



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, June 28, 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 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. L. Iggulden, Chair
Mr. D. Martin, Vice Chair
Mr. B. Bentley
Mr. T. Shoalts
Mr. B. Smeaton
Mr. L. Tufford
Mr. M. Woodhouse (arrived at 8:55 a.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT:

A/Chief of Police G. Beaulieu
A/Deputy Chief of Police G. Dagenais
A/Superintendent L. Lillico, Western Region
Superintendent B. Wright, Eastern Region
Superintendent D. Kane, Emergency/Invest. Services
Superintendent J. Matthews, Executive Services
Inspector D. D'Amico, Labour Relations
A/Inspector S. McLean, Executive Officer
A/Inspector C. Scott, Emergency/Invest. Services
Detective Sergeant P. McCauley, Executive Officer
Constable Sal Basilone, Media Officer
Mr. A. Gladwish, A/Director, Information & Communication
Technology
Ms. M. George, Director of Business Services
Ms. D. Stevenson, Information Services Manager

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

Niagara Region
Police Association

Mr. P. DiSimoni, President

Presentation
'Think & Drive'
Campaign

Ms. Linda Beyer, Chair, Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee
Constable Todd McKinnon, NRPS Field Support Traffic

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

123. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, May 24, 2007.

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

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, May 24, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Chair Iggulden reported:

Annual Awards Ceremony

On May 31 the Chair and Members Bentley, Smeaton, Shoalts and Tufford attended the annual NRPS Annual Awards Ceremony. The event recognized members of the Service and citizens who have made valuable contributions to the community as well as members with 20 and 30 years of exemplary service and those members who retired during 2006.

Alternate Fuel Options

On June 4 Member Tufford and the Board's Executive Director attended the NRPS Fleet Services Unit to look at vehicles displayed as part of its assessment of alternate fuel options. This included natural gas, propane and hybrid powered vehicles. The Board looks forward to hearing more from the Service about options being considered to address environmental challenges and to reduce fuel operating costs.

Promotional Ceremony

On June 13 the Board was proud to participate in the Promotional Ceremony held at Headquarters. Members Smeaton and Tufford attended the event to honour the promotion of four members from the rank of Sergeant to Staff Sergeant, and eleven officers from the rank of Constable to Sergeant. On behalf of the Board, congratulations to the newly promoted officers.

Crime Stoppers Gala Dinner

On June 16 the Chair and Member Woodhouse, along with Chief Southall, attended the Crime Stoppers Gala Dinner held in Niagara Falls. The Board and Service are pleased to support this valuable program involving citizens, media and the police as well as the opportunity to support the ongoing development of the members that continue to make the program a success.

NRPS 2007-2009 Business Plan

On July 26 the Chair and Chief Southall will attend Regional Council to introduce the Niagara Regional Police Service 2007-2009 Business Plan.

Upcoming Police Board & Committee Meeting – PSB Boardroom

- Licencing Committee – Thursday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m.;
- Human Resources Committee - Thursday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m.;
- Finance Committee – REMINDER – all monthly meetings are cancelled until further notice: financial items will be considered at the regular monthly Board meetings;
- Board Meeting – Thursday, July 26 at 8:30 a.m.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

A/Chief Beaulieu reported:

Vehicle Utilization Study/Alternate Fuels

The NRPS Vehicle Utilization Study involving alternate fuel use and fuel consumption strategies will be presented to the Board in the near future.

Operational Statistics

Marijuana Grow Operations

For the period January 1 through June 27, 2007:

Total estimated seized street value	\$3,942,700,
Estimated value of seized equipment	149,500.

Homicides

For the period January 1 through June 27, 2007:

2 homicides compared to 4, same period 2006.

Robberies

For the period May 24 through June 27, 2007:

27 with 3 cleared, 11% cleared this period.

Traffic Fatalities Statistics

For the period January 1 through June 27, 2007:

16 compared to 14, same period 2006.

A/Chief Beaulieu thanked Mr. Grant LaFleche, St. Catharines STANDARD, who is preparing a major study on Niagara's traffic fatalities in the near future, for the opportunity of the NRPS to communicate its strategies.

2007 Law Enforcement Torch Run

On June 6 NRPS members partnered with staff from the Niagara Parks Police, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Canada Border Services Agency, enforcement officers from the Ministry of Transportation and Brock University Campus Security Services to carry the 'flame of hope' in the 21st annual Law Enforcement Torch Run sponsored by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, and is the largest fundraiser for Special Olympics Ontario. A/Chief Beaulieu recognized Sergeant Mike McAllister for his extremely successful 2007 Torch Run organization which realized a very large participation by Service members.

'Guns & Gangs' Next Step Strategy

On June 6 Chief Southall attended two press briefings in Hamilton and Niagara Falls to support the provincial government's commitment to combating guns and gangs, marijuana-grow operations, crystal methamphetamine labs and other criminal activities. Provincial funding will be used to counter the threat to the public and emergency responders through investment in the 1,000 Officer Partnership Program, the creation of the Youth Opportunities Strategy and funding an operations centre for the Guns and Gangs Task Force – the first one of its kind in North America.

Training Exercise at St. Catharines Collegiate

On June 13 the District School Board of Niagara and the NRPS collaborated on a training scenario involving an active shooter within the St. Catharines Collegiate and Vocational Institute. The scenario was based on a real-time response to the threat, and included police use of Immediate Rapid Deployment and school administration implementation of a lockdown procedure. Due to the accuracy of the event and the excellent role-playing by the actors, the process was extremely beneficial as an educational exercise.

NRPS Pipe Band – Competition Successes

On two weekends in June the NRPS Pipe Band competed in competitions in Georgetown, Ontario, and in Ohio, USA, where they placed first and second, respectively, as a result of their performances. The band is under the direction of Pipe Major Dave Goodall, and member Kyle Gorman was also awarded a first place finish in the Bass Drum category. The Band will next compete in Kincardine on July 7, which will lead to an appearance at the world championships in Glasgow, Scotland, in August.

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

From June 24-28 police leaders from federal, provincial, regional, municipal and First Nations Police Services gathered in Waterloo Region for the 56th Annual OACP Conference.

The conference theme *Today's Leader's – Tomorrow's Solutions* provided the opportunity for police leaders from all parts of the province to participate and network in education sessions. At the Tuesday awards luncheon, Niagara's retired Deputy Chief of Police Frank Parkhouse received the OACP President's Award which recognizes an individual who has provided extraordinary dedication and support in advancing the goals and objectives of the Ontario Association of Chief of Police. The 57th Annual Conference is scheduled to be held in Niagara in 2008.

PRESENTATION

113. ***“Think and Drive” Campaign – Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee***

The Board considered a presentation entitled *Niagara's “Think & Drive”* campaign, aimed at reducing fatal and serious motor vehicle collisions by Ms. Linda Beyer, Chair, Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee, and Sergeant Todd McKinnon, Field Support – Traffic, Niagara Regional Police Service.

The Board expressed concern regarding recent press coverage criticizing NRPS traffic enforcement activities. Ms. Beyer advised that the Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee is preparing a collaborative response as a ‘letter to the editor’.

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

That the presentation be received.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item deferred from May 24, 2007 Board meeting:

107. **Information Systems Unit – Current Maintenance Agreements Listing**

The Board considered Service report 113/2007 dated May 7, 2007 providing the Board with a listing of technology maintenance agreements and their associated costs as requested at the April 26, 2007 Board meeting (*Minute #87.2007*).

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

114. **Canadian Association of Police Boards**

The Board considered the *CAPB National* dated June 2007 providing the Board with the message from the President, Ian Wilms, as well as national and provincial news of interest to Police Boards.

115. **Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - 2006-2007 R.I.D.E. Program**

The Board considered a letter dated May 15, 2007 from the Honourable Monte Kwinter, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, providing the Board with a cheque in the amount of \$20,692.11 to cover the overtime or paid duty costs incurred by the Niagara Regional Police Service for the Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) program.

A/Chief Beaulieu advised that the Niagara Regional Police Service has commenced an aggressive R.I.D.E. campaign as part of its traffic safety initiatives which will continue throughout 2007.

116. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 7-2007 May 24, 2007 & CSC 7-2007 May 16, 2007**

The Board considered a letter May 25, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with the Regional Council approval on May 24, 2007 of the Corporate Services Committee recommendations:

“That Communication CSC 24-2007, from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board, (April 26, 2007) respecting Niagara Police Services Board – Initiation, Purchasing – Capital Project ZPO0506, Purchasing Capital Projects PO0409 & PO0605 – Voice Radio System Infrastructure & Equipment 63.2007, be received.”

And,

“That Communication CSC 27-2007, from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board, (May 1, 2007) regarding Community Policing Partnership (CPP) Program – Contract Renewal 84.2007, be received; and

That the Contractual Agreement be executed by Chair Peter Partington on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.”

The following recommendation as contained in the Closed Session of the Corporate Services Committee was also approved:

“That Communication CSC 25-2007 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board, regarding Wainfleet Addressing, be received; and

That staff be authorized to proceed as recommended.”

117. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 8-2007 June 14, 2007**

The Board considered a letter dated June 18, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with the Regional Council approval on June 14, 2007 of the Corporate Services Committee recommendations:

“That Report CSD 88-2007, June 6, 2007 respecting Initiation of Capital Project ZPO0711 RTID (Real Time Identification) and ZPO0712 AVL/Livescan (Automatic Vehicle Location) Upgrades, be received.

That Project ZPO0711, RTID (Real Time Identification) be initiated with a gross and net cost of \$80,000.

That Project ZPO0712, AFIS/Livescan (Automatic Vehicle Location) Upgrades be initiated with a gross and net cost of \$250,000.

That financing for both projects be from the Police Capital Levy Reserve.

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

And,

“That the following communications be received:

CSC 28-2007 Deb Morton, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (May 1, 2007) respecting Niagara Police Services Board – Purchasing - Project PO0501 Network Upgrades 86.2007;

CSC 29-2007 Deb Morton, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (May 1, 2007) respecting Niagara Police Services Board Purchasing – Annual Maintenance Support – Versadex Records Management System (RMS) 87.2007;

CSC 30-2007 Deb Morton, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (May 1, 2007) respecting Niagara Police Services Board – 2007 Scheduled Vehicle Replacements and Increase of Marked Patrol Vehicle – Casino Patrol Unit 94.2007;

CSC 31-2007 Deb Morton, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (May 1, 2007) respecting Niagara Police Services Board – NRPS Variance Report – to March 31, 2007 95.2007.”

118. **Brock University Campus Security Services – Quarterly Report on Special Constables**

The Board considered Report 128/2007 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 during the 2nd quarter of operations in 2007.

119. **Special Fund – May 2007**

The Board considered Service report 129 /2007 dated June 15, 2007 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of May 1 - 31, 2007.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

B. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

120. **Lincoln Community Policing Committee – Inception**

The Board considered Service report 120/2007, dated May 23, 2007, requesting the Board approve the Lincoln Community Policing Committee authorization to operate as a partner in community policing with the Niagara Regional Police Service.

A/Chief Beaulieu acknowledged the hard work of Staff Sergeant Randy Bleich, District Commander of 8 District in Grimsby, for his efforts on this initiative.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that the Board approve the formation of a Lincoln Community Policing Committee in the Town of Lincoln as outlined in the report.

Carried.

121. **NRPS Variance Report – to May 31, 2007**

The Board considered Service report 125/2007, dated June 13, 2007, providing the Board with a financial overview and year-end forecast for both the Service and the Board to May 31, 2007.

The Board expressed concern with the summary of uniform overtime listed on Appendix #2 as it relates to Western Operations and Executive Services of the Police Service. In response, A/Chief Beaulieu indicated that he would report back to the Board at its next meeting with specific trends in Western Operations. He also advised that the budget differential in Executive Services is largely a result of changes in the structure of the organizational chart, which was realigned in April 2007.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

122. **Computer Equipment from HP Canada – Purchase Request**

The Board considered Service report 127/2007, dated June 14, 2007, requesting the Board approve the purchase of desktop and laptop computers from HP Canada in the amount of \$72,929.00 as per replacement schedule guidelines.

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

That the Board approve the purchase of desktop and laptop computers in the amount of \$72,929.00 plus applicable taxes from HP Canada from funds allocated in PO0705 IT Equipment Replacement.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Chairperson

Executive Director