizes annually a member of the Service who has performed an outstanding service by making a significant contribution to the Service or the community and has demonstrated continued excellence in the performance of their duties. The Award will be presented at our Annual Awards Day Ceremony being held in May. Nominations close on March 30 at which time the Board will review the submissions and select a recipient.

Upcoming Labour Relations Session

The Police Association of Ontario (PAO) is hosting its annual Police Employment Conference in Toronto on March 5 and 6. Board and Service staff will be in attendance. Resource materials from the conference will be circulated to the Board for their information and interest. Chair Iggulden encouraged any Board members who are interested to attend.

Upcoming Meetings

- Licencing Committee – Thursday, March 8 at 8:30 a.m.;
- Human Resources Committee – Thursday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m.;
- Finance Committee – Tuesday, March 27 at 8:30 a.m.;
- Next Board meeting – Thursday, March 29 at 8:30 a.m.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

A/Chief of Police Beaulieu reported the following:

Marijuana Grow Operations

Statistics for the period January 25 to February 21, 2007 reflect the increased attention and enforcement in these types of operations:

Total estimated street value seized..... \$276,000;
Total estimated value of equipment seized..... 21,500;

2007 grand total of \$1,340,000 estimated street value and
\$56,500 value of seized equipment.

Homicide Statistics

There were no homicides for the period January 25 to February 21, 2007, compared to one for the same period in 2006.

A/Chief Beaulieu indicated that the NRPS Major Crime Unit is involved in a number of ongoing court hearings dating from 2006 homicides, thus impacting current staffing.

Robberies

During the reporting period of January 25 to February 21, 2007, there have been
28 robberies in Niagara;
9 robberies cleared;
19 investigations ongoing with no arrests, indicating a
31% clearance rate (yearly average 44% based on the last five years).

Traffic Fatalities/Serious Personal Injury Statistics

There were no traffic fatalities for the period January 25 to February 21, 2007, compared to one for the same period in 2006, however, there were two incidents involving serious injuries compared to one for the same period 2006.

Internet Luring & Sex Offences

On February 10 the Niagara Falls Uniform Branch received reports of inappropriate contact over the Internet between a 10-year-old Niagara Falls child and an adult suspect. Subsequent investigation led to the execution of a Search Warrant by members of the Uniform Branch, the Child Abuse Unit and the Technological Crime Unit. A quantity of computer equipment and other evidence was seized and a 25-year-old Niagara Falls male was arrested and charged with Sexual Assault, Sexual Interference, Invitation to Sexual Touching, Internet Luring of a Child and Possession of Child Pornography.

Internet Luring Safety Course

The Niagara Region Children's Village will be delivering a program to area children on the dangers of Internet Luring. The program is being funded by a United Way grant and is part of a broad range of safety education delivered to over 20,000 children annually across Niagara.

The Service remains a proud sponsor of the Safety Village and assigns one full-time Community Services member to assist with programming and education needs at the Village.

Welland Mother and Daughter Attacked with Saw

On February 16, a female wielding a 10" collapsible-blade saw assaulted a thirty-two-year-old Welland woman and her eleven-year old daughter as they walked out of their First Avenue apartment building. The woman's eleven-year old daughter was initially targeted by the assailant, which triggered the mother to come to her daughter's aid and disarm the attacker. Unfortunately the mother suffered serious disfiguring injuries which are not considered life threatening. The daughter sustained superficial cuts to her head and hand. A nineteen-year old female was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault and Assault with a Weapon.

Attempted Murder of Officer – Incident #1

On February 7 during a traffic stop of a wanted party in the city of Niagara Falls, an officer was required to take action to prevent the male from fleeing. In response, the suspect suddenly put the vehicle in gear and surged forward, sideswiping another vehicle and pinning the officer between the two vehicles. The suspect then sped off striking a second vehicle in the process. With the assistance of concerned citizens police located the driver a short distance away. The officer, a 4-year member of the Service, was treated for his injuries and released from hospital. The suspect was charged with Attempted Murder and a variety of driving-related charges.

Attempted Murder of Officer – Incident #2

On February 13 Niagara Falls officers responded to a reported stolen vehicle that was deliberately striking other vehicles. As officers attempted to contain the vehicle, one officer was struck in the side as the suspect rammed his vehicle. A second officer drew his service pistol fired one shot as the suspect drove directly at the officer. The round struck the suspect vehicle in the driver's side door, but did not strike the driver who continued to elude apprehension until officers managed to pin the vehicle against a tree. A 43-year-old Niagara Falls male is facing numerous charges, including Attempted Murder.

No civilian vehicles were damaged, but four police cruisers received significant damage. The injured officer received non-life threatening injuries, and was treated and released from Greater Niagara General Hospital. Neither the suspect, nor other member of the community received injury as a result of this incident.

Explosion on Allanport Road

Shortly after 6:00 a.m. on February 19, local emergency services were dispatched to an explosion at Clean Harbours Canada Inc. located on Allanport Road in Thorold. Clean Harbours is a chemical waste facility that houses and processes chemical and industrial wastes.

Emergency crews attended, and residences and businesses within a two-kilometer radius from the facility were evacuated. A number of road closures were also established. The Ministry of the Environment, in cooperation with the Niagara Region Public Health Unit and the City of Thorold Fire Department, conducted air quality testing, and most residents and employees in the area were able to return to their homes or businesses before the end of the day.

The Ontario Fire Marshall's office is investigating and, at present, the cause of the fire has not been determined. There were no injuries reported as the result of the incident.

PRESENTATIONS

DEPUTATIONS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

34. Re-Appointment to Police Services Board – Order in Council – Malcolm Woodhouse

The Board considered Order in Council No. 39/2007 reappointing Mr. Malcolm Woodhouse as a member of the Police Services Board for a period of three years, effective June 14, 2007.

Subsequent to an earlier press release, Chair Iggulden offered congratulations to Member Woodhouse on his re-appointment to the Board noting his wealth of experience in facilities management, collective bargaining and general common sense, and good humour.

35. Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 1-2007 January 18, 2007; CSC 1-2007 January 10, 2007 Police Correspondence, CSD 07-2007 Capital Project SPIRIT – RMON File C.04.000

The Board considered a letter dated January 19, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, providing the Board with the January 18 decisions of Regional Council respecting approval of the Corporate Services Committee recommendations:

“That Report CSD 07-2007, January 10, 2007, respecting Capital Budget Allocation for Capital Projects ZPO09802 S.P.I.R.I.T. (Supporting Police in Records Information Technology), be received;

That the Capital Budget allocation of \$800,000 gross and \$800,000 net from the 2006 Capital Budget be approved and initiated for Project ZPO9802 S.P.I.R.I.T. (Supporting Police in Records Information Technology) with long term debt financing (10 years);

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.”

And with respect to correspondence items:

“That the following communications be received for information:

- CSC 1-2007 (October 31, 2006) NRPS Voice Radio System Infrastructure and Equipment, Capital Project ZPO0605 - Initiation;
- CSC 2-2007 (October 31, 2006) NRPS Variance Report 180.2006;
- CSC 3-2007 (December 5, 2006) NRPS Variance Report 198.2006;
- CSC 4-2007 (December 5, 2006) Capital Project ZPO0611 – Real Time X-Ray 194-2006;
- CSC 6-2007 (December 15, 2006) NRPS Variance Report 206.2006; and

“That Communication CSC 5-2007 ...(December 8, 2006) respecting By-law 280-2006 – Amending Certain Charges for Police Services 2007 and 2008, 200.2006, be approved.”

36. Friends of Niagara’s Mounted Police

The Board considered a letter dated January 16, 2007 from David E. Belme, Chairman, Friends of Niagara’s Mounted Police, Stevensville, acknowledging the Board’s donation toward repairs and annual certification of the officer’s horse trailer, and providing a frameable ‘donor’ certificate for the Board’s retention.

37. **Annual Report – 2006 ‘Fail to Stop’ Statistics**

The Board considered Service report 38/2007 dated January 17, 2007 providing the Board with the prescribed information relative to suspect apprehension pursuits for the period January 1 through December 31, 2006, pursuant to Board By-law 237-2000.

A/Chief Beaulieu acknowledged the substantial risk to officers and to public safety presented in these statistics, and was pleased to report a reduction in 2006 reflecting the training and control exhibited by officers in such dangerous situations.

38. **Annual Report – 2006 ‘Use of Force’ Statistics**

The Board considered Service report 37/2007 dated January 18, 2007 providing the Board with the statistical analysis of all Use of Force reports submitted for the period January 1 to December 31, 2006, pursuant to Board By-law 171-1997.

A/Chief Beaulieu noted the tremendous investment by the Service in the Training Unit and its recognition reflected by the above document.

39. **Annual Report – Community Policing Committee Fundraising**

The Board considered Service report 40/2007 dated January 19, 2007 providing the Board with information coordinated by the Sergeant, Community Services Unit, relative to the ten NRPS Community Policing Committees’ fundraising including an accounting and the result(s) for each initiative, and a brief summary of planned initiatives for 2006, pursuant to Board By-law 184-1999.

In response to Chair Iggulden’s question regarding bank balances maintained by Community Policing Committees in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Pelham and the deficit in Fort Erie, Sergeant Deb Beaulieu replied there are no limitations on fund raising by the Committees.

40. **Special Fund – February 2007**

The Board considered Service report 51/2007 dated February 12, 2007 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of January 1-31, 2007. Appendix 2 – Summary of Transactions, period ending January 31, 2007, was distributed.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

41. **2006-2007 R.I.D.E. Grant Program Final Report**

The Board considered Service report 39/2007 dated February 1, 2007 requesting the Board to authorize its Chair to execute the required R.I.D.E. Grant final report, Schedule C, relevant to the 2006 provincial grant, as required.

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

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

Carried.

42. **Purchasing – Award of Quotations Q13375, Q13376, Q13378, Q13381, Q13382, Q13383 & Q13384 - Net Cyclops Inc. (NCI)**

The Board considered Service report 43/2007 dated January 30, 2007 requesting the Board approve the award of quotations Q13375, Q13376, Q13378, Q13381, Q13382, Q13383 and Q13384 to Net Cyclops Inc (NCI) for hardware and software support for the annual renewal of hardware and software maintenance of firewall and network devices in the total amount of \$103,926.42 plus applicable taxes, budgeted funding 7412-1804.

Mr. Gladwish will provide previous year's expenditure data pertinent to hardware/software maintenance of firewall and network devices for the Board's information.

Member Bentley proposed that these types of system security expenditures incurred to ensure interactions with other enforcement agencies should be captured separately to be used as support in future dealings with the federal and provincial governments.

Moved by: L. Tufford
Seconded by: B. Smeaton

That the Board approve the award of the following quotes for the annual renewal of one-year maintenance:

1. **Q13375 Aladdin eSafe Gateway Maintenance - \$8,591.25;**
2. **Q13376 Checkpoint Maintenance - \$10,232.47;**
3. **Q13378 RSA Maintenance \$842.50;**
4. **Q13381 ISS Maintenance - \$4,186.00;**
5. **Q13382 NCI-Nokia Maintenance - \$4,408.20;**
6. **Q13383 Nortel Maintenance renewal - \$67,409.00;**
7. **Q13384 NCI Safe Support - \$8,257.00;**

Funds budgeted in Information Systems account Repair and Maintenance 7412-1804, totaling \$103,926.42 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

43. **2007 Vehicle Replacements & Information**

The Board considered Service report 49/2007 dated February 12, 2007 providing the Board with information requested at the January 25 meeting relative to the use of alternate fuels such as propane, diesel, and fleet utilization, both of which studies are ongoing.

A/Chief Beaulieu will ensure that Member Bentley's suggestion of consideration for the use of diesel fuel for non-frontline vehicles is passed to the NRPS Fleet Manager. Member Bentley also requested that the Police Co-operative Purchasing Group (PCPG) be approached to consider the inclusion of alternate fuels in the prescribed police package specifications issued to vehicle manufacturers.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

44. **Donation from the Special Fund - NRPS Women's Hockey Team**

The Board considered Service report 41/2007 dated January 18, 2007 requesting the Board consider a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Special Fund to the women's hockey team of the Niagara Regional Police Service to assist toward the \$700.00 entry fee for the 2007 International Police Hockey Tournament to be held in Niagara March 7-8, 2007.

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

That the Board authorize a donation to the NRPS Women's Hockey Team in the amount of \$500.00 from the Special Fund to offset expenses in the 2007 International Police Hockey Tournament.

Carried.

45. **Donation from the Special Fund – Women's Place of South Niagara**

The Board considered a memorandum dated February 5, 2007 providing the Board with a copy of a letter dated January 2007 from Ms. Tamara Coleman-Lawrie, Development Officer, Women's Place of South Niagara, requesting sponsorship of the 5th Annual "Strike Out Violence" Bowling Tournament.

Moved by: L. Tufford
Seconded by: B. Bentley

That the information be received;

And further, that the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Special Fund to Women's Place of South Niagara in support of the 5th Annual 'Strike Out Violence' Bowling Tournament;

And further, that Women's Place of South Niagara be advised the Board will not support any further requests for additional funding in 2007.

Carried.

46. **Niagara Coalition Addressing Youth Violence**

The Board considered a letter dated February 15, 2007 from Deputy Chief Beaulieu extending an invitation to Board members, Mayors, school board members and NRPS members to attend a community forum on youth victimization and offending, on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at the McBain Community Centre, 7150 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls, with the keynote speaker, Dr. Debra Pepler, a world renowned pre-eminent expert, intended to mobilize the community to focus on addressing youth.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

47. **NRPS Amended 2006 Year-End Financial Operating Results**

The Board considered Service report dated February 21, 2007 providing an amended 2006 year-end financial operating results, changed to reflect a deduction of \$105,000 in contributions to the Police Contingency Reserve due to unexpended grant monies.

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

“That, subject to approval of Regional Council of the Consolidated Regional Year-End Transfer report, the Police Services Board approve the following:

1. **A transfer of the Accumulated Sick Leave Reserve Fund in the amount of \$288,859 representing the budgeted amount not expended in 2006 for retirement sick leave payouts;**
2. **The transfer of the net expenditure savings of \$41,398 from the Police Service Board cost centre to the Police Services Board Contingency Reserve;**

Budget allocation totaling \$1.929 million for one-time expenditures as follows:

3. **\$1,000,000 for the Special Investigations Task Force;**
4. **\$ 300,000 for the Job Evaluation Process;**
5. **\$ 250,000 for Attendance Management;**
6. **\$ 150,000 for the Drug Recognition Expert Training and Equipment;**
7. **\$ 100,000 for Proactive Recruiting Marketing Initiative;**
8. **\$ 40,000 for Intelligence;**
9. **\$ 39,000 for Project Tandem;**
10. **\$ 50,000 for the Social Marketing Initiative;**

Additional Transfer to Reserve Funds as follows:

11. **A transfer to the Police Contingency Reserve for the remaining net expenditure savings of approximately \$522,930.**

Carried.

IN-CAMERA REPORTS

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Special Investigations Unit – Investigation into Injury – Glesby, William

At the Confidential Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board held on Thursday, January 25, 2007, the Board considered Service report C.4/2007 dated December 22, 2006 providing the Board with information relating to an injury sustained by a fleeing suspect, William Glesby, on August 28, 2006, and subsequently investigated by the SIU and determined there are no grounds to believe that any officer committed any criminal offence.

The following Motion was duly passed:

1. ***“That the Board receives the report.***
2. ***That the Board makes the report available to the public. Carried.”***

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Chairperson

Executive Director