



**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

***PUBLIC MINUTES***

**Thursday, April 17, 2008**

**Niagara Police Services Board  
Board Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 110 James Street, St. Catharines**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board commenced at 8:37 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  
Mr. G. Fuentes, Chief Administrative Officer  
Superintendent D. Parrent, Central Region  
Superintendent B. Wright, Eastern Region  
Superintendent G. Dagenais, Western Region  
Superintendent D. Kane, Emergency & Investigative Support  
Inspector S. McLean, Executive Officer, Chief of Police  
S/Sergeant R. Bleich, 8 District Commander  
S/Sergeant J. McCaffrey, 2 District  
Sergeant P. McCauley, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief  
P.C. N. Wallace, Community Services  
P.C. J. Rotella, Executive Officer, CAO  
Mr. A. Askoul, Director of Information/Communication Technology  
Ms. M. George, Director of Business Services  
Ms. L. Jerome, Human Resources Manager  
  
Ms. D. Morton, Executive Director  
Ms. S. Taylor, Executive Assistant  
  
Mr. P. DiSimoni, President, Niagara Region Police Association

**DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

72. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, March 27, 2008.

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

**That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, March 27, 2008 be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried.**

## REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Chair Iggulden reported the following:

### *Niagara Economic Forum*

On April 4 Member Todd Shoalts attended a Niagara Economic Forum hosted by the Region of Niagara and the Niagara Economic Development Corporation at the Four Points Sheraton in Thorold.

The one-day summit brought together politicians, business people and community leaders to update the Region's current economic growth strategy. Delegates also contributed to the development of specific actions that could be taken in the short-term to support that strategy.

### *Niagara Regional Police Recruit Swearing-In Ceremony*

On April 17 the NRPS will host its Recruit Graduation and Swearing-In Ceremony to welcome 10 new police officers to the Service. Chair Iggulden will bring greetings on behalf of the Board.

### *Ontario Association of Police Services Boards - 2008 Conference*

The OAPSB will hold its annual Conference and General Meeting in Stratford on April 24 – 26. The Board will be represented by Member Smeaton and Ms. Morton at this event.

### *Ontario Association of Police Services Boards - Queen's Park Day*

On April 28 Vice Chair Doug Martin will be representing the Board in his fourth appearance at the OAPSB 'Queen's Park Day' being held at the Toronto legislature. This is a full-day 'lobby' event where Police Services Boards across Ontario will gather to promote the OAPSB as a key policing stakeholder and request the provincial government to address key policing issues.

### *Licensing Public Hearing*

On April 28 the Board will hold its public Licensing meeting to receive comments and feedback from the industry with respect to proposed amendments to the Board's Licensing By-law governing vehicles for hire. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the PSB boardroom at 110 James Street.

### *Niagara Regional Police Auxiliary Swearing-In Ceremony*

On Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Regional Council Chambers, Chief Southall will preside at the swearing-in ceremony for 18 new Auxiliary Officers. Member Shoalts will be attending to bring greetings on behalf of the Board.

### *Annual Awards Ceremony*

On Wednesday, May 28, the Police Services Board, Niagara Regional Police Service and the Niagara Region Police Association will hold the Annual Awards Ceremony at Club Italia in Niagara Falls. This important event recognizes outstanding Service members and fellow citizens who have demonstrated excellence or who have made an invaluable contribution to the community.

*Upcoming Meetings – PSB Boardroom*

- Licencing Committee – Thursday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m.;
- Human Resources Committee – Thursday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m.
- Next Board Meeting – Thursday, May 29 at 8:30 a.m.

**REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Southall reported the following:

*Rotman School of Business - Superintendent Joe Matthews*

Superintendent Joe Matthews, Executive Services, has recently graduated from the Rotman School of Business leadership program as the class valedictorian, a great representation from Niagara.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Iggulden congratulated Superintendent Matthews on his success.

*Operational Statistics*

*Homicides*

For the period January 1 through April 17, 2008:  
2 compared to 1, same period 2007.

*Traffic Fatality Statistics*

For the period January 1 through April 17, 2008:  
8 compared to 6, same period 2007;

*Serious Injury Collisions*

For the period January 1 through April 17, 2008:  
4 compared to 8, same period 2007.

*Homicide Investigation – Niagara Falls*

On March 28 a 22 year-old man attended at Number 2 District and provided information that led uniform officers on patrol to attend a residence at 5830 Stanley Avenue in Niagara Falls. Once at the residence, officers entered and discovered the body of an adult female, absent any vital signs.

The subsequent investigation revealed that after a chance meeting during the early hours of Friday March 28, the man and the victim spent time together. It is believed that while in the apartment the man and the victim engaged in a physical altercation that ultimately led to her death. Police have charged 22 year-old Shaun Paul Christie of Niagara Falls who remains in custody at this time with 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder. The female victim has been identified as 36 year-old Shari Bacon of Niagara Falls.

*Shooting in Thorold*

On March 27, the Service was alerted to a shooting that had occurred on Clairmont Street in the City of Thorold. On arrival of police it was discovered that one male had been shot in his left leg, and the shooter had physically assaulted two other males. All three males were transported to the hospital, two were released after been treated for their injuries and the third male was hospitalized for a week for the gunshot to his leg.

The suspect has been identified as Gregory Wilson, 22 years of age from St. Catharines, who has fled the Niagara Region. A Canada Wide Warrant has been issued for his arrested on charges of Causing Bodily Harm with Intent by Using a Firearm, Assault with a Weapon, Assault and a number of Weapons offences.

*Break and Enter Investigation To Counterfeit Money, Cocaine and a Marihuana Grow*

On March 29 Police were called to a break and enter in progress at a home on Greenwood Drive in St. Catharines. Three males had attempted to gain entry, but had departed before police arrival. Upon police arrival Police Service Dog "Ranger" commenced a track. The three males were located at 57 Rosedale, where they were arrested. Subsequent investigation through the use of Search Warrants, a grow-op was discovered inside the residence along with lights and growing equipment. Police also seized a small amount of cocaine with a street value of \$700.00, and several pages of freshly printed counterfeit \$100.00 bills, along with computer equipment. The three suspects who are well known to police face numerous charges.

*Niagara Regional Police Women's Hockey Team*

The Niagara Regional Police Women's Hockey team recently attended the Police International Hockey Tournament in London, Ontario. Our women proudly represented this Service and displayed an unbeaten record of 4 wins and 0 losses heading into the championship game. Unfortunately the women were beaten by the Toronto Police Service in a closely fought match and as result had to surrender their title that they had earned the year before.

All members of the team would like to express their appreciation to the Police Service Board for their generosity in assisting with the costs of attending at this tournament.

*Officers Receive "New Badges"*

On April 14 Deputy Chief Beaulieu, CAO Fuentes and Chief Southall had the privilege and pleasure to attend all six District offices, the Casino Unit and the Emergency Services Unit office. It was with pleasure that I was able to present to officers their new Service badge. The officers were excited to see the new design of the badge and proud to finally have a badge that displayed the colours of the Niagara Regional Police Service. We will continue to roll out the badges to our officers over the next few weeks and it is anticipated by early May, that all officers will have their new badges.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

## **DEPUTATIONS**

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **73. Canadian Association of Police Boards**

The Board considered a joint letter dated April 1, 2008 from Messrs. Tony Cannavino, Steven Chabot, and Ian Wilms, Presidents of the Canadian Police Association, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the Canadian Association of Police Boards, respectively, to the Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, requesting a discussion of the federal funding for the 2,500 new police officers, the sustainability of such funding and potential provincial discretion for the use of the funding.

#### **74. Ontario Association of Police Services Boards**

The Board considered the OAPSB *Bulletin Board* dated March 2008 providing the Board with news of interest regarding police governance, highlighting both provincial and federal legislative initiatives.

#### **75. Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 6-2008 March 20, 2008 CSC 4-2008 March 12, 2008**

The Board considered a letter dated March 26, 2008 from Janet Pilon, A/Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with the March 20 approval by Regional Council of the Corporate Services Committee recommendation of receipt for Communications CSC 20-2008 through CSC 23-2008, and CSC 28-2008 from the Police Services Board (February 5, 2008).

76. **City of Thorold – Resolution – Ownership of Handguns**  
The Board considered a Resolution dated March 19, 2008 from the City of Thorold directed to the Prime Minister, the Provincial Premier and the local Members of Parliament and the Provincial Legislature confirming adoption of the January 22, 2008 resolution from the Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey petitioning the Federal and Provincial Governments to ban the ownership of handguns.
77. **Niagara Parks Police –2007 Annual Report on Special Constables**  
The Board considered Report 73/2008 providing the Board with the 2007 Annual Report of the Niagara Parks Police Service dated March 7, 2008 and submitted by Mr. John Kernahan, General Manager, Niagara Parks Commission.
78. **Niagara Region Police Association**  
The Board considered a letter dated April 1, 2008 from Paul DiSimoni, President, Niagara Region Police Association, acknowledging receipt of the Board's donation toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Chip it for Charity* golf tournament on behalf of the Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara.
79. **Quarterly Report – School Resource Program Pilot Project**  
The Board considered Service report 79/2008 dated April 7, 2008 providing the Board with the first quarter report of the *School Resource Program* one-year pilot project concentrated in five secondary schools in 2 District Niagara Falls commencing January 1, 2008 with two half-day officer attendances scheduled per week, whose positive actions are enthusiastically supported by school administrators.
80. **Quarterly Report – Detective Office 2 District Pilot Project**  
The Board considered Service report 78/2008 dated April 7, 2008 providing the Board with the first quarter report of the Detective Office Pilot Project in 2 District, a pilot project designed to overcome identified shortcomings through reconfiguration of the 2 District Detective Office into four Criminal Investigation teams, measurable through improved clearance rates, overtime reduction and member acceptance.
81. **Progress Report – Domestic Violence Investigative Unit Pilot Project**  
The Board considered Service report 75/2008 dated April 2, 2008 providing the Board with a progress report covering the first 17-day period of the establishment of the Domestic Violence Investigative Unit 1 District as a one-year pilot project to provide a consistent and timely response to domestic violence and conflict incidents including parental abductions, custody disputes, risk assessment and case preparation; provision of proactive education initiatives with community partners, clients and stakeholders; a reduction of violent crimes while enhancing compliance and offender management.
82. **Supplementary Report - Niagara Regional Community Policing Committees**  
The Board considered Service report 77/2008 dated April 4, 2008 providing the Board with information requested relative to the Thorold Community Policing Committee lease renewal as part of the accommodation and associated costs for the ten Niagara Regional Community Policing Committees.
83. **Pending Items Report – 1st Quarter of 2008**  
The Board considered a memorandum dated April 7, 2008 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with the quarterly report on the pending items for the first quarter of 2008 (January 1 to March 31, 2008).

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

**That the information be received.**

**Carried.**

**B. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**84. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - Renewal Agreement - *Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program***

The Board considered a letter dated March 28, 2008 from Glenn Murray, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, providing the renewal contractual Agreement effective April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010 relative to the *1,000 Officers Partnership* required for the reimbursement of the Program's costs.

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

**That the Board authorize the Chair to execute the Contractual Agreements relative to the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board;**

**And further, that the Contractual Agreements be similarly executed by Chair Peter Partington, on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara;**

**And further, that the three copies of the executed Contractual Agreement together with the resolution of Regional Council authorizing the Agreement, and a valid Certificate of Insurance, be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services as required.**

**Carried.**

**85. R.I.D.E. 2008/2009 Program – Grant Program Application Schedule E**

The Board considered Service report 74/2008 dated March 17, 2008 requesting the Board to authorize its Chair to execute the require R.I.D.E. grant application, Schedule E, relevant to the 2008/2009 provincial grant covering the program from April 2008 through February 2009.

Chief Southall reported that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police will request the Provincial government to increase the R.I.D.E. grant monies which have not changed since the inception of the program.

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

**That the Board Chair be authorized to execute required application, Schedule E, to the 2008-2009 R.I.D.E. Grant to be submitted to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.**

**Carried.**

86. **Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee (RNRSC) Think and Drive Road Safety Campaign**  
The Board considered Service report 71/2008 dated April 1, 2008 requesting the Board approve its committal of the second year financing toward the two-year RNRSC *Think and Drive Road Safety Campaign*, funding through the transfer of \$50,000 from the Police Contingency Reserve to the 2008 Operating Budget.

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

**That the Board approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the Police Contingency Reserve to the 2008 Operating Budget and the subsequent distribution of the \$50,000 to the *Regional Niagara Road Safety Campaign Think and Drive Campaign* as the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the two-year Niagara Regional Police Service commitment to the campaign.**

**Carried.**

87. **Request for Sponsorship – ‘My Niagara Regional Police Book’**  
The Board considered Service report 72/2008 requesting the Board consider permission for the NRPS Community Policing Unit to seek corporate sponsorship of the proposed children’s colouring book initiative intended to provide a professional publication for distribution among elementary school children.

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

**That the Board authorize the Chief to enter into an Agreement with My Generations Custom Publishing for the production of a children’s book entitled *My Niagara Regional Police Book*;**

**And further, that the Board authorize the Service to seek additional sponsorship from the community to further assist in the production costs.**

**Carried.**

88. **Request for Sponsorship – NRPS Host Sponsorship – 2008 OACP Conference**  
The Board considered Service report 82/2008 dated April 7, 2008 requesting the Board provide sponsorship to the Niagara Regional Police Service to assist in the hosting of the 2008 Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Niagara Falls from June 15 – 18, 2008.

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

**That the Board provide sponsorship funding of \$5,000 to the 2008 OACP Conference from the Special Fund.**

**Carried.**

89. **NRPS Variance Report - to March 31, 2008**

The Board considered Service report Service report 85/2008 dated April 10, 2008 providing the Board with a financial overview and year-end forecast for both the Service and the Board to March 31, 2008.

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

**That the information be received.**

**Carried.**

90. **Facilities - Request for Proposal – Project Management Services for Grimsby Police Facility**

The Board considered Service report 88/2008 dated April 14, 2008 requesting the Board information relating to the Request for Proposal to obtain Project Management for the design and construction of the Grimsby Police Facility, and further, that the Board appoint a representative to the Project Management Steering Committee.

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

**That the information be received;**

**And further, that Member Larry Tufford be appointed to serve on the Project Management Steering Committee for the design and construction of the Grimsby Police Facility.**

**Carried.**

91. **Donation from the Special Fund – Special Olympics**

The Board considered a memorandum dated April 16, 2008 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with a copy of a letter dated April 16 from Ms. Ann Groves, Welland Special Olympics Organizing Committee, requesting a donation for funding the 'Larry Maracle Memorial Pig Roast and BBQ' to support the Special Olympics.

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

**That the information be received;**

**And further, 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 in support of the Special Olympics.**

**Carried.**

*Member Woodhouse requested that he be recorded as opposed to the aforementioned motion.*

**IN CAMERA REPORTS**

**C. Special Investigations Unit Investigation into Assault Allegations –  
55. NRP File #SIU-5-07  
2008**

*At the Confidential Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board held on Thursday, March 27, 2008, the Board considered Service report C.52/2008 dated February 21, 2008 providing the Board with the decision of Mr. James Cornish, Director of the Special Investigations Unit, following the SIU's investigation into assault allegations against NRPS officers.*

*The following Motion was duly passed:*

***“That the information be received;***

***And further, that the Board make the report available to the public. Carried.”***

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

**That the information be received in the Public Agenda.**

**Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Executive Director