

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board
MINUTES
Nelson, British Columbia
April 15, 2008

THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING of the Nelson Police Board for the year 2008 was held at the Nelson Police Department Boardroom, 606 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC, on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

PRESENT: Mayor John Dooley - Chair
Director Anna Maskerine
Director Barrie Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Dan Maluta
Inspector Henry Paivarinta
Board Secretary Brita Wood

REGRETS: Director Leona Ashcroft

1. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Maskerine,
And Resolved:

*That the Agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of the late item:
8b. Police Association Participation in Grounds Maintenance of City
Interchange*

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Maskerine,
And Resolved:

*That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Nelson Police Board of
February 12, 2008, be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

None

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Operation Red Nose

Moved by Director Maskerine, seconded by Director Taylor,
And Resolved:

That due to the time constraints outlined in Operation Red Nose Coordinator Fortin's e-mail dated March 4, 2008, the Nelson Police Board will take no further action toward advancing this initiative for 2008.

CARRIED

b. 2008 BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) Conference & AGM – May 2, 3, 4, 2008

Update – The Planning Committee will participate in one final conference call on Thursday, April 17, 2008. Approximately 70 participants will attend. The local planning committee has organized a companion program, including a draw for a helicopter ride up to Kokanee Glacier.

Registration Distribution - All Nelson Police Board members present confirmed their attendance at the event.

Sponsorship Request – The Nelson Police Board agreed to sponsor the Welcoming Reception event at this conference in the amount of \$425. On behalf of Nelson Hydro, Mayor Dooley offered the sponsorship of another event, if sponsors are still required. Mayor Dooley requested that the Board Secretary contact the office of the Director of Corporate Services for the City of Nelson to ensure that cards be posted at the event stating that the City of Nelson has sponsored this event, and that additionally, City of Nelson flags be brought to the reception site.

Door Prizes – The Board Secretary will make arrangements to have the City provide door prizes for this conference.

Call for Resolutions (Deadline: April 18, 2008) - none

Notice of AGM & Agenda – All Board members will attend the AGM.

Nomination for Executive Board Members (Deadline: April 18, 2008)

Director Maskerine will continue on the BCAPB Executive Board until the Board has the opportunity to canvass interest from the new Nelson Police Board members, once they are announced.

Chiefs/Boards Dialogue – This item was covered in the Nelson Police Board Special Meeting of April 15, 2008.

- c. **New Coat of Arms & Flag Launch – February 29, 2008 - Debrief**
The Board members agreed this was a wonderful, well attended event, and thanked the staff for their hard organizational work.
- d. **Updated Strategic Plan Presentation to Council – April 21, 2008**
Police Board members will meet for dinner at 5:30 at the Best Western Baker Street Inn prior to the presentation, in order to meet informally with Mr. Bruce Brown, the Deputy Police Complaint Commissioner. Mayor Dooley will attend dinner at 6:00 pm. The Strategic Plan presentation will be made by Director Maskerine and Chief Maluta in Council Chambers at 7:00 pm.
- e. **New Nelson PD Website**
The updated Department website may be found at www.nelsonpolice.ca. The site includes Police Board Member profiles, meeting minutes, historical data, Department statistics, photo galleries, and useful links.
- f. **BCAPB Training Calendar**
The Association's Three Year Training Plan was distributed to Police Board Members. This includes the proposed themes for the AGM and Conferences for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Moved by Director Maskerine, seconded by Director Taylor,
And Resolved:

That the Business Arising from the Previous meeting of the Nelson Police Board of January 23, 2008, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. **Chief's Report**
The Chief reviewed his report, attached as **Appendix "A"**.

b. Inspector's Report

Attached as **Appendix "B"**.

The Inspector reviewed the Department's statistics of the first quarter of 2008. Overall, crimes are down approximately 11% from the same period in 2007.

c. Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the Month ending March 2008

The Chief reviewed financial details of the Police Department budgets for the benefit of the Board. While the budget should be at 75% remaining for 2008, the percentage is lower than projected because of the delay in receiving revenues from Keep of Prisoners and IRSU labour recoveries.

The Financial Reports for this meeting are printed in the old format, even though the Board approved the new format at the previous meeting. Department staff has asked the City Finance Department to assist in condensing some categories for future printouts. The new format should be finalized and put into effect by the time of the next meeting.

Moved by Director Maskerine, seconded by Director Taylor,
And Resolved:

That the Department Reports be received.

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- a. E-mail to Councillor Cherbo of February 8, 2008**
- b. 9th Crime Prevention and Crime Reduction Forum –
W. Zarchikoff & Associates – Director Maskerine attended a forum last year presented by W. Zarchikoff & Associates and encouraged other Board members to attend the conference this year.**
- c. Proceeds of Crime to Aid Prevention Efforts, Victims**
- d. Equitable Police Funding**

- e. **Thank you card to Cst. Falcone**
- f. **Thank you card from Cpl. Terry Barter, RCMP**
- g. **Trafalgar Speakers Thank you to Chief Maluta & Gift Certificate –**
Chief Maluta declared receiving a gratuity for his participation in the Trafalgar Reads event.

Moved by Director Maskerine, seconded by Director Taylor,
And Resolved:

That the Nelson Police Board authorize Chief Maluta to accept a gift certificate to the restaurant at the Hume Hotel in the amount of \$25, which was offered as thanks for his participation in the Trafalgar Reads event in March 2008.

CARRIED

- h. **Thank you from Touchstones Nelson**

Moved by Director Maskerine, seconded by Director Taylor,
And Resolved:

That the correspondence and information be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

- a. **Budget 2008 Update**
The City of Nelson has completed the public consultation stage of the budget approval process. The budget is expected to pass at a Special Meeting of Council in the near future. The result is estimated to be a 3.5% tax increase.
- b. **Police Association Participation in Grounds Maintenance of City Interchange**
Mayor Dooley asked Chief Maluta to determine whether the Nelson Police Association will commit to maintaining the grounds of the City Interchange again in 2008. Chief Maluta will report back at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT/CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Moved by Director Maskerine, and seconded by Director Taylor,
And Resolved:

That the Third Regular Meeting of 2008 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 beginning at 3:00 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

B. Wood
Secretary

[Signature]
Chair

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 21, 2008
Time: 3:00 pm - Nelson Police Department Board Room**

Appendix "A"
Nelson Police Board Regular Meeting – April 15, 2008

CHIEF'S REPORT FOR NELSON POLICE BOARD MEETING
April 15th, 2008

Regular Meeting

Service Delivery Trends

During the 59-day period from the Board meeting of February 12, 855 calls were received in the CAD, for an average of 14.5 calls daily. Detailed stats with respect to crime trends are captured in the Inspector's report further in the Agenda, documenting the first quarter of 2008 (Jan-Mar) with the previous two years.

Anecdotally, we have had some significant arrests primarily involving transient criminals and those with drug addiction and EDP profiles. We are noticing a disturbing trend, in that we are getting more transients earlier in the year and have already had to take enforcement action against squatter camps adjacent to the City to prevent these from proliferating. There is definitive evidence that, because Nelson has become known internationally as a Mecca for transients, more marginalized individuals- including those with drug dependencies, mental health issues and criminal histories- will continue to flock here and pose a public safety risk. We already know that some chronic offenders have been referred here by other agencies seeking to displace their problems.

Family Civil Issues – Local area judges have decided that Nelson Police Department headquarters is the appropriate (safe) place to exchange children for parents involved in patently hostile and confrontational family civil disputes over custody and visitation. Staff and members are attempting to refrain from becoming involved in any interactions or civil disputes between guardians, unless there is a criminal offence. Unfortunately, a number of our members have received subpoenas to appear in civil court to give evidence on behalf of one parent versus the other. This is another disconcerting societal trend – the reliance on police to referee hostile relationships and buffer childrearing disputes. There are serious cost and staff resource implications as a result, including the impacts of increased FOI requests.

Provincial Government Funding Initiatives

SLO Grant Application – I have prepared and submitted an application for a \$20,000 Grant for School Liaison Officer positions in our local middle and high schools (LV Rogers and Trafalgar) to be funded from the proceeds of Civil Forfeiture from the Province. This is a new effort from the Province to repatriate assets seized from criminals, back to victims of crime and crime prevention efforts. We have been pursuing

the goal of getting part-time SLO's into the schools for the past 2 years, with the support of School District #8. I was pleased to have Superintendent Bill Reid co-sign our submission to the Crime Prevention and Victim Services Branch of Police Services Division. If the Department is successful in acquiring this grant, it is possible the position could be funded in perpetuity. The funding would cover the costs of computers, office space, in-kind expenses, and officers assigned to the twice weekly duty.

In-Car Cameras – In conjunction with the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles (OSMV), Police Services Division has provided grants to police departments in order to supply in-car video cameras. The intent is to avail ourselves of this technology in order to capture critical incidents, impaired drivers, collisions, police pursuits and investigations. It is believed that this could lead to the production of convincing evidence and assist with police civil liability. They have provided our Department with a grant for \$6000, which will cover the purchase and installation of one in-car camera.

Community Policing Activities

Meetings:

February 21 - Mental Health (MDO) Meeting – Nelson Mental Health – arranged by Forensic Psych. Participation from staff of Income Assistance office was added to this meeting.

March 3 - LV Rogers Secondary – meeting for Police Camp 2008 regarding applicant acceptance criteria. 27 participants were selected from the applicant packages, to be sent out after Spring Break.

Talks/Lectures:

February 16 – School District Parent Association Parents Conference – LV Rogers Secondary School – attended and spoke to group regarding Internet Safety for parents and kids. The main focus from the group was teenage girls and the Internet.

February 19 - BC Liquor Store Nelson – instructional lecture to staff with respect to dealing with shoplifters. Fraud and Loss Prevention initiative.

February 19 - *PARTY* (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) Program session for Grade 10 students delivered as a full day at LV Rogers.

Additional Initiatives:

Submissions were provided for the City Newsletter with respect to Driving Tips to remember (as a reminder for the upcoming Spring Break) and note regarding the new NPD Website. The traffic issue at Josephine and Silica Streets was investigated regarding replacing the Yield sign with a Stop Sign for southbound traffic on Josephine crossing Silica St. The change to a stop sign was made on the basis of accident reports, intersection design, compliance with the national guidelines and anecdotal reporting of near misses. The Traffic Safety Committee Meeting was held on April 9th, 2008.

Equipment and Infrastructure

Radios – The Department made a final choice on a compact and cost effective portable radio of acceptable performance, purchased locally, and we have assigned them to individual members in addition to reconfiguring our equipment cabinet to house battery charging banks and other devices for secure access.

9-1-1 Comms and Data Lines – Work is progressing nicely on the retrofit of all our cabling and IT infrastructure. While this project will be completed almost one year later than anticipated, there is a silver lining:

- Due to advances in technology, costs of large capacity (terabyte) servers have come down, allowing for storage of up to one year of video data, which will help with the provisions of the *Police Act* with respect to any public complaints;
- The City will conjoin with NPD to store their video data from secure facilities (e.g. sewage treatment plant, water reservoir) on the new server;
- Advances in video capture and software allow us to have better resolution and capabilities such as motion activation that were not anticipated.

Report from Kootenay Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU)

Expert Witness - Cst. Brind'Amour has been qualified as a Drug Expert by Provincial Court Judge Calgren and Supreme Court Justice McEwen. This adds an important local capacity in terms of the ability to prosecute marihuana grow operation files, as his services are also being utilized by local area RCMP Detachments. On a reciprocal basis, NPD members continue to receive significant enhanced training opportunities from the RCMP while seconded to IRSU.

2010 Olympics - All IRSU members will be joining RCMP, Provincial and Municipal police officers from across the country at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver/Whistler for enforcement duties.

IRSU Budget – K-IRSU was on budget for 2007.

Statistics – The SE District Traffic Unit is the biggest in the country, and has performed well on criminal interdiction. The unit is comprised of 138 members, and has seized \$20 million of cash and drugs. The street value of these drugs is \$29 million. The Trans-Canada Highway has developed into a major corridor where many of these seizures have occurred.

British Columbia Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police (BCAMCP)

The Fourth Regular meeting of the Association was held in Delta on April 15th, 2008. The Agenda is attached.

Dan Maluta
Chief of Police

Appendix "B" Nelson Police Board Regular Meeting – April 15, 2008

Inspector's Report

Nelson Police Department
Jan01 to Mar 31 2008

	YTD		
	2006	2007	2008
Assault (level 1)	9	10	7
Assault (W/Weapon)	6	6	1
Domestic- No Assault	9	22	8
Threats	7	8	4
B&E (Business)	10	8	4
B&E (Residential)	6	4	2
Theft (Under \$5000)	58	60	40
Theft from Vehicle	27	34	11
Vehicle Theft	6	8	2
Counterfeit	22	3	4
Imp/Over 08 mgs	8	5	6
H&R (CC/MVA)	12	14	22
MVA +1000	29	29	50
Liquor	43	65	61
Disturb Peace	6	22	21
Assist RCMP	12	14	19
Assist Public	421	572	526