



**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, August 30, 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 8:30 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief of Police W.E. Southall
Deputy Chief of Police G. Beaulieu
Superintendent D. Kane, Emergency/Invest. Services
Superintendent J. Matthews, Executive Services
Superintendent D. Parrent, Special Projects
Superintendent R. Wright, Eastern Region
A/Superintendent R. Coulis, Central Region
A/Superintendent L. Lillico, Western Region
A/Inspector R. Bleich, Executive Officer
Sergeant P. MacCauley, Executive Officer
Mr. A. Gladwish, A/Director, Information &
Communication Technology
Ms. M. George, Director of Business Services
Ms. L. DiDonato-DeChellis, Finance Manager
Ms. L. Jerome, Human Resources Manager

Mr. W.B. McKaig (arrived at 9:40 a.m.)
Ms. D. Morton, Executive Director
Ms. S. Taylor, Executive Assistant

Niagara Region
Police Association

Mr. P. DiSimoni, President

PRESENTATION:

Inspector C. Scott and family
Ms. L. DiDonato-DeChellis, Finance Manager
Ms. L. Jerome, Human Resources Manager

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

141. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, July 26, 2007.

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

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, July 26, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Chair Iggulden reported the following:

Niagara Regional Police Service Recruit Swearing-In Ceremony

On August 9 Chair Iggulden joined Chief Southall and her Executive at the NRPS Swearing-In Ceremony held at Club Italia in Niagara Falls where a total of 8 recruits and 8 currently-serving police officers were welcomed to the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference

Members Bentley, Woodhouse and the Board's Executive Director attended the 18th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Canadian Association of Police Boards held in Calgary, Alberta, from August 18 – 20, 2007. The program theme was 'Risk Management' and the agenda included presentations from a number of prominent federal politicians and individuals from the police community.

OAPSB/OACP Zone 4 Meeting

On Tuesday, September 11, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police will hold its quarterly zone meeting in Hamilton.

Upcoming Police Board & Committee Meetings – PSB Boardroom

- Licencing Committee – Friday, September 14 at 8:30 a.m.;
- Human Resources - Sick Leave/Sick Plan Tri-Party Committee – Friday, September 14 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.*
- Next Board Meeting – Thursday, September 27 at 8:30 a.m.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Southall reported the following:

Operational Statistics

Marijuana Grow Operations

For the period January 1 through August 29:

Total estimated seized street value	\$6,140,850;
Estimated value of seized equipment	173,820.

Homicides

For the period January 1 through August 29, 2007:

2 homicides compared to 4, same period 2006.

Robberies

For the period July 26 through August 29, 2007:

21 with 5 cleared, 24% cleared this period.

Traffic Fatalities Statistics

For the period January 1 through August 29, 2007:

21 compared to 20, same period 2006.

Serious Injury Collisions

For the period January 1 through August 29, 2007:

19 compared to 23, same period 2006.

Regional Traffic Enforcement

As a result of several initiatives the Service has experienced a significant increase in the number of provincial offence notices that have been issued to drivers in the region. The total for the first eight months of the year is 27,017 tickets, compared to same period in 2006 with 17,329, or an increase of approximately 1,211 tickets per month.

Safe Summer R.I.D.E. Program

On Friday August 24, 2007 members of the Special Enforcement Unit conducted a R.I.D.E. Program in the Port Dalhousie area, resulting in 697 stopped and checked vehicles; 28 drivers given roadside alcohol screening tests of which 10 had their licences suspended for 12 hours, 1 person arrested for Impaired Driving and 5 Provincial Offences Notices issued. Officers observed that a large number of drivers used taxis to get home instead of driving on this particular night.

Bear Escapes from ZOOZ

Shortly before midnight on Tuesday, August 7th, 2007 a Stevensville resident the NRPS that a large bear had been observed in her yard was in very close proximity to ZooZ Animal Park on Stevensville Road. Officers attended the area and confirmed the sighting and it was believed that the bear had possibly escaped the confines of the park: confirmation was received that the bear had escaped its enclosure within the property.

Additional officers from the Niagara Regional Police Service were assisted by members of the Fort Erie Fire Department, the Niagara County Sheriffs Department and its helicopter. After 2:00 p.m. the bear was sighted approximately 500 meters the point of escape. Emergency Services Unit officers armed with a tranquilizer gun were able to deploy tranquilizer darts, and with a local veterinarian and staff members from ZooZ returned Willy to a secure location at the park.

Investigators have determined that the bear's escape did not result from any criminal act, nor violation of any provincial act or municipal by-law or any evidence of negligence on the part of Zooz management or its employees. There were no investigative findings to indicate that there was any intentional or non-intentional release of the bear by any person.

It is believed that a malfunction provided an opportunity for the bear to get close enough to the fence, burrow a hole underneath the enclosure and escape. Zooz officials have instituted a number of structural changes to mitigate the potential of any further escapes. Further, a meeting between the various stakeholders will take place in order to develop a protocol that will address the issues surrounding the escape.

The Chief publicly acknowledged and thanked the Fort Erie Fire Department, the Niagara County Sheriff's Department, Niagara Emergency Medical Services, the media, and the local residents for their assistance and support during this incident.

In response to Member Woodhouse's question, Chief Southall indicated that the cost to the Service for the above operation would be approximately \$20,000, some which would be attributed to overtime. Although there is no avenue to charge a 'user fee', the Chief will check whether any of the operational costs can be recouped and report back to the Board.

PRESENTATIONS

142. NRPS Promotions— Inspector & Managers, Business Services

Deputy Chief Beaulieu formally introduced NRPS Inspector Carl Scott, Emergency Services Unit, newly promoted July 29, 2007, as well as confirmations of two recent promotions in Business Services, being Ms. Lisa DiDonato-DeChellis, Manager of Finance, and Ms. Linda Jerome, Manager of Human Resources.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Iggulden congratulated Inspector Scott, Ms. DiDonato-DeChellis and Ms. Jerome on their success.

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

That the presentations be received.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

143. **Canadian Association of Police Boards**

The Board considered a letter dated July 30, 2007 from Ian Wilms, President, Canadian Association of Police Boards, acknowledging receipt of the Bronze Sponsorship from the Niagara Police Services Board through the Special Fund supporting the CAPB's 18th Annual Conference in Calgary from August 18-20, 2007.

144. **Special Olympics Ontario**

The Board considered a letter dated July 10, 2007 from Ann Groves, Special Olympics Ontario, acknowledging receipt of the monetary assistance from the Niagara Police Services Board through the Special Fund supporting the *Larry Maracle Memorial Pig Roast and BBQ* for the special athletes and their families.

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

The Board considered Service report 152/2007 dated July 19, 2007 providing the Board with information relating to the investigations of alleged police misconduct reported by members of the public for the second quarter, period April 1 through June 30, 2007 and statistical yearly comparison, pursuant to Board By-law 173/1997.

146. **Annual Report – Community-Based Crime Prevention**

The Board considered Service report 193/2007 dated August 17, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Community-Based Crime Prevention including NRPS General Order 160.03 in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation CP-002; Service compliance with the procedure through the establishment and participation in various community programs and identification of programs requiring extra assistance; involvement in elementary school programs on a 'request' basis; active support in specific crime prevention programs; Niagara community concerns summarized and confirmation of the staff training, pursuant to Board By-law 192-2000.

147. **Annual Report – Communications and Dispatch**

The Board considered Service report 184/2007 dated July 25, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Communications and Dispatch including NRPS General Orders 033.04 *Communications Systems* and 094.03 *Master Logger* plus pertinent mention in another 22 procedural General Orders in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-002; Service compliance through the establishment of a voice radio system utilizing mobile and portable radios and dispatch consoles, a Computer Aided Dispatch System including a Mobile Workstation System, a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone system with interconnections to other emergency agencies and providers, a non-emergency complaints and administrative telephone system and an audio recording and instant play back system; information relating to 'Call Statistics' of the Unit, and detailed description of the training required for Unit staff, pursuant to Board By-law 194-2000.

148. **Annual Report – Criminal Intelligence Unit**

The Board considered Service report 161/2007 dated July 25, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Criminal Intelligence including NRPS General Order 111.05 in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-004; Service compliance with the procedure through the establishment of the Criminal Intelligence Unit and its functions; and confirmation of the specialized training afforded to members of the Unit both in-house and formalized off-site venues, pursuant to Board By-law 196-2000.

149. **Annual Report – Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes & Hate Propaganda Offences**
The Board considered Service report 169/2007 dated July 25, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning the investigation of Hate Bias Motivated Crimes and Hate Propaganda Offences including NRPS General Order 027.03 – *Hate Crime* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-007 *Hate Bias Motivated Crimes* and LE-008 *Hate Propaganda*; Service compliance with the procedures through the District Detective Office, the Hate Crime Coordinator and the Niagara Victim Crisis Support Service for assistance to any victim, Community-based policing, Community Services Unit, School Liaison Officers and First Nations Liaison Officer programs; confirmation of the training afforded to all Service members through their active community participation, pursuant to Board By-law 199/200-2000.
150. **Annual Report – Internal Task Forces**
The Board considered Service report 180/2007 dated August 29, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Internal Task Forces in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-010 – *Investigative Task Forces*; description of the one Internal Task Force established within the NRPS during the past year; detailed accounting of the costs involved, and the subsequent arrest of one suspect, pursuant to Board By-law 202-2000.
151. **Annual Report – Search & Seizure**
The Board considered Service report 181/2007 dated July 27, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Search and Seizure including NRPS General Orders 117.05 *Search and Seizure*, 095.04 *Major Incidents and Routine Criminal Investigations*, 100.04 *Powers of Arrest*, 018.07 *Persons in Custody*, 192.02 *Technological Crime Services Unit* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulations LE-011 and LE-012; Service compliance with the procedure through the acknowledgment of limited judicial review of police searches in the past year, and confirmation of the various training courses required for members of the Service, pursuant to Board By-law 203/204-2000.
152. **Annual Report – Informants & Agents**
The Board considered Service report 162/2007 dated July 17, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Informants and Agents including NRPS General Order 141.03 *Informants & Agents* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-015; Service compliance through specialized training available to Investigators, and a summary of funds dispersed during 2006 through a revised security procedure, pursuant to Board By-law 207-2000.
153. **Annual Report – Witness Protection**
The Board considered Service report 163/2007 dated July 23, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Witness Protection including NRPS General Orders 122.02 *Witness Protection and Security Program* and 115.03 *Victim/Witness Assistance* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-018 *Witness Protection*; Service compliance through specialized training provided by Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO) at the Ontario police College; the 2006 summary of costings, reimbursed by the Provincial Witness Protection Program, and further, Service initiation of an operational account to cover witness protection relocation costs, pursuant to Board By-law 210-2000.
154. **Annual Report – Stolen or Smuggled Firearms**
The Board considered Service report 164/2007 dated July 30, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Stolen or Smuggled Firearms including NRPS General Order 175.03 in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-019; Service compliance through a designated full-time member to the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit (PWEU), and initial and ongoing training of members, pursuant to Board By-law 211-2000.

155. **Annual Report – Collection, Preservation & Control of Evidence & Property**
The Board considered Service report 170/2007 dated July 16, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Collection, Preservation and Control of Evidence and Property including NRPS General Orders 035.05 *Found, Seized or Received Property* and 121.04 *Forensic Services Unit* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-020; Service compliance with the new Versadex electronic Record Management system; and results obtained through property audits by District Commanders, plus annual and periodic audits by the Forensic Services Unit and the annual audit of all Property Units by the Policy and Risk Management Unit, pursuant to Board By-law 212-2000.
156. **Annual Report – Officer Note Taking**
The Board considered Service report 176/2007 dated August 9, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Officer Note Taking including NRPS General Order 168.04 illustrating Service compliance for information retention in detailed order, the storage and retention of the officers' notebooks and the member training requirements in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-022 *Officer Note Taking*, pursuant to Board By-law 214-2000.
157. **Annual Report – Property Offences**
The Board considered Service report 177/2007 dated August 9, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Property Offences including NRPS General Orders 095.04 *Major Incidents and Routine Criminal Investigations*, 121.04 *Forensic Services Unit*, 035.05 *found, Seized or Received Property* and 037.04 *Fire Calls and Arson Investigations* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-030 *Property Offences (including Break and Enter)*; Service compliance through NRPS General Orders 034.03 and 095.04 involving report submission and supervisory oversight; a summary of the successful NRPS Crime Prevention initiatives, pursuant to Board By-law 222-2000.
158. **Annual Report – Drug Investigations**
The Board considered Service report 171/2007 dated July 27, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Drug Investigations including NRPS General Orders 117.05 *Search and Seizure* and 120.03 *Morality Related Offences* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-031 *Drug Investigation*; Service compliance through NRPS General Order 120.03, currently under revision to reflect the procedure for investigation and dismantling of marijuana grow operations and clandestine labs; the various levels of available training, and a summary of Service assistance to other police agencies, pursuant to Board By-law 223-2000.
159. **Annual Report – Illegal Gaming Investigations**
The Board considered Service report 165/2007 dated July 25, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Illegal Gaming Investigations including NRPS General Order 162.03 *Illegal Gaming Investigations* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-032; Service compliance to regulations, reassignment of the seconded member of the Provincial Illegal Gambling Unit to the Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit of the OPP to assist on an 'as needed' basis for illegal gambling investigations led through the Criminal Intelligence Unit and the OPP, Joint Services Casino Unit Intelligence Unit with a local NRPS member, pursuant to Board By-law 224-2000.

160. **Annual Report – Sexual Assault Investigation**
The Board considered Service report 166/2007 dated July 18, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Sexual Assault Investigations including the community driven 1998 Protocol (under review) with the Niagara Regional Sexual Assault Centre, the Sexual Assault Treatment Centre – Niagara, the Crown Attorney and the NRPS, and NRPS General Order 020.05 *Sexual Assault Unit* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-034; Service compliance confirmation that the Protocol formulated by the agency representatives to the previous regulation and through Ministry review; a summary of the training provided to Unit members and the 2006 caseload summary; compliance with established monitoring and response evaluations, and a summary of issues dealt with in 2006 by the Sexual Assault Committee, pursuant to Board By-law 226-2000.
161. **Annual Report – Child Pornography**
The Board considered Service report 178/2007 dated August 1, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Child Pornography including NRPS General Order 169.03 *Child Pornography* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-036; Service compliance to regulations through an increase in the Unit's authorized strength; ongoing participation with the OPP in *Investigative Strategy to Protect Children on the Internet* project and the introduction of a successful in-house Technological Crimes Unit to provide forensic analytical support of seized computers equating to a high level of investigative expertise, international daily monitoring and evaluation and specialized training, pursuant to Board By-law 228-2000.
162. **Annual Report – Homicide Investigations**
The Board considered Service report 182/2007 dated August 14, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Homicide Investigations including NRPS General Orders 026.03 *Major Crime Unit* and 095.04 *Major Incidents and Routine Criminal Investigations* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-039; Service compliance to the Ministry's designated Ontario Major Case Management Manual regulations through Ministry review; membership in the Campbell Transition Steering Committee; basic investigative and extensive specialized training provincially and federally; summarized twelve-month listing of Niagara homicides and attempted homicide including the investigations of the Homicide Task Force, pursuant to Board By-law 231-2000.
163. **Annual Report – Parental/Non-Parental Abductions**
The Board considered Service report 183/2007 dated July 26, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Parental/Non-Parental Abductions including NRPS General Orders 173.03 and 095.04 *Major Incidents and Routine Criminal Investigations* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-040; Service compliance to the Ministry's designated Ontario Major Case Management Manual regulations through Ministry review; daily monitoring of calls for service by the Investigative Analysis Unit, and summary of the 2006 Unit caseload, pursuant to Board By-law 232-2000.
164. **Annual Report – Proceeds of Crime**
The Board considered Service report 172/2007 dated July 30, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Proceeds of Crime including NRPS General Orders 110.02 *Proceeds of Crime* and 120.03 *Morality Related Offences* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-041; Service compliance through annual review of the regulations for updating; secondment of two NRPS members to the London Integrated Proceeds of Crime Section (LIPOC) to "identify, seize and cause to be forfeited assets derived from criminal activity throughout the Province of Ontario and elsewhere and recommend for prosecution the persons associated ..."; summarized crime property and assets seized by the Niagara component of London IPOC; assistance to the newly formed Grow Team in the restraint of properties and vehicles associated to marijuana grow operations, pursuant to Board By-law 233-2000.

165. **Annual Report – Vehicle Theft**

The Board considered Service report 179/2007 dated July 24, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Vehicle Theft including NRPS General Orders 187.01 *Vehicle Theft*, 095.04 *Major Incidents and Routine Criminal Investigations*, 036.02 *Records Management Methodology* and 057 *Vehicle Towing, Seizure and Release* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-043; Service compliance through updated procedures available through the Versadex electronic Records Management System; secondment of an NRPS Officer to the Provincial Auto Theft Team (PATT); specialized internal and external training; yearly summary of vehicle thefts January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006, pursuant to Board By-law 235-2000.

166. **Annual Report – Youth Crime**

The Board considered Service report 194/2007 dated August 17, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Youth Crime including NRPS General Order 085.02 *Young Persons* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-044 and federally through the *Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA)*; Service compliance through staffing with an officer assigned to review youth related matters, a Regional youth officer position to coordinate various programs such as threat assessment and the *NRPS Extrajudicial Measures Referral Program*, ever increasing cyberspace threats, e.g. criminal harassment, uttering threats, prostitution through escort agencies, vandalism; the review of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program; the 2006/2007 establishment of region-wide community forums and programs; revision of Niagara school board protocols including the development of a formal process for conducting and the training of officers in threat assessments, pursuant to Board By-law 236-2000.

167. **Annual Report – Sex Offender Registry**

The Board considered Service report 167/2007 dated July 18, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning Sex Offender Registry including NRPS General Order 178.03 *Sex Offender Registry* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-046; Service compliance as a function of the High Risk Offender Unit now utilizing the *Argus* Database which contains weekly updated information and photographs of all persons with the Ontario Sex Offender Registry available to all NRPS members an information database; specialized staff training; summary of investigations as of July 18, 2007, pursuant to Board By-law 261-2003.

168. **Annual Report – High Risk Individuals**

The Board considered Service report 168/2007 dated July 24, 2007 providing the Board with a summary of the written procedures concerning High Risk Individuals including NRPS General Order 190.02 *Police Response to High Risk Individuals* in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standard Regulation LE-047; community driven Protocol to outline the coordinated effort to effectively manage persons in or returning who pose a threat to community safety; High Risk Offender Unit, recently doubled in authorized strength, identifies persons at large in the community without any form of supervision leading to court-ordered restrictions; Service compliance as a function of the High Risk Offender Unit now utilizing the *Argus* Database which contains weekly updated information and photographs of all persons with the Ontario Sex Offender Registry available to all NRPS members an information database, the Service being only one of two in Ontario where risk assessments conducted and updated yearly; specialized training; pursuant to Board By-law 272-2005.

Chief Southall noted that the annual reports included on this Agenda represent approximately half the mandated annual Adequacy Standard Regulation reports, presenting a snap-shot of NRPS services to the community. Member Woodhouse requested that the above-noted Annual Reports be circulated to area municipalities, media and Regional Council for information.

169. **Special Fund – June 2007**

The Board considered Service report 156 /2007 dated July 23, 2007 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of June 1 - 30, 2007.

170. **Special Fund – July 2007**

The Board considered Service report 187 /2007 dated August 13, 2007 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of July 1 - 31, 2007.

171. **Special Fund Account**

The Board considered Service report 157/2007 dated August 3, 2007 providing the Board with information relating to the allocation of discretionary funds held in the Special Account.

172. **NRPS Variance Report – to July 31, 2007**

The Board considered Service report 197/2007, dated August 15, 2007, providing the Board with a financial overview and year-end forecast for both the Service and the Board to July 31, 2007.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

B. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

173. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 10-2007 July 26, 2007 (CS 10-2007 July 18, 2007)**

The Board considered a letter July 31, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with Regional Council the following approval and recommendation at its July 26, 2007:

- i. Corporate Services Committee recommendations respecting receipt the NRPS Variance Report to May 31, 2007 and ensuing *Staff Direction* that *staff be directed to provide the committee with the details surrounding the variances associated with the overtime figures:*
- ii. Public Health and Social Services Committee recommendation that staff be instructed to commence discussion with the Niagara Regional Police Services Board (NRPSB) with a view to requesting amendments to Licencing By-law 267-2004 that would ***deny renewal of licences to owners, operators, and drivers who have outstanding unpaid fines under the Smoke Free Ontario Act or the Niagara Region Smoking By-law 22-2002.***

With regard to Item i., Board Members noted that this is not a recommendation from the Corporate Services Committee, rather a question from a Committee member. Chief Southall added that further information is obtainable from the various appendices included with the Variance Report which will be forwarded to the Regional Corporate Services Committee for information.

The Chief will contact Dr. Williams to clarify item ii. following receipt of information from the Board's Solicitor who will be requested to determine if the Service would have the legislative ability to include another municipal by-law with the Licencing By-law.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that item ii be referred to the Chief of Police for clarity and response at a later date.

Carried.

174. **Facilities – Report - Cost-Benefit Analysis of Accommodations Strategies for the Niagara Regional Police Service**

The Board considered a letter dated August 21, 2007 from Janet Pilon, A/Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Niagara, providing the Board with Regional Council's August 16, 2007 recommendation respecting the report entitled, *Cost-Benefit Analysis of Accommodations Strategies for the Niagara Regional Police Service*, submitted by MHPM Project Managers, at its July 26, 2007 meeting.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

175. **Niagara Police Services Board – Notice of Meetings – St. Catharines STANDARD**

The Board considered a letter dated August 17, 2007 from Rick VanSickle, City Editor, The Standard, St. Catharines, with respect to public notice of in-camera Police Services Board meetings.

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

That Mr. VanSickle, City Editor, St. Catharines STANDARD, be requested to provide the Board with additional information including a copy of the legal opinion provided to the STANDARD in this matter;

And further, that the item be deferred to the in-camera agenda for consideration of a legal opinion from the Board's Solicitor;

And further, that the Board's decision be reported back in public.

Carried.

176. **City of Port Colborne – Request for Consultant’s Report on Police Facilities**

The Board considered a letter dated August 24, 2007 from Janet Beckett, City Clerk, City of Port Colborne, providing the August 13 resolution by the Port Colborne City Council encouraging the release of the consultant’s report on police facilities to the general public as soon as possible.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

177. **NRPS Long Term Accommodations Strategy**

The Board considered Service report 199/2007 dated August 23, 2007 providing the Board with background reports for the NRPS Long-Term Accommodations Strategy.

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

That the Police Services Board:

1. **Receive the following reports for information:**
 - i. **Niagara Regional Police Service Needs Assessment and Accommodation Plan prepared by Rebanks, Pepper, Littlewood Architects;**
 - ii. **Cost Benefit Analysis/Accommodations Strategies prepared by MHPM Project Managers Inc;**
 - iii. **Executive Summary prepared by BTY Group, and**
 - iv. **6 District Operations Analysis;**
2. **Arrange a special public meeting of the Police Services Board to receive a presentation of the reports by the consultants who prepared the materials.**
3. **Distribute the reports to the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Council of each of the area municipalities;**
4. **Attend Regional Council to introduce the reports and outline the process for finalizing the Long Term Accommodations Strategy;**
5. **Arrange times, numbers and dates of public consultation sessions;**
6. **Arrange subsequent Board meetings to review submissions from the public consultation process and debate options;**
7. **Attend Regional Council to present final recommendations for the Long Term Accommodations Strategy once approved by the Police Service Board.**

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Chairperson

Executive Director