



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, April 26, 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 8:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. D. Martin, A/Chair
Mr. L. Iggulden, Chair
Mr. B. Bentley
Mr. T. Shoalts
Mr. B. Smeaton
Mr. L. Tufford
Mr. M. Woodhouse

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief of Police W.E. Southall
Deputy Chief of Police G. Beaulieu
Superintendent D. Kane, Emerg/Investigative Support Services
Superintendent D. Parrent, Special Projects
Superintendent B. Wright, Eastern Region
Inspector G. Skafffeld, District 3
Inspector L. Lillico, District 1
Inspector D. Jastrubecki, Court Services
A/Inspector B. Richardson, Executive Officer
Sergeant G. McCabe, Policing Standards
Sergeant J. Maggiolo, Executive Officer, Operations
Sergeant G. Hyatt, Forensics
Mr. A. Gladwish, A/Director, Information & Communication
Technology
Ms. M. George, A/Director, Business Services
Ms. L. DiDonato-DeChellis, A/Manager Finance
Mr. C. Fisher, Manager, Facilities, Fleet & Supply
Ms. D. Stevenson, Information Services Manager
Ms. C. Berry, Manager Central Records
Ms. C. Berecz, Manager Communications
Dr. P. Divers, Corporate Analyst

Mr. W.B. McKaig, Board Solicitor (arrived at 9:55 a.m.)
Ms. D. Morton, Executive Director
Ms. S. Taylor, Executive Assistant

Niagara Region
Police Association

Mr. P. DiSimoni, President

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

71. **APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD**

The Board considered Order in Council No. 523/2007 appointing Mr. Larry Iggulden as a member of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board for a period of three years commencing April 4, 2007.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair

At the Public Meetings of the Niagara Police Services Board held on January 25, February 22 and March 29, 2007, respectively, the Board deferred the elections Chair and Vice Chair until the April 26th Board meeting pending confirmation on two appointments to the Police Services Board – one provincial and one citizen appointment.

1.
2007

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: M. Woodhouse
Seconded by: B. Bentley

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

Carried.

Member Iggulden agreed to let his name stand.

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

That the nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

Carried.

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

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

That Member Larry Iggulden be elected Chair of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board for 2007.

Carried.

Chair Iggulden thanked Members for their support, noting that the quality of the Board membership and staff provides great backing and assistance. The Board now includes three Chartered Accountants among its members coming from vastly different environments. Chair Iggulden said he looked forward to the continued successful relationships among the Board, the Chief and the Deputy, the Management Team and the Associations.

2.
2007 **Election of Vice Chair**

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

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

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

Carried.

Member Martin agreed to let his name stand.

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

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

Carried.

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

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

That Member Doug Martin be elected Vice Chair of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board for 2007.

Carried.

25.
2007 **Board – 2007 Committee Representation**

At the Public Meetings of the Niagara Police Services Board held on January 25, February 22 and March 29, 2007, respectively, the Board deferred consideration 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.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that Member Todd Shoalts be appointed to the Finance Committee;

And further, that Chair Iggulden be appointed to the Human Resources Committee;

And further, that Board confirm its Committee membership.

Carried.

PRESENTATION

72. **Facilities – Long-Term Facilities Strategy - 6 District Port Colborne**

The Board considered a letter dated April 11, 2007 from Regional Councillor Robert Saracino, Port Colborne, providing the Board with an outline of his presentation respecting support for the continued operation of the NRPS 6 District facility building located in Port Colborne.

Mr. Saracino who was present to address the Board, stated that he understands that at present no decision has been made regarding the long-term facilities strategy for the Niagara Regional Police Service, and that an in-depth review of facilities on a cost-benefit basis will be undertaken.

Mr. Saracino presented the Board with a petition of 6,963 signatures supporting the continued operation of the NRPS 6 District facility building.

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

That the presentation and information be received.

Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

73. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, March 29, 2007.

Moved by: T. Shoalts
Seconded by: M. Woodhouse

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, March 29, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Chair Iggulden reported:

Niagara Regional Police Recruit Swearing-In Ceremony

On April 12 Members Tufford and Shoalts attended a swearing-in ceremony held at Club Italia in Niagara Falls where they welcomed 10 new police recruits to the Niagara Police Service.

Niagara Regional Police Auxiliary Swearing-In Ceremony

On May 1 Chief Southall will be holding a swearing-in ceremony for 15 new Auxiliary Niagara Police recruits in Regional Council chambers at 7:30 p.m. Member Smeaton will be attending to bring greetings on behalf of the Board.

OAPSB Conference

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards will hold its Conference and Annual General Meeting in Owen Sound from May 3 – 5, and Member Tufford and Ms. Morton will represent the Board at this event.

OAPSB/OACP Zone 4 Meeting

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police will hold its quarterly zone meeting on Tuesday, May 22 and will be hosted by the Haldimand OPP.

NRPS Annual Awards Day Ceremony

On Thursday, May 31, the Police Service Board, Niagara Regional Police Service and the Police Association will hold its annual Awards Day Ceremony at Club Italia in Niagara Falls. This important event recognizes outstanding Service members and fellow citizens who have demonstrated excellence or made an invaluable contribution to our community.

Upcoming Police Board and Committee Meetings – PSB Boardroom

- Licencing Committee – Thursday, May 10 – 8:30 a.m.;
- Human Resources Committee – Thursday, May 10 – 9:30 a.m.;
- Finance Committee – Tuesday, May 24 at 8:30 a.m.;
- Board Meeting – Thursday, May 24 at 8:30 a.m.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Southall reported:

Appointment of Member L. Iggulden, PSB 2007 Elections – Chair and Vice Chair

Chief Southall extended a warm welcome and congratulations to Chair Iggulden on behalf of the Niagara Regional Police organization who recognize the benefits of his participation, and to Member Martin who was congratulated for his election as Vice Chair, and noted that his membership is a great benefit to the Police Service.

Operational Statistics

Marijuana Grow-Operations

For the period January 1 through April 26, 2007:
Total estimated seized street value: \$2,686,700;
Compared to same period 2006: 610,000;
a \$3,000,000 million impact on guns and gangs.

Homicides

For the period January 1 through April 26, 2007:
1 homicide compared to 3, same period 2006.

Robberies – Niagara Region

For the period March 22 through April 26, 2007:
23 robberies;
13 robberies cleared;
10 investigations ongoing with no arrests;
57% cleared this period (yearly average 44% based on the last five years).

Traffic Fatality Statistics

For the period January 1 through April 26, 2007:
8 compared to 8 recorded in 2006;

Traffic Serious Injury Collisions

For the period January 1 through April 26, 2007:
9 compared to 10, same period 2006.

Spring Seat Belt Campaign

From April 16 until Monday April 30, the Service has increased enforcement efforts to identify those failing to “buckle up” on Niagara’s roadways. The 2007 Provincial Spring Seat Belt Campaign emphasizes the importance that all occupants of vehicles are using seat belts or an appropriate child safety seat. The unbelted passenger is a serious safety concern due to the damage they can cause to themselves or others in the vehicle in the event of a collision.

The provincial campaign also coincides with the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week (April 23 – 29, 2007) with the focus on road safety around the world, and locally, the NRPS will be participating in this program, increasing enforcement efforts for non-compliance and raising awareness to the importance of seatbelt usage through increased patrol efforts and targeted special enforcement at various locations throughout the Region during the campaign period.

The new “One Person, One Belt” law requires that every person traveling in a motor vehicle is to be secured in a seat belt or appropriate child safety seat. The goal of the campaign is full compliance, and the Service wishes to remind all motorist and their passengers to “buckle up.”

Niagara Police Remain Committed to School Safety

On April 19 school staff at Stamford Collegiate Secondary School in Niagara Falls notified the NRPS that a rumoured threat of violence within the school was circulating referencing Friday, April 20, 2007. NRPS uniform personnel responded, and detectives have conducted a further investigation at the school. Neither the Service nor Stamford Collegiate Secondary School has located or received any evidence to substantiate the rumoured threat. The investigation continues.

The threat, based on rumour, did not specify or target a particular group, student, teacher or any other individual within the school. In light of recent tragic events at Virginia Tech University and the April 27 anniversary of the Columbine High School tragedy, the NRPS remains committed to assisting in efforts related to the safety of schools and keeping the public informed of related matters.

Traffic Stop Unravels Extensive Crime Spree

A simple traffic stop in the early morning hours of April 13 brought members of the St Catharines Street Crime Unit, CIB Detectives from 1, 2 and 3 Districts and the Ontario Provincial Police into a multi jurisdictional investigation unveiling an extensive crime spree that had occurred throughout the Region.

At the traffic stop of a vehicle in the area of Grantham/Welland Avenue area in St. Catharines, the male and female occupants displayed suspicious behavior causing the officer concern. Following a high speed chase southbound on the QEW the male occupant was later suspended due to the driver’s aggressive and dangerous driving, the OPP managed to slow the vehicle in the area of the QEW and McLeod Road, Niagara Falls, where the suspect reacted violently by intentionally colliding with two OPP vehicles while attempting to escape. Officers managed to stop the suspect safely, subsequently arresting him.

Further investigation revealed the extensive crime spree that had occurred over the past months relating the parties to the robberies that had occurred at the Vasko Rexall Pharmacy in Welland, the Meadows IDA Pharmacy in Niagara Falls, the break, enter and arson occurring at Simpsons Pharmacy in Niagara-on-the-Lake, a break, enter and theft of a U-Haul truck from Seaway Trailers in Welland, the subsequent vehicle pursuit involving the OPP, St Catharines, and several firearm related offences and other criminal code infractions.

No Police officers or members of the community were injured during the incident.

NRPS 'Tug-of-War Team' – May 12, 2007

NRPS Pipes & Drums – Introduction - Niagara Region Tartan

Chief Southall cordially invited members of the Board and Regional Council to the annual NRPS Tug-of-War between the Niagara Falls, NY, Police Department and the NRPS as well as for the unveiling of Niagara Tartan to be worn by the NRPS Pipes and Drums Band at the Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, Ontario. The new tartan has been realized through the support of the Board, and the NRPS is the only police service with its own tartan, which colours reflect those of Niagara. The event will be dedicated to the memory of Constable Rob Gittings who had been an enthusiastic member of the Team. The events will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Parade at 2:30 p.m. and the Tug-of-War Challenge at 3:00 p.m. Board Member attendance would be greatly appreciated.

DEPUTATIONS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

74. Canadian Association of Police Boards

The Board considered C.A.P.B. *Bulletin* dated March 24, 2007 providing a report on the 6th Annual Joint Meeting of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) and the Canadian Police Association (CPA) held March 24th in Ottawa where only two topics, the National (anti) Drug Strategy and Policing Funding: 2,500 Officers, the discussions and respective conclusions, and a report on Consultation with representatives of Federal Ministers held March 26, 2007 with the Directors of the CAPB, the various topics covered and conclusions reached.

Chief Southall expressed concern about the funding gap between federal and municipal governments to fight counter-terrorism as well as CBRN (chemical/biological/radiological/nuclear) funding for municipal services. The NRPS experiences notable shortfalls with respect to the supply of proper equipment. This fact was highlighted at last winter's terrorism seminar in Ottawa where it was determined that municipal police have to answer emergency calls with minimal funding, particularly in Niagara with its borders and waterways.

Chief Southall urged Board members to bring these issues forward to the Federal government at the upcoming CAPB conference.

75. Ontario Association of Police Services Boards

The Board considered OAPSB *Bulletin Board* dated April 2007 providing the Board with news of interest regarding police governance, highlighting both provincial and federal legislative initiatives, and including promotional material relating the OAPSB's Annual Conference to be held in Owen Sound from May 3 – 5, 2007.

Chief Southall noted that with the 'guns and gangs' funding to the Toronto Police Service and other GTA services, there has been no additional funding to the Golden Horseshoe services to address gangs coming into the Niagara community. Niagara has joined the Chiefs of Halton, Hamilton and Brantford and submitted a business case to the Province for funding, however, there has been no response to date.

Chief Southall encouraged members of the Board attending the OAPSB Conference to bring forward Niagara's concerns and request for a response to our proposal.

76. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 4-2007 March 22, 2007**

The Board considered a letter dated April 17, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, to Mr. Peter Senese, Deputy Clerk, City of Port Colborne, providing the March 22 resolution by Regional Council to support the City of Port Colborne's Council resolution respecting the continued operation of the Niagara Regional Police Service 6 District police building.

77. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 4-2007 March 22, 2007; CSC 4-2007, March 14, 2007 Police Correspondence & Confidential Report CSD 45-2007, A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality Project ZPO0607**

The Board considered a letter dated March 26, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, providing the Board with the Regional Council approval on March 22:

That the following communications be received:

- CSC 8-2007 (February 1, 2007) Niagara Police Services Board – NRPS Project PO0501 Network Upgrades;
- CSC 9-2007 (February 1, 2007) Niagara Police Services Board – 2006 Annual Report on Board Activities;

That the following communications be approved:

- CSC 10-2007 (February 1, 2007) NRPS 2007 Vehicle Replacements;
- CSC 11-2007 (February 1, 2007) NRPS IT Equipment Replacement – Capital Project ZPO0705.

78. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 5-2007 April 12, 2007 Corporate Services Committee Minutes (CSC 5-2007, April 4, 2007)**

The Board considered a letter dated April 13, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, providing the Board with the Regional Council approval on March 22, of the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee:

- CSC 14-2007 Amended (February 27, 2007) Niagara Police Services Board – NRPS NRPS Amended 2006 Year-End Financial Operating Results 47.2007, be received and referred to staff for inclusion in the Region's Year-End Transfer Reports;
- CSC 15-2007 (February 27, 2007) Niagara Police Services Board – Purchasing – Award of Quotations Q13375, Q13376, Q13378, Q13381, Q13382, Q13383 & Q13384 – Net Cyclops Inc. (NCI) 43.2007 be received;

Passed under *Other Business*:

That the Region request the Police Services Board to have the Consultant undertaking the review of Police accommodations take into consideration the Berkley Report and the possibility of border changes/reductions in municipalities and to look at Niagara as a whole.

79. **Niagara Parks Police – First Quarterly 2007 Report on Special Constables**

The Board considered Report 84/2007 dated April 10, 2007 submitted by Mr. John Kernahan, General Manager, Niagara Parks Commission, providing the Board with the Niagara Parks Police Service first quarterly 2007 report containing information relating to public complaints, use of force, discipline and arrests associated to the Special Constables employed through the Niagara Parks Police.

80. **Brock University Campus Security Services – 2006 Annual Report on Brock University Campus Security Services**

The Board considered Report 81/2007 from Mr. Steven Pillar, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Brock University, providing the Board with the 2006 Annual Report respecting the Campus Security Services within Brock University, pursuant to the Protocol Agreement between the Board and Brock University.

81. **Brock University Campus Security Services – 2007 First Quarter Report on Special Constables**

The Board considered Report 82/2007 from Mr. Steven Pillar, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Brock University, providing the Board with information relating to complaints, use of force, discipline and arrests associated to the Special Constables employed through Brock University Campus Security Services for the first quarter, period January 1 to March 31, 2007.

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

The Board considered Service report 80/2007 dated April 3, 2007 providing the Board with the prescribed information relative to suspect apprehension pursuits conducted by Service members for the period January 1 to March 31, 2007, pursuant to Board By-law 237-2000.

83. **Special Fund – March 2007**

The Board considered Service report 92/2007 dated April 11, 2007 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of March 1 - 31, 2007.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

84. **Community Policing Partnership (CPP) Program Contract – Renewal**

The Board considered Service report 98/2007 dated April 17, 2007 requesting the Board and the Regional Municipality of Niagara endorse the renewal of the Contractual Agreement to formally extend funding for the two-year period to 2009, the subsidized salaries and wages paid to the 55 officers hired in 1998 in the amount of \$1.65 million under the Community Policing Partnership Program.

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

That the Board authorize the Chair to execute the Community Policing Partnership (CPP) Program Contractual Agreement to formally extend the program funding to March 31, 2009;

And further, that the Contractual Agreement be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of Niagara to obtain the endorsement of the Regional Chair followed by furtherance to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Carried.

85. **Initiation, Purchasing - Capital Project ZPO0506, Purchasing Capital Projects PO0409 & PO0605 – Voice Radio System Infrastructure & Equipment - Minute 63.2007 - Supplementary Report**

The Board considered Service report 93/2007 dated April 16, 2007 providing the Board with background information to be supplied to Region to explain the origin of the NRPS Voice Radio System and the rationale for the utilization of the sole source vendor, in conjunction with the above-noted request for capital project initiation as approved by the Board at its March 29, 2007 meeting.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that this supplementary report be forwarded to the Region as additional background for Board Report 72-2007.

Carried.

86. **Purchasing – Project PO0501 Network Upgrades**

The Board considered Service report 89/2007 dated April 10, 2007 requesting the Board approve the award of Quotation Q13685 to Net Cyclops Inc. (NCI) for anti-spam technology and support for a three-year term to provide through context-sensitive detection technology for the elimination of the broadest range of known and emerging e-mail threats to the network.

Moved by: T. Shoalts
Seconded by: L. Tufford

That the Board approve the award of Quotation Q13685 to the low bidder, Net Cyclops Inc. (NCI), for a three-year term in the amount of \$43,084 plus applicable taxes, funds allocated in account PO0501 Network Upgrades.

Carried.

87. **Purchasing – Annual Maintenance Support – Versadex Records Management System (RMS)**

The Board considered Service report 90/2007 dated April 10, 2007 requesting the Board approve Invoice 0704-077 to Versaterm for the annual Records Management System maintenance and support, including current licencing fees for various software products and maintenance for upgrades to the Versaterm programs that produce information to publish to LEIP.

Member Bentley requested that a follow-up report be prepared summarizing a list of all Information Technology contracts and commitments

Moved by: L. Tufford
Seconded by: T. Shoalts

That the Board approve the payment of Maintenance/Support fees for Versadex applications from Versaterm, Invoice 0704-077, for the period June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 in the amount of \$135,394 plus applicable taxes, funds budgeted in the Information Systems Account 7412-1804 Repair and Maintenance.

Carried.

88. **Initiation, Purchasing - Capital Projects ZPO0712 – AFIS/Livescan Upgrades & ZPO0711 – Real Time Identification (RTID)**

The Board considered Service report 95/2007 dated April 10, 2007 requesting the Board approve the initiation of capital levy funding and the purchase of Criminal Ten Print and Palm Livescan Systems with Mugshot Photo capture options for Livescan stations, and the purchase of Civil Ten Print Livescan System from ComnetiX, and hardware purchases from HP Canada.

Moved by: B. Smeaton
Seconded by: T. Shoalts

That the Board approve:

1. **The initiation of Project ZPO0712 AFIS/Livescan upgrades with an expenditure budget of up to \$250,000;**
2. **The initiation of Project ZPO0711 Real Time Identification (RTID) with an expenditure budget of up to \$80,000;**
3. **Financing to be derived from Police Capital Levy funds;**
4. **Pursuant to the Regional Municipality of Niagara (RMON) Police Services Board (PSB) By-law 167-97 Financial Budgeting, Purchasing and Control By-law, Section 3.6 iii approval to purchase from ComnetiX Inc. attached quote RL06-NRPS-Cr/CivilLiveScan-03 in the amount of \$260,350.00 plus applicable taxes;**
5. **Approval to purchase from HP Canada for server hardware Quote #CAN-81708-02 in the amount of \$5,385.65 plus applicable taxes.**

Carried.

89. **Funding Request – 2007 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Donation Request**

The Board considered Service report 83/2007 dated April 5, 2007 requesting the Board consider a donation from the Special Fund to the 2007 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) *Walk to Cure Diabetes* with Chief of Police Southall as Corporate Chair of this premier community and NRPS fundraising event to occur on Sunday, May 27, 2007 covering the 5 km. walk along the Welland Canal Locks 1 to 2 and return.

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

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Special Fund to the 2007 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) *Walk to Cure Diabetes* scheduled for May 27, 2007.

Carried.

90. **Funding Request - Special Olympics - Larry Maracle Memorial Pig Roast and BBQ**

The Board considered a memorandum dated March 29, 2007 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with a request from Ms. Ann Groves, Welland Special Olympics Organizing Committee for consideration of a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Special Fund to the *Larry Maracle Memorial Pig Roast and BBQ* to be held Sunday, May 27, 2007 to support local Special Olympian athletes to compete in the World Championships being held in China this summer.

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

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Special Fund to the Larry Maracle Memorial Pig Roast and BBQ on Sunday, May 27, 2007 in support of the local Special Olympian athletes.

Carried.

91. **Sponsorship Request – NRPA Charity Golf Tournament (CACN)**

The Board considered a memorandum dated April 16, 2007 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with a letter from Mr. Rick Gordon, Tournament Coordinator, Niagara Region Police Association, requesting Board sponsorship for the 'Chip It for Charity' golf tournament to be held Thursday, July 5, 2007 at the Legends on the Niagara golf course in support of the Child Advocacy Centre Niagara (CACN).

Moved by: B. Smeaton
Seconded by: T. Shoalts

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$150.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Region Police Association for the 'Chip It for Charity' Golf Tournament to be held July 5, 2007 in support of the Child Advocacy Centre Niagara.

Carried.

92. **Sponsorship Request – 'Bic-Lite' Charity Golf Tournament**

The Board considered a memorandum dated April 16, 2007 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with a letter from Staff Sergeant Mark Lightfoot, Tournament Coordinator, requesting Board sponsorship for the 8th Annual 'Bic-Lite' charity golf tournament to be held Friday, May 25, 2007 at the Niagara Falls Golf Club to assist Service members with medical expenses incurred for treatment of their children.

Moved by: B. Smeaton
Seconded by: T. Shoalts

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$150.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Region Police Association for the 'Bic-Lite' Golf Tournament to be held May 25, 2007.

Carried.

93. **Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Annual Conference – August 18-20, 2007**
The Board considered a memorandum dated April 17, 2007 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with notice from Ms. Jennifer Lanzon, Executive Director, CAPB, of the CAPB's 18th Annual Meeting and Conference being held from August 18-20, 2007 in Calgary, Alberta, with the conference theme 'Risk Management'.

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

That the information be received;

And further, Board members are requested to advise the Executive Director if they wish to attend the Conference.

Carried.

94. **2007 Scheduled Vehicle Replacements and Increase of Marked Patrol Vehicle - Casino Patrol Unit**
The Board considered Service report 99/2007, dated April 12, 2007, requesting the Board approve the purchase of three (3) Ford Crown Victoria(s) to include the approval of an increase of one (1) marked patrol vehicle for the Casino Patrol Unit.

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

That the Board approve the purchase of three (3) Ford Crown Victoria(s) from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$90,143.28 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

95. **NRPS Variance Report – to March 31, 2007**
The Board considered Service report 101/2007, dated April 19, 2007, providing the Board with a financial overview and year-end forecast for both the Service and the Board to March 31, 2007.

Moved by: D. Martin
Seconded by: T. Shoalts

That the Board:

1. **Receives the financial variance and year-end forecast for information;**
2. **Approve the transfer of \$31,250 to the Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) Reserve;**
3. **Approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the approved one-time expenditures to the Niagara Region Public Health Department for the "Think and Drive" road safety program; and**
4. **Approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund to cover the cost of the Field Services Video Equipment.**

Carried.

96. **2007 – 2009 “Draft” Business Plan**

The Board considered Service report 102/2007, dated April 23, 2007, providing the Board with the “draft” 2007 – 2009 Business Plan for the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Chief Southall thanked the Steering Committee and the Board members who participated at each public forum, and the Working Committee for their additional work over and above that performed by the consultant, the goals and performance indicators, and particularly, to the Committee leads, Dr. Paul Divers and Inspector G. Skafffeld.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Iggulden thanked the Working Committee for their efforts, and requested feedback respecting the process, recommended procedure and use of an external consultant for the next business planning process.

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

That the Board approve the Niagara Regional Police Service 2007-2009 Business Plan;

And further, that compliant with the Adequacy Standards Regulation, the 2007–2009 Business Plan be submitted to Regional Council for its information.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Chairperson

Executive Director