



**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, December 13, 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 8:43 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief of Police W.E. Southall
Deputy Chief of Police G. Beaulieu
Mr. G. Fuentes, Chief Administrative Officer
Superintendent G. Dagenais, Western Region
Superintendent D. Kane, Emergency/Invest. Services
Superintendent J. Matthews, Executive Services
Superintendent D. Parrent, Central Region
Superintendent R. Wright, Eastern Region
Inspector S. McLean, Executive Officer, Chief of Police
Inspector D. D'Amico, Business Services
S/Sergeant G. Ravenek, Intelligence Unit
Sergeant P. McCauley, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief
Sergeant P. Lewis, 2 District & Mounted Unit
Sergeant D. Brennan, Marine Unit
Sergeant M. McAllister, Issuer of Licences
P.C. J. Rotella, Executive Officer, CAO
Ms. M. George, Director of Business Services
Ms. L. DiDonato-DeChellis, Finance Manager
Ms. D. Stevenson, Manager, Information Systems
Ms. C. Berecz, Manager, Communications Unit
Mr. J. Saunders, Manager, Video Unit
Mr. C. Fisher, Manager, Facilities, Fleet & Supply

Mr. W.B. McKaig, Solicitor (arrived at 10:16 a.m.)
Ms. D. Morton, Executive Director
Ms. S. Taylor, Executive Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

221. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, October 25, 2007.

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

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

Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Chair Iggulden reported the following:

Holiday Wishes

On behalf of the Board Chair Iggulden thanked all the Service staff for their efforts during 2007, and wished them a happy and safe holiday season. In keeping with the Christmas theme, the Board contributed toys and food in an acknowledgment of the 17th Annual Toy and Food Drive spearheaded by Sergeant Dave Brennan.

30 Years Service

The Executive Assistant to the Board, Sandi Taylor, was recognized for having achieved 30 years of employment with the Board.

Official Welcome to the Service's New Chief Administrative Officer, Guillermo Fuentes

Chair Iggulden personally welcomed Guillermo Fuentes to his first Board meeting. Mr. Fuentes was formally appointed to the position on November 19, 2007. Chair Iggulden emphasized that in the view of the Board, Mr. Fuentes' appointment represents the final move in putting the Executive Management Team in place. Chief Southall, Deputy Chief Beaulieu and now CAO Fuentes have the Board's support, confidence and commitment to work together for the betterment of the members and for every resident in the Region. He continued that the Board welcomes Mr. Fuentes and looks forward to his participation and contributions to the Service.

2007 Community Policing Symposium

On October 27 Vice Chair Martin attended the 13th Annual Community Policing Symposium held at the Double Tree Hotel in Niagara Falls. Special thanks to Vice Chair Martin for attending this event and bringing greetings on behalf of the Board.

Thorold Council – Wireless Presentation

On November 20 Member Mal Woodhouse, Deputy Chief Beaulieu and CAO Fuentes attended a Thorold City Council meeting to hear a presentation by Relia Clear Canada. Chair Iggulden thanked Mayor D'Angela for extending the invitation to attend Council to learn about the launch of a project that will create wireless coverage throughout Thorold.

OAPSB/OACP ZONE 4 Meeting

On December 4, Member Bill Smeaton and Deb Morton, along with Chief Southall and Deputy Chief Beaulieu attended the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police quarterly zone meeting hosted by the Service. Special thanks to Member Smeaton for attending the event and bringing greetings on behalf of the Board.

Swearing-In and Promotional Ceremony

Chair Iggulden advised he would represent the Board at the NRPS Ceremony on December 13 at Club Italia to welcome 14 new police officers and the promotion of 13 Sergeants and 3 Staff Sergeants to the Service.

Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings – PSB Boardroom

The tentative 2008 Schedule of Board and Committee meetings is as follows:

- Licencing Committee – Thursday, January 10 at 8:30 a.m.;
- Human Resources Committee - Thursday, January 10 at 9:30 a.m.;
- Finance Committee –*meetings are called at the direction of the Committee Chair*;
- Next Board Meeting – Thursday, January 31 at 8:30 a.m.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Southall reported the following:

NRPS 17th Annual Toy and Food Drive

Chief Southall, on behalf of the Executive and all members, thanked the Board for its support of the 17th NRPS Annual Toy Drive and the Niagara community, and recognized Sergeant Brennan's leadership of the initiative despite his busy secondment to the RCMP's marine unit.

Guillermo Fuentes, CAO

Chief Southall recognized Guillermo Fuentes, the new Chief Administrative Officer for the Service, and the former Associate Director of Niagara's Emergency Measures Service, and acknowledged the recently announced top Ontario rating for the Niagara EMS. The Fuentes' children, Nicholas, Tyler and Cassandra, and Ms. Christine Fuentes were also introduced and welcomed to the Service's extended family.

Holiday Wishes

On behalf of the Executive and all Service members, Chief Southall thanked the Board Members for their support which greatly eases acceptance of all challenges, noting the excellent working relationship with Board staff Deb Morton, Sandi Taylor and Dawn Cichocki, and wishing all a happy holiday and year to come.

Operational Statistics

Marijuana Grow Operations

For the period January 1 through December 12, 2007:

Total estimated seized street value	\$16,529,800;
Estimated value of seized equipment	280,820.

Chief Southall noted that the provincial funding of the Guns and Gangs Unit through the Intelligence and Support Units has provided achievements in reaching the 2007 totals to date.

Homicides

For the period January 1 through December 12, 2007:
3 homicides compared to 4, same period 2006.

Traffic Fatality Statistics

For the period January 1 through December 12, 2007:
29 compared to 30, same period 2006.

Serious Injury Collisions

For the period January 1 through December 12, 2007:
35 compared to 37, same period 2006.

Community Policing Symposium

On October 27 the Service hosted the annual Community Policing Symposium held at the Double Tree Hotel in Niagara Falls, with the focus being the potential dangers of clandestine drug labs and the associated costs to our communities. The keynote speaker, Corporal Brent Hill, of the RCMP, provided a very interesting presentation on the insurgence of crystal methamphetamine into southern Ontario and the dangers involved in the production of this highly toxic substance. Additional presenters included Niagara Falls Hydro, Niagara Falls Fire Department and Crime Stoppers. The symposium was an overall success for all those in attendance, and the excellent work done by the Community Services Unit in preparing the symposium's agenda and speakers.

Niagara Police Pipe Band Earn Ontario Champion Supreme Award

On November 3 members of the Niagara Regional Police Grade Two Pipe Band attended and performed at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Pipers and Pipe Band Society, in Acton, Ontario. Their attendance at this event marked the end of the pipe band's competition year. The band was the recipient of the Ontario Champion Supreme Award which recognizes the highest competition results throughout the year. This award is a fitting tribute to the members of the band for all of their dedication and hard work during the year.

Award of Distinction for the NRPS' Video Unit

In November the Niagara Regional Police Service's Video Unit was presented with several awards for outstanding production at the 2007 Law Enforcement Video Association Shield Competition at the 18th Annual Law Enforcement Video Association International Training Conference held in Calgary, Alberta. The Video Unit received a total of 8 awards, including the Award of Distinction for best overall entry (*Foot Pursuit*) and the Award of Honour for 2nd best overall entry (*Elder Abuse*). The videos that received the recognition were *Foot Pursuit*, *Elder Abuse*, *First Cooperation*, *Suicide Intervention*, *Liquor Licence Act* and *Stolen Innocence*.

Purchase of Telerob Bomb Robot

On November 27 Deputy Chief Beaulieu and Superintendent Wright were proud to meet with representatives of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission and accept a cheque in the amount of \$100,000 to be used to purchase a Telerob bomb robot. This is a fine example of the benefits that can be derived from establishing partnerships with other agencies that support the interest of improving resources for the Police Service and she is very pleased for their contribution to expand the bomb detection equipment arsenal.

Provincial Enforcement Statistics Increase Substantially

Based on statistics provided by Regional Niagara staff, the Police Service, for the period between January to October 2007, has increased the number of provincial charges by 54% when compared to the same period for 2006. The Region was very complimentary of the performance. These numbers reflect the excellent work done by the entire Service staff, from the Superintendents to the front-line Constables, to make road safety a priority and decrease the number of serious injury and fatal collisions on Niagara's roadways.

R.I.D.E Statistics

According to statistics generated by the Central Traffic Unit, the 2007 R.I.D.E effort, when compared to the 2006 and 2005 experiences, has been extremely successful. The statistics for each year are as follows:

Action	2007 (to date)	2006	2005
Vehicles stopped	12,700 (approx)	7,091	5,410
Roadside tests	521	379	328
12-hour suspensions	121	87	86
Arrests	32	26	38

Accommodation Strategy – Time Line

Chief Southall reported that the preparation of the responses to the questions arising from the three public and the Regional consultations is continuing at this time, and the report to the Board should be tabled at the next Board meeting in January 2008. Chair Iggulden requested that Regional Chair Partington be officially notified of the postponement.

PRESENTATIONS

DEPUTATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

222. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 15-2007 November 8, 2007 (CS 15-2007 October 31, 2007)**

The Board considered a letter dated November 9, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with the November 8, 2007 Regional Council approval on of the Corporate Services Committee recommendations:

CSC 43-2007 (October 2, 2007) respecting NRPS Variance Report to August 31, 2007 – (201.2007);

CSC 44-2007 (October 2, 2007) respecting NRPS – Purchasing – Alternate Fuel Initiatives & Hybrid Vehicle Replacements 2007 (203.2007).

223. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 16-2007 November 29, 2007 (CS 16-2007 & PPW November 21, 2007)**

The Board considered a letter dated December 3, 2007 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with the November 29 Regional Council approval of

The Corporate Services Committee recommendations:

“That Communication CSC 47-2007...October 29, 2007 respecting NRPS Variance Report – to September 30, 2007 217.2007, be received;

“That Confidential Report CSD 174-2007, November 21, 2007 respecting A Proposed Acquisition of Land Ridgeway, Fort Erie, be received and the following recommendations contained therein be approved.”

And, the Planning and Public Works Committee:

“That Mr. Trojan be asked to report to the next Council meeting quantifying what has been done to move forward the September 2007 Staff direction noted above; and

That Planning and NEDCO staff gather information concerning the planning and economic aspects of the four alternatives proposed by the Police Services Board in their Accommodations Strategy.”

224. **City of Welland – Purchase of Domestic Vehicles**

The Board considered a letter dated October 22, 2007 from Craig A. Stirtzinger, City of Welland, providing the Board with Welland City Council’s resolution adopted at its October 16 meeting:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND opposes the Niagara Regional Police Commission’s plan to shop for automobiles in the U.S.A.; and further,

THAT Welland City Council encourages the N.R.P.S. to purchase only domestic vehicles; and further,

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to send copies of this resolution to other Niagara municipalities for their endorsement.”

225. **City of Thorold – Purchase of Domestic Vehicles**

The Board considered a letter dated November 8, 2007 from Susan Daniels, Clerk, City of Thorold, providing the Board with the Thorold City Council’s November 6 resolution endorsing the above-noted Welland City Council’s October 16 resolution (Item 224).

226. **Town of Pelham – Purchase of Domestic Vehicles**

The Board considered a letter dated November 16, 2007 from Cheryl Miclette, Clerk, Town of Pelham, providing the Board with the Town of Pelham Council’s November 15 resolution endorsing the above-noted Welland City Council’s October 16 resolution (Item 224).

It was noted that with respect to Items 224, 225 and 226, the intent of the Board was to check prices for comparison rates to reduce local prices.

227. **Annual Report – NRPS Disposition of Old-Issue Equipment**

The Board considered Service report 275/2007 dated November 20, 2007 providing the Board with the necessary and required information relative to the disposition of old issue equipment, both uniforms and weapons, as tracked and reported through the PBS Inventory Tracking software system by the Supply Unit for the period August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007, pursuant to Board By-law 171-1997, s. 4.11.4.

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

The Board considered Service report 298/2007 dated November 30, 2007 providing the Board with compliance by the ten Community Policing Committees submitted for the year 2007 including the number and types of fundraising initiatives staged, the funding achieved, the purpose of the activity, pursuant to Board By-law 184-99.

229. **Annual Report – Problem-Oriented Policing**

The Board considered Service report 284/2007 dated November 20, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation CP-001 concerning Problem-Oriented Policing which focuses on actively solving problems in the community rather than merely responding to incidents viewed as symptoms of larger complex problems through the intercession of Police Officers as community teams leaders guided by the Service's General Orders in both general and directed patrol aided by the information supplied by the Versadex system and the Case Management Database; upon satisfaction of frontline requirements, supervisors deploy members in problem-oriented policing initiatives such as drug investigations, foot patrol, prostitution investigations, directed patrol of liquor establishments, by-law enforcement of noise complaints, specific community initiatives with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, municipal by-law enforcement, fire prevention authorities and public festivities at the community level; compliance with promotion, implementation and evaluation of such initiatives determined through General Order on Community Patrol GO-149 and supplemented in the Community Policing Strategic Action Plan followed by formal debriefings as an important evaluative feedback tool and yardstick assessment, pursuant to Board By-law 191-2000.

230. **Annual Report – Crime Analysis**

The Board considered Service report 266/2007 dated November 20, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation LE-003 concerning Crime, Call and Public Disorder Analysis and NRPS General Orders 147.03 which summarizes written procedures outlining available data sources, information dissemination and identification, confirmation of Service compliance through the preparation process of information; resources used and costs associated with crime analysis; criteria and process for sharing relevant crime and public disorder analysis to external agencies; a summary of crime, calls for service and public disorder patterns, trends and forecasts based on the analyses illustrating federal, provincial and Niagara numbers including overall crime, violent crime and property crime; Niagara's crime rates for selected offences for the years 2003 through 2006; qualitative offence analysis years 2006 to 2005; calls for service analysis workload for the years 2000 through 2007 indicating summarized trends; the positive implementation of the Service's Versadex system enlarging the data sources for the Crime Analysts; training opportunities and fledgling internal publicization of the Unit's analytical capacity, pursuant to Board By-law 195-2000.

Deputy Chief Beaulieu indicated that on Page 4 of Service report 266/2007, the salary costs and benefits should read \$369,000 rather than \$250,000.

231. **Annual Report – Arrest**

The Board considered Service report 265/2007 dated November 20, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation LE-005 relating to Arrest; a summary of written procedures reflected in General Order GO-100.04 – Powers of Arrest detailing the federal legislation reflecting and complying with legal, constitutional and case law requirements; confirmation of Service compliance through local judicial review; current pertinent training afforded to members through the Ontario Police College and inhouse courses, pursuant to Board By-law 197-2000.

232. **Annual Report – Persons in Custody**

The Board considered Service report 295/2007 dated November 30, 2007 providing the Board with compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation LE-033 relating to Persons in Custody; written procedures regarding prisoner care and control including prisoner transportation as detailed in General Order 018.07 Persons in Custody detailing detention and search procedures when conducted in a holding facility under Service control, the responsibilities of the Officers in control of the procedures, the care and feeding, security controls, medical support, and escape procedures if required, of prisoner management; infrastructure concerns relating to Niagara's prisoner demographics, existing facilities and Officer/prisoner safety issues; minimal incidents relating to persons in custody from any of the three larger Districts in the past eleven months; mandated training afforded to Police Officers and Special Constables involved in prisoner custody, pursuant to Board By-law 208/225-2000.

Deputy Chief Beaulieu underscored the deficiencies of the current facilities relating to prisoner management, which highlights the need for a central lockup and will be part of the facilities review.

233. **Annual Report – Bail & Violent Crime**

The Board considered Service report 283/2007 dated November 27, 2007 providing the Board with compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation LE-023 relating to Bail and Violent Crime; written procedures regarding Bail as detailed in General Order-019.02 Violent Crime Bail outlining procedures to be followed in bail hearings; confirmation of procedural compliance with General Order-016.04-Crown Brief Submissions providing specifics pertaining to the judicial presentations and continuing quality of bail files ensured through the 2004 Crown Protocol and monthly meetings with the office of the Attorney General (Crown Attorney's office), pursuant to Board By-law 215-2000.

234. **Annual Report – Supervision**

The Board considered Service report 263/2007 dated November 19, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation LE-025 relating to Supervision; the NRPS chain of command for both Uniform by rank and Civilian members with reporting responsibilities; the detailed responsibilities of supervisory Uniform members in two scenarios; the development of members through the promotional system with the assistance of the Career Development and the Training Units during a challenging period, pursuant to Board By-law 217-2000.

235. **Annual Report – Child Abuse and Neglect**

The Board considered Service report 294/2007 dated August 1, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation LE-027 relating to Child Abuse and Neglect; written procedures reflected in General Order 84.02 (currently under review) defining various aspects of Child Abuse investigations; the 2001 Child Abuse Protocol for the Niagara Region agreed to by the Service, Family and Children's Services Niagara, the Crown Attorney's office, Victim/Witness Assistance Program and the Regional Coroner's Office of Niagara serving as a local strategy for the coordination of the multidisciplinary response to issues; compliance recognized through the Child Abuse Review Team (CART) reinstated in 2002 by Family and Children's Service through membership by the Service, FACS, school boards, hospital staff and mental health officials; recent Ministry determination of legislative compliance; Service recognition through the 2007 increase in authorized strength of the Child Abuse Unit to eight investigators now including two members mainly assigned to Child Pornography and Internet Luring investigations; the proposed 2008 opening of the Child Advocacy Centre to enable investigations in a child-friendly site supported by the Service; mandatory training of Child Abuse Unit members; a summary of the 2006 Child Abuse and Neglect cases, pursuant to Board By-law 219-2000.

236. **Annual Report – Missing Persons**

The Board considered Service report 261/2007 dated November 20, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulations LE-026 and ER-007 regarding the investigations relating to Missing Persons and procedures for ground search in conjunction with emergency organization partnerships; written procedures reflected in General Order 076.07, Missing Persons, and General Order 117.03, Ground Search, and through the use of the Major Case Management General Order 202.01 should foul play be suspected in a missing person case; further compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding with Search and Rescue Niagara (S.A.R.N.) providing procedures of the reporting, response, investigation, training and command of volunteer members of the agency during local missing person searches, pursuant to Board By-law 218/247-2000.

237. **Annual Report – Victim’s Assistance**

The Board considered Service report 267/2007 dated November 19, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation VA-001 relative to Victim’s Assistance as directed through General Order 115.08, currently under review and outlining various proactive inhouse and external procedures; the revision of the General Order to reflect the established relations between the Service and the pertinent agencies; agreed upon and adopted action procedures; the continuation of the Victim Witness Assistance Program (V/WAP); Service compliance through the activity of the Domestic Violence/Victim Services Coordinator in training exercises, education with community justice partners and agencies ensuring current dissemination of ongoing programs, and ongoing partnerships with non-profit agencies, pursuant to Board By-law 238-2000.

238. **Annual Report – Skills Development and Learning Plan**

The Board considered Service report 272/2007 dated November 26, 2006 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation AI-002 relative to Skills Development and Learning Plan; the Plan and its objectives summarized; a detailed listing of the 2007 courses provided by the Training Unit and other agencies included videos produced by the Ontario Police Training Video Alliance; implementation of a ‘mentor’ program aimed at new officers; ongoing development of NRPS core unit and support unit abilities, pursuant to Board By-law 250-2000.

239. **Annual Report – Use of Auxiliaries**

The Board considered Service report 262/2007 dated November 21, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulations AI-006 and AI-007 relative to the use of Auxiliaries and Volunteers; recruitment and initiation of auxiliary members as formulated in General Orders 12.04 and 25.04 stipulating training requirements in specified areas; the actual strength of the NRPS Auxiliary and the four Chaplains who are sworn as Auxiliary Police Inspectors; the detailed time NRPS Auxiliary officers were used in permitted policing activities and community services; comparison of the 2005/2006 budget associated to the NRPS Auxiliary Unit, pursuant to Board By-law 254/255-2003.

240. **Annual Report – Use of Volunteers**

The Board considered Service report 302/2007 dated November 28, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation AI-006 concerning the Use of Volunteers; written procedures as General Order 25.04 Volunteer Services outlines recruitment and informal training requirements for volunteers, the Community Services Officer who has responsibility for the use of updates and direction when assigned to various Service programs; major volunteer groups affiliated with the Service include the Community Policing groups and Neighbourhood Watch as well as the NRPS Auxiliary and the Male Chorus, pursuant to Board By-law 255-2003.

Chief Southall noted the efforts of Auxiliaries and Volunteers which has allowed the NRPS to be represented at over 100 events annually.

241. **Annual Report – Management of Police Records**

The Board considered Service report 300/2007 dated December 3, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation AI-007 concerning the Management of Police Records; annual review of written procedures include General Orders 006.04, 036.02 and 031.02 pertaining to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Records Management Methodology and the Retention and Destruction of Records to ensure current legislative mandates are met; a recent formal audit by the Risk Management Unit revealed lack of appropriate infrastructure to achieve adequate compliance with neither the General Order nor the Provincial Adequacy Standards leading to the special project to review and update of records management, the creation of a new records classification system and retention schedule; full compliance with operational records pertaining to occurrence reports and criminal files; the new classification system to ensure compliance with service records; proposed centralization of a well-defined destruction system; proposed investment in an inactive records centre and an electronic records system, pursuant to Board By-law 256-2003.

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

The Board considered Service report 271/2007 dated November 27, 2007 providing the Board with Service compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation LE-045 as to the required information relative to suspect apprehension pursuits conducted by Service members for the period July 1 to September 30, 2007, pursuant to Board By-law 237-2000.

243. **Special Fund Account – September 2007**

The Board considered Service report 257/2007 dated October 25, 2007 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of September 1 to September 30, 2007.

244. **Special Fund Account – October 2007**

The Board considered Service report 259/2007 dated November 11, 2007 providing the Board with the activities within the Special Fund for the period of October 1 to October 31, 2007.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

B. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

245. **NRPS 2008 Police Service & Board Consolidated Current Budget**

The Board considered Service report 293/2007 dated November 30, 2007 providing the Board with the 2008 Niagara Police Service and Board consolidated Current Budget representing a total net expenditure budget of \$111,051,762, an increase over the 2007 budget of 4.11% or an approximately 3.10% net impact.

Chief Southall introduced the first public presentation of the 2008 consolidated and current budget, preceded with an earlier meeting where personnel issues were dealt with, and confirmed that preliminary numbers have been provided to the Region.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that the Region of Niagara be informed the 2008 budget projection as of December 13, 2007 is 4.11%.

Carried.

246. **NRPS 2008 Proposed Budget – Preliminary Discussion Questions**

The Board considered Service report 292/2007 dated November 26, 2007 providing the Board with responses to queries raised at the November 14, 2007 preliminary meeting.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

247. **NRPS Variance Report – to October 31, 2007**

The Board considered Service report 278 /2007, dated November 20, 2007, providing the Board with a financial overview and year-end forecast for both the Service and the Board to October 31, 2007.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

248. **NRPS Capital Projects – Update**

The Board considered Service report 289/2007 dated November 28, 2007 requesting the Board approve the recommendations outlined relating to Service Capital projects to ensure an accurate record of available capital financing is maintained.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

249. **Project Initiation – PO9802 S.P.I.R.I.T. (Supporting Police in Records Information Technology)**
The Board considered Service report 290/2007 dated November 27, 2007 requesting the Board approve the initiation of Project ZPO9802 S.P.I.R.I.T. (Supporting Police in Records Information Technology) to commence the final phase of the project that has involved the implementation of Versaterm consisting of a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS), the establishment of an application support model and best practice optimization through process workflow analysis and development and the implementation of the new version of the Versaterm application.

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

That, subject to approval by Regional Council, the Board approve the following:

1. **The initiation of Project ZPO9802, S.P.I.R.I.T. (Supporting Police in Records Information Technology), which give management the authority to execute the final phase of the project;**
2. **That a capital expenditure budget of up to \$900,000 be allocated to ZPO9802 from the 2007 Police Service Capital Expenditure Budget;**
3. **Financing to be comprised of the issuance of debenture debt (term 1-10 years).**

Carried.

250. **Ontario Police Video Training Alliance – 2008 Business Plan**
The Board considered Service report 291/2007 dated November 27, 2007 requesting the Board approve an increase of 5% in Ontario Police Video Training Alliance membership fees for the 2008 contract year.

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

That the Board approve an increase of 5% in Ontario Police Video Training Alliance membership fees for the 2008 contract year.

Carried.

251. **Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (AVIS) – Vehicle Lease**
The Board considered Service report 264/2007 dated October 19, 2007 requesting the Board approve the lease of one used vehicle for use by a seconded Service member to the Joint Forces Operation AVIS initiative for the period ending March 31, 2009, with funding provided by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the cost of which will not exceed \$10,000, to be offset through Ministry funding.

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

That the Board approve the acquisition of one used vehicle for use by a seconded Service member to the Joint Forces Operation AVIS initiative for the period ending March 31, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Carried.

252. **NRPS 2008 Vehicle Replacements**

The Board considered Service report 301/2007 dated December 4, 2007 requesting the Board approve prior budget approval for the purchase of 13 Service vehicles of the 53 vehicles scheduled for replacement in 2008 in order to accommodate the prescribed retirement mileage policy, purchase to be conducted under the 2007 Tender specifications, and meeting the manufacturers' delivery time frame to ensure the availability of the replacement vehicles when required.

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

That the Board:

1. **Provide 2008 'prior budget approval' for an amount of up to \$432,000 for the replacement and purchase of thirteen (13) replacement vehicles from the Capital Project ZPO0801, 2008 Vehicles, to be funded by the Vehicles and Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund;**
2. **Approve the purchase of five (5) Chevrolet Impala Police Cruisers, from the Police Purchasing Cooperator Tender at a cost of \$135,000 plus applicable taxes;**
3. **Approve the purchase of six (6) Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruisers from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$180,000 plus applicable taxes;**
4. **Approve the purchase of one (1) Chevrolet Tahoe 2WD for uniformed purposes from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$40,000 plus applicable taxes;**
5. **Approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Expedition SUV from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$45,000 plus applicable taxes.**

Carried.

253. **NRPS Vehicles – Unit 2-580**

The Board considered Service report 276/2007 dated November 5, 2007 requesting the Board declare Unit 2-580, a 1972 Dodge Monaco obtained in 1995 to be refurbished for display in community events, 'surplus' due to the fact that the aged vehicle is no longer serviceable and to offer the vehicle for sale.

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

That the Board authorize the declaration of the 1972 Dodge Monaco, Unit #2-580, as a surplus asset;

And further, that the Board authorize the Service to direct the surplus asset to the Police auction for disposal.

Carried.

254. **NRPS Vehicles – Award of Tenders – Hybrid Vehicle Purchases**

The Board considered Service report 282/2007 dated November 14, 2007 requesting the Board approve the award of Tenders 2007-T-20 and 2007-T-22 for the purchase of four (4) hybrid electric replacement vehicles.

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

That the Board approve:

1. **The purchase of three (3) 2008 Honda Civic Hybrid sedan vehicles from Mississauga Toyota at a price of \$27,990.06 each plus applicable taxes from Capital Project PO0701; and**
2. **The purchase of one (1) 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid sedan vehicle from Performance Toyota at a price of \$30,448.00 plus applicable taxes from Capital Project PO0701.**

Carried.

255. **NRPS Vehicles – 2007 Vehicle Replacements**

The Board considered Service report 286/2007 dated November 29, 2007 requesting the Board approve the purchase of three additional vehicles to accommodate the updated organizational structure and regular replacements at this time through the 2007 PCPG Tender and utilizing the 2007 Capital funding.

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

That the Board:

1. **Approve the purchase of two (2) 9C3 Chevrolet Impalas, from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost of \$52,890.00 plus applicable taxes, funding to be drawn from the approved Capital Project PO0701;**
2. **Approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser from the Police Purchasing Cooperative Tender at a total cost \$28,500.00 plus applicable taxes, funding to be drawn from the approved Capital Project PO0701.**

Carried.

256. **TAPP-C Protocol (The Arson Prevention Program for Children)**

The Board considered Service report 268/2007 dated November 27, 2007 providing the Board with information relative to the proposed TAPP-C Protocol/The Arson Prevention Program for Children, an intervention program designed to reduce fire setting and other fire involvement, and the promotion of fire safety among children which Protocol which will include the endorsement of the Service and all Niagara fire departments, Family and Children Services Niagara, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (Probation Services), Niagara Child and Youth Services, the Centre de Sante Communautaire and Contact Niagara, pursuant to Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulations LE-044 Youth Crime, A1-001 Business Planning, CP-001 Problem Oriented Policing and Board By-law 182-99.

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

That the Board endorse and approve the formal adoption of the proposed TAPP-C Protocol (The Arson Prevention Program for Children);

And further, that the Board authorize the Niagara Regional Chief of Police to execute the said Protocol.

Carried.

257. **Police Services Board – 2008 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

The Board considered a memorandum dated November 16, 2007 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Police Services Board's monthly Board and Committee meeting schedule for the year 2008.

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

That the Board receive the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Niagara Police Services Board and Committee meetings for the year 2008 as presented.

Carried.

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Special Investigations Unit Report – Arrest Injury – #SIU-4-07 - June 17, 2007

At the Confidential Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board held on Thursday, October 25, 2007, the Board considered Service report C.243/2007 dated October 1, 2007 providing the Board with the decision of the SIU Director following the SIU investigation into an injury sustained in a motor vehicle accident by a suspect in a June 15, 2007 incident, with the determination that the evidence available 'fell short of providing a reasonable basis for causing an information to be laid against the subject officer in this matter'.

The following Motion was duly passed:

- 1. "That the Board receives the report;**
- 2. And further, that the Board make the report available to the public. Carried."**

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:01p.m.

Chairperson

Executive Director