



**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

**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 8:33 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief of Police W.E. Southall
Deputy Chief of Police G. Beaulieu
Mr. G. Fuentes, Chief Administrative Officer
Superintendent B. Wright, Eastern Region
Inspector L. Lillico, Policing Standards
Inspector S. McLean, Executive Officer, Chief of Police
Sergeant P. McCauley, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief
Mr. A. Askoul, Director of Information/Communication Technology
Dr. P. Divers, Corporate Analyst
Ms. L. DiDonato-DeChellis, Manger Finance
Ms. C. Berecz, Manager Communications

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

Mr. P. DiSimoni, President, Niagara Region Police Association

PRESENTATIONS:

Chair Roy Hardman and Vice Chair Frank Parkhouse,
Child Advocacy Centre Niagara
NRPS Detective Sergeant D. Beaulieu &
NRPS Constable N. Wallace, Youth Justice Coordinator
NRPS Constable R. Malcolm, S.P.I.R.I.T.
S.P.E.A.R.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

119. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, May 29, 2008.

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

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, May 29, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Iggulden reported:

2008 Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

On behalf of the Board, Chair Iggulden congratulated the Niagara Regional Police Service for successfully hosting the OACP Conference in Niagara Falls from June 15 – 18. Police leaders from across Ontario attended this very important conference and discussed some of the most critical issues impacting policing today. Members of the Board had the opportunity to attend some of the events and the Service truly showed delegates the meaning of the word hospitality. All conference participants enjoyed an outstanding experience, and the Board thanked Service staff and all those who have worked tirelessly on the planning and organizing the program.

Niagara Region Police Association Charity Golf Tournament

On June 24 Vice Chair Martin and Member Bentley participated in the NRPA 2nd Annual *Chip It for Charity Golf Tournament*. The Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara is the recipient of the tournament's process, which will assist them to build a better future for the victims of child abuse.

Upcoming Police Board – PSB Boardroom

- Licencing Committee – Thursday, July 10 at 8:30 a.m.
- Human Resources Committee – Thursday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m.
- Next Board Meeting – Thursday, July 31 at 8:30 a.m.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Southall reported the following:

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

On behalf of the Service, Chief Southall thanked the Board for its attendance at the various functions and for financial aid of the 2008 OACP Conference held June 15-18 in Niagara Falls.

Operational Statistics

Marijuana Grow Statistics

For the period January 1 through June 25, 2008:
Total street value seized \$18,691,000;

Homicides

For the period January 1 through June 25, 2008:
3 compared to 3, same period 2007;

Robberies

For the period January 1 through June 25, 2008:
29 with 18 cleared, a 62% clearance rate this period;

Traffic Fatality Statistics

For the period January 1 through June 25, 2008:
11 compared to 16, same period 2007;

Serious Injury Collisions

For the period January 1 through June 25, 2008:
13 compared to 15, same period 2007.

Large Scale Marihuana Grow Operation

On May 28, members of the Niagara Regional Police Service's Emergency Task Unit, Morality Unit, Integrated Proceeds of Crime Unit, and detectives from Grimsby and Niagara Falls' offices assisted the Guns, Gangs, and Grows Unit in concluding a lengthy investigation into a group of individuals involved in a large scale marihuana operation. During the investigation, a total of 6 warrants, under the authority of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, were executed. Eight persons were arrested and charged with a variety of offences. As a result of the investigation, the seized marihuana was estimated to have a value in excess of 15 million dollars and the equipment seized was estimated to be valued at \$500,000.00. This seizure is believed to be the second largest in the province of Ontario.

NRPS and NRPA Launch "Nearly New" Clothing Drive

In support of the food banks in the Region, the Police Service and the Niagara Region Police Association combined to initiate the first "Nearly New" clothing drive. Between the 1st and 15th of June, each District office received seldom worn clothing from members of the public and Service members. The clothes were then turned over to six community care locations, for distribution to needy individuals who required clothing of all types. Sergeant David Brennan, who is also the coordinator of the annual Christmas food and toy drive, led this effort.

Mounted Unit Horses Receive Names

Due to a request to have elementary students in the Region assist with naming the horses, two schools were chosen as submitting the preferred names:

The first name selected is BROCK, which is to commemorate Major General Sir Isaac Brock, Niagara's famous war hero of 1812. This name represents leadership, courage and fortitude in the face of adversity. This name was submitted by St. Theresa Catholic School in Thorold.

The second name is JUNO, which is named after the famous French beach where Canadian soldiers landed in World War II. The name pays tribute to the troops whose courage and sacrifice contributed to the freedom we enjoy today. This name was submitted by St. Therese Catholic School in Port Colborne.

Serial Robber Arrested

On June 21, officers responded to a report of a robbery at a downtown sub shop in St. Catharines. Information received indicated that a male suspect had entered the shop and demanded cash from the employee. The male stated that he was in possession of a knife, however, the victim saw no weapon. Multiple units attended the call and initiated a search of the area. Within a short period of time, a male was apprehended after a short foot pursuit, and all the stolen money was recovered. Further investigation revealed that the male was responsible for three similar robberies in the St. Catharines area. This was a fine example of excellent police work by the front-line members working in cooperation with the District detectives.

NRPS Superintendents Garry Dagenais and Doug Kane

Chief Southall noted special recognition to retiring Niagara Regional Police Service Superintendents Doug Kane and Garry Dagenais. Publicly, on behalf of the Service, she thanked them for their years of dedication, with their retirements commencing on July 1, and wished them health and happiness in their futures. A special recognition will be held at a date to be determined.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Iggulden noted the retirees' years of service to policing in Niagara, and the subsequent opportunity for promotion.

PRESENTATIONS

120. **Child Advocacy Centre Niagara**

Mr. Roy Hardman, Chair, and Mr. Frank Parkhouse, Vice-Chair, Child Advocacy Centre Niagara, provided information relative to the status of the CACN facility, the results of the fundraising initiatives and the support services to be provided by the new Centre.

Mr. Hardman indicated that the Centre was very close to opening its doors and beginning the valuable work required to reduce the trauma of children who have been abused, increasing the convictions of perpetrators and reducing child abuse through the Region of Niagara. He expects the Centre to be open the end of July with a formal grand opening planned for September.

With respect to fundraising, Mr. Hardman advised that the CACN has reached its capital goal of \$750,000 and acknowledged the many organizations and community groups that have assisted to raise money for the Centre. He indicated that a five year sustainability plan has been developed and to-date they are ahead of their projections. The Centre has purchased a building located at 8 Forster Street in St. Catharines and completed the architectural design and construction of the Centre. Furniture has been moved in and the FACS team is expecting to relocate on July 21, 2008.

Mr. Hardman advised that protocols have been revised to reflect the cohesive team of Police and FACS as well as CACN. These are in draft format and will be presented to the CACN Board for review and approval. He stated that a job search is currently underway for an Executive Director and the CACN Board will be reviewing applications and anticipates making a selection within the next few weeks.

The CACN has been contacted by a number of interested parties from across Canada, including Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg, who are interested in starting a similar Centre in their area. Mr. Hardman thanked the Board and Service for its support and said he looks forward to a long partnership with the NRPS in reducing Child Abuse throughout the Region.

The Board received the information and presentation.

135. **School Police Emergency Action Response (S.P.E.A.R.)**

NRPS Superintendent Bob Wright introduced Constable Nadine Wallace, Sergeant Debbie Beaulieu and Constable Ralph Malcolm who have devised a school response plan available on the Service's in-car mobile data terminals to allow frontline officers to access immediate information on all 250 plus Niagara Region schools. The data includes area maps, building photographs including schematic maps illustrating specific and technical data, number and location of portables and offsite classes, assembly points, media and triage areas, emergency contact information building technical information, all at the officer's fingertips when emergencies arise. The first phase has been completed, with a total compliance from school Niagara school boards. All information will be loaded into the terminals prior to the start of school in September 2008.

Phase 2 to begin after September will feature the secured intranet site for schools updated on a daily basis, and will include fire and emergency measures participation. There are plans to share information with the inclusion of Brock University and Niagara College.

Chief Southall noted only the Peel Police Service Ontario has a similar project. The Chief thanked Constables Wallace and Malcolm and Sergeant Beaulieu for their initiative as well as Superintendent Wright and Mr. Akram Askoul, NRPS Director of Information and Communication Technology, for their leadership in the development of this very valuable program, noting that the value of this proactive program requires operational expertise and the support of the IT staff. The Service is very proud of the coordinated efforts to bring to the program to fruition.

Chair Iggulden added the Board always welcomes such presentations which provide an update on Service initiatives.

The Board received the information and presentation.

DEPUTATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Police Services Board By-laws – Policy Compliance - Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act

At the Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board held on Thursday, May 29, 2008, the Board considered a memorandum dated May 2, 2008 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with a revised 'draft' by-law as required for compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Policing Standards manual.

The following Motion was duly passed:

"That the item be deferred. Carried."

The following Motion was duly passed:

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

That the Board repeal By-law No. 119-1990 and By-law No. 151-1995 Schedule A – “Designation of Head”;

And further, replace with the amended By-law entitled, “Compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act”, as appended.

Carried.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

121. **Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - *Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet*’ Funding**
The Board considered a letter dated June 12, 2008 from the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, MPP, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, providing funding in the amount of \$11,261.43 to cover the incurred costs of the Niagara Regional Police Service for its participation in the final year of the two-year Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
122. **Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario – 2007 Annual Report**
The Board considered a letter dated May 21, 2008 from Ann Cavoukian, Commissioner, providing the Board with the Information and Privacy Commissioner’s Annual Report marking the 20th anniversary of the Office. (*Report on file in Board office.*)
123. **Ontario Association of Police Services Boards**
The Board considered OAPSB *Bulletin Board* dated June 2008 providing the Board with news of interest regarding police governance, highlighting both provincial and federal legislative initiatives.
124. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 10-2008 May 22, 2008 CSC 7-2008 May 14, 2008**
The Board considered a letter dated May 26, 2008 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with the May 22 approval by Regional Council of the Corporate Services Committee recommendations for Communications CSC 34-2008 and CSC 35-2008 dated March 31 and April 22, 2008, respectively, from the Police Services Board.
125. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CSD 62-2008, CSD 63-2008 May 1, 2008**
The Board considered a letter dated May 28, 2008 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with the May 1 approval by Regional Council of Confidential Reports CSD 62-2008 and CSD 63-2008 from the Police Services Board.
126. **Regional Municipality of Niagara – CL 11-2008 June 12, 2008 CSC 8-2008 June 4, 2008**
The Board considered a letter dated June 13, 2008 from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk, RMON, providing the Board with the June 12 approval by Regional Council of the Corporate Services Committee recommendations for Communication CSC 36-2008 from the Police Services Board.

127. **Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario of Single Tier Cities and Regions (MARCO) – Funding for 2,500 Ontario Police Officers**

The Board considered a letter dated May 26, 2008 from the Regional Municipality of Niagara, referring the attached letter dated May 6 from Ken Seiling, Chair, MARCO, to the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, expressing concern that there be a fair and equitable distribution of the proposed officers to municipal Ontario police services across the province.

128. **Brock University Campus Security Services – 2007 Annual Report on Brock University Campus Security Services**

The Board considered a letter dated May 23, 2008 from Donna Moody, Director, Campus Security Services, Brock University, providing the Board with the 2007 Annual Report respecting the Campus Security Services within Brock University, pursuant to the Protocol Agreement between the Board and Brock University.

129. **Semi-Annual Report on Disclosure of Secondary Activities**

The Board considered a Service report 124/2008 dated June 3, 2008 providing the Board with disclosure of secondary activities undertaken by members of the Service and approved by the Chief of Police, period December 16, 2007 to May 31, 2008, pursuant to Board By-law 150-1995.

130. **Special Fund – May 1 - 31, 2008**

The Board considered Service report 134/2008 dated June 13, 2008 providing the Board with a summary of the transactions for the Niagara Regional Police Special Funds for the period May 1 to 31, 2008.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

B. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

131. **NRPS 2007 Annual Report**

The Board considered Service report 126/2008 dated June 13, 2008 providing the Board with the 2007 Annual Report for the Niagara Regional Police Service which contains an overview of the Service's provision of community-based crime prevention initiatives, community patrol and criminal investigation services as well as information on crime analysis, calls for service, an overview of public complaints statistics and the cost of policing in Niagara in 2007.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that the 2007 Niagara Regional Police Service Annual Report be forwarded to Regional Council for information.

Carried.

132. **Ontario Association of Police Services Boards – Labour Relations Board Governance Training Seminar October 23 & 24, 2008**

The Board considered Communication from the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards regarding their upcoming two-day seminar to be held in Richmond Hill on October 23 and 24, 2008 which will provide relevant information for Police Services Board members.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that any Board member wishing to attend contact the Board's Executive Director.

Carried.

133. **NRPS Variance Report - to May 31, 2008**

The Board considered Service report 112/2008 dated June 12, 2008 providing the Board with a financial overview and year-end forecast for both the Service and the Board to May 31, 2008.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

134. **Request for Sponsorship – Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre**

The Board considered a memorandum dated June 23, 2008 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, providing the Board with a letter received from the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre requesting a donation to the '11th Annual Tournament of Kindness' in support of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program.

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

That the information be received;

And further, that the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$125.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre for the '11th Annual Tournament of Kindness' in support of the Child Assault Prevention Program.

Carried.

IN CAMERA REPORTS

- C. **Facilities – Grimsby Police Facility –**
88. **2008-RFP-19 Facilities Project Manager & Project PO 0407 –**
2008 **Initiation of Remaining Funding**

At the Confidential Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board held on Thursday, May 29, 2008, the Board considered Service report C.110/2008 dated May 15, 2008 requesting the Board to approve the selection chosen for the Project Manager for the new Grimsby Police facility by the Police Selection Committee's evaluation, and further, requesting the initiation of the remainder of the Grimsby Police Facility Project PO 0407 funding to continue this Project.

The Board directed that the Service level Agreement with Sims Moelich Associates specify the length of time on-site for project management services.

The following Motion was duly passed:

“That the Board approve:

1. **The hiring of Sims Moelich Associates Limited, (SMA) Grimsby at an approximate cost of \$96,330 (*revised wording*) for Project Management Services as requested in 2008-RFP-19 for the design and construction of a new Police facility in Grimsby;**
2. **The initiation of the remainder of Capital Project PO 0407 with an allocation to the Capital Expenditure budget of \$1,000,000, bringing the total budget for PO 0407 to \$3.5 million, and giving management the authority to execute this portion of the project;**
3. **Funding to be comprised of debenture financing (term 1-20 years);**
4. **That the Board's decision be reported back on the Public Agenda. Carried.”**

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

That the information be received;

And further, that the Board request a letter of clarification respecting Item 2. above be forwarded immediately to Regional Council.

Carried.

C. **NRPS Equipment – Digital Video Recorder (DVR) Replacement**

92.

2008 At the Confidential Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board held on Thursday, May 29, 2008, the Board considered Service report C.122/2008 dated May 20, 2008 requesting the Board approve the issuance of an RFP to select and replace the current unreliable Digital Video Recorder (DVR) technology for an Internet-based (IP) video surveillance system to avoid system failures and loss of critical data potentially leading to legal liabilities.

The following Motion was duly passed:

“That the information be received;

And further, that the Board approve the issuance of a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) to select and replace the current Digital Video Recorder (DVR) technology;

And further, approve the financing through the deferral of \$400,000 of the \$2,000,000 from the ZPO0706 MWS Data Radio System Project, 2008 Police Capital Program;

And further, that the Board’s decision be reported back on the Public Agenda. Carried.”

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Chairperson

Executive Director