

# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board  
MINUTES  
Nelson, British Columbia  
February 12, 2008

**THE SECOND 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, February 12, 2008.

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

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

## **1. ADOPT AGENDA**

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

*That the Agenda be adopted as presented.*

**CARRIED**

## **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

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

*That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Nelson Police Board of January 23, 2008, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### **3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD**

#### **Linda Tynan – Chief Financial Officer and Director of Corporate Services – Board Financial Reports Format**

Linda Tynan appeared before the Board to provide a debriefing for the 2007 police budget and to discuss an alternate financial reporting format that proves to be more legible for the Board.

2007 Budget Over-runs – It has been determined that the police labour statutory holidays were being double counted. Additionally, the overhead charged on overtime was miscalculated. Once these adjustments were made, the 2007 Police budget was balanced. Finance department monitoring systems of these details are now in place to prevent similar errors in the future.

Financial Reporting – The City of Nelson Finance Department recognizes it has two types of customers: taxpayers and internal City Departments. In an effort to provide legible information to management and Board members, Linda circulated a draft template of a financial report for the Board's review.

The draft template was well received, and the Board opted to try this new format for the first quarter reports of 2008 and evaluate its suitability at the April Board Meeting.

Mayor Dooley thanked Linda for her useful report and presentation.

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **a. Operation Red Nose – Next Steps – Director Ashcroft**

The Directors discussed the pros and cons of the Board's endorsement of this driving safety initiative, in the wake of the presentation made to the Board at the January 23, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

A lengthy discussion as to the merits of supporting the program ensued. The advantages of endorsing the program include supporting a socially responsible community initiative. The disadvantages include the program's encroachment upon private enterprise. Because the program runs only four weekends during the peak period of December, it was suggested that local taxi services are unable to keep up with the demand for service anyway, and that the initiative would not cause them undue hardship.

The Board members reiterated that the program is the responsibility of a supporting service club, and the Police Department's role is to support the initiative only.

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

*That the Board Secretary write to Marie-Chantal Fortin of Operation Red Nose and notify her that the Nelson Police Board is willing to support the concept of the program, and request that she contact the Board Secretary to move this project forward.*

**CARRIED**

**b. 2008 BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) Conference – Update**

The Conference Planning Committee is scheduled for another teleconference February 14 in order to tighten up the Agenda for the conference. The following week, a local Conference Planning Committee meeting is scheduled to discuss the finer details of the conference.

Gordon Graham, a lawyer with the California Highway Patrol and an authority on civil liability and human resources, will facilitate the discussion on Saturday, May 3. Chief Maluta will help organize the panel format scheduled for the morning of Sunday, May 4.

The annual Nelson Police Camp is scheduled for the same weekend, and the local committee will investigate the feasibility of integrating the two events at some point over the weekend, in order to expose the Police Board delegates and Police Camp participants to one another.

Mayor Dooley requested that the conference budget be shared with the Board at the March Police Board meeting. He also asked the committee to consider the concept of corporate sponsorship to help finance the event.

**c. New Coat of Arms & Flag Launch – February 29, 2008**

The Nelson Police Association is pleased to make a donation for food for this celebration, as well as a corporate donation to Touchstones Nelson. The Executive Director of Touchstones, Leah Best, is reviewing the historic memorabilia and is working with her staff to create displays for the evening. The members' dress tunics will be updated with the new shoulder flashes in time for the launch.

**d. Updated Strategic Plan Presentation to Council – April 21, 2008**

This 15 minute presentation to Council is proceeding as discussed at the January 23, 2008 Regular Board meeting. It will be followed by a 15 minute presentation by Tom Steenvoorden of the Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner (OPCC).

Moved by Director Maskerine, seconded by Director Ashcroft,  
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**  
Attached as **Appendix "A"**.

**b. Inspector's Report**  
Attached as **Appendix "B"**.

Inspector Paivarinta reviewed with the Board members the Police Services Division statistics up to and including 2006. The cost per member is ranked by the 2006 rates. The small front number represents the previous standing of the particular Department. The PRIME statistics monitor and evaluate how each Department is managing on the information system and references where the Nelson Police Department rates on compliance. The Inspector credited the high NPD compliance rate to the exemplary training by Dispatch Supervisor Andrew McPhee. The "Assistance" column illustrates the high rate of response to public requests for assistance in the small Departments, reinforcing the 'no call too small' philosophies in the small communities. In the larger cities, victims and/or accused remain unknown, whereas local knowledge of the staff in the Nelson Police Department contributes to individuals being named. The other factor contributing to identification of parties involved is our quick response time to calls.

Nelson's crime rate is fairly high, but we are part of a global trend of a decrease in crime over the past three years. Regionally, Castlegar and Trail contrast with this, as their crime rates are on the rise. The Nelson Police Department case load is high but the cost per member is the lowest of all BC municipal police forces.

**c. Financial Reports**  
**Financial Reports for the Month ending December, 2007 & January 2008**

The Chief reviewed financial details of the Police Department budgets for the benefit of the Board, indicating the Department is on budget for 2007.

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

*That the Department Reports be received.*

**CARRIED**

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**a. Director Maskerine**

The BCAPB Executive members received copies of the Greater Vancouver Travel Authority Police Service (GVTAPS) Strategic Plan. The report contains items such as crime statistics and community initiatives, sparking the idea for the Nelson Police Board to share Nelson's crime stats and community initiatives in the Board's upcoming presentation of its Strategic Plan to Council.

Director Maskerine commended Cst. Scott-Pryke, the Community Policing Officer, for delivering a sizeable donation of items on behalf of the Prestige Lakeside Resort to Director Maskerine's social services agency. Cst. Scott-Pryke also responded quickly to a suspicious person alert at this same agency.

**b. Director Ashcroft**

Director Ashcroft suggested that the Department create a business card-sized pamphlet for the delegate package for the BCAPB Conference in Nelson in May, outlining the Department's the top successes.

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

*That the Directors Reports be received.*

**CARRIED**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**a. Express Article – January 30, 2008**

**b. Equitable Police Funding**

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

*That the Nelson Police Board endorse the Equitable Police Funding initiative initiated by the City of Abbotsford dated December 18, 2007.*

**CARRIED**

**c. Thank you to Cst. Scott-Pryke from P.A.R.T.Y. Program**

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

*That the correspondence and information be accepted as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT/CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

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

*That the Second Regular Meeting of 2008 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 beginning at 4:00 pm.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Secretary

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Chair

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 11, 2008  
Time: 4:00 pm - Nelson Police Department Board Room**

**Appendix “A”  
Nelson Police Board Regular Meeting – February 12, 2008**

**CHIEF’S REPORT FOR NELSON POLICE BOARD MEETING  
February 12th, 2008**

*Regular Meeting*

**Investigations of Note**

As the result of the previous undercover operation “Vista”, several active cocaine traffickers pled guilty to charges under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA)* and were sentenced to periods of incarceration over the past two weeks. Detectives of the General Investigation Section have also been preoccupied with some very burdensome sexual assault investigations, internet child pornography investigations and frauds involving stocks in the six figure range.

**Community Policing Initiatives**

**January 9** - School District Parent Association – arrangements were made to hold a presentation at the DPAC Parents Conference to be held at LV Rogers Secondary on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Topic for discussion – Internet Safety.

**January 17** - Mental Health (MDO) Meeting – Nelson Mental Health – arranged by Mark Laforet. Present at this meeting were reps from Mental Health, Probation, NPD and Forensic Psych. The purpose is to discuss chronic clients we all deal with and set plans to assist them.

**January 17** - Nelson Police Camp Information Session for students at LV Rogers Secondary School. Application forms were distributed. A broadcast on LVTV was delivered to invite students of first meeting for Police Camp 2008 in order to begin the application process. This event happens to coincide with the timing of the BC Association of Police Boards AGM and Conference, which may cause some logistical difficulties, but may provide an opportunity as well.

**January 17** - Nelson Community Services Board Meeting.

**January 18** - LV Rogers Secondary School: A lecture and discussion with the Grade 12 Law students was arranged by Dean Studder – LV law instructor.

**January 22** - Meeting with Phil Seagram, Deputy Regional Crown Counsel regarding the issue of obtaining fingerprints from accused. Too many are slipping through the cracks so that convictions are not being registered on Criminal Records. Form developed to be completed if an accused misses a fingerprint date set on a Promise to Appear.

**January 28** - Debriefing meeting for organizing committee for Blue Rodeo Concert – discussed success of concert and what could be done to improve concerts in the future. Overall the concert was a success and the committee expressed appreciation for NPD attendance and advised we would be called in for future endeavours.

**January 28** - Sparks Tour of Police Station – arranged by Michelle Hartridge and conducted by Sgt. Grant.

**January 29** - PARTY (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) Program meeting to form a Board of Directors. CPO Cst. Janet Scott-Pryke and Jane Clark of Victim Services volunteered to be part of the Board, with the first meeting set for February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at NPD.

**January 30** - Coordinated donations of supplies from the Prestige Inn Lakeside to the Aimee Beaulieu Transition House.

**February 6** - PARTY Program Board Meeting – this was the first Board meeting, where discussion centred around means to publicize the Program in order to attract more volunteers to assist.

### **Equipment and Infrastructure**

Initial testing of the portable radios has taken place, with mostly positive results. There were some concerns regarding the sensitivity of shoulder mikes and their ability to be inadvertently cued, and as such we are testing some other models with the ICOM radios. Our 9-1-1 Comms Room infrastructure project is finally making strides, with all the coring, cutting and carpentry completed and the installation and wiring to commence on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The project will be eight (8) weeks in duration and will attempt to involve minimal disruption. The positive side of the delay is that the CCTV portion of the project will be broadened to include audio and additional monitoring capabilities resulting from the Police Services Division review of police facilities, commensurate with recommendations of the Ian Bush Inquest (Houston, BC). In this fashion, we will be “ahead of the curve” on implementation of the ensuing recommendations. City IT staff are working in close congruence on the project and will have ultimate decision making in control of servers/data storage, with the potential to integrate CCTV installs at City facilities as well. All data will be housed at Nelson PD. The project is expected to be completed within budget.

### **Provincial Government**

We continue to attempt to bring redress to the funding deficiencies currently experienced with the Keep of Prisoners program.

### **British Columbia Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police (BCAMCP)**

I plan to attend the next meeting of the Association, scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>. The Agenda has not yet been circulated.

Dan Maluta  
Chief of Police

Appendix "B" Nelson Police Board Regular Meeting  
**Inspector's Report**  
**February 2008 Police Board Meeting**

<b><u>Population Per Officer</u></b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>
1.) Victoria	448	440	435
2.) Vancouver	520	498	485
3.) New Westminster	555	537	539
4.) Nelson	576	576	584
5.) West Vancouver	586	590	592
6.) Abbotsford	736	685	665
7.) Delta	702	680	682
8.) Port Moody	739	711	753
9.) Saanich	761	751	798
10.) Central Saanich	783	801	798
11.) Oak Bay	834	832	821

Castlegar	705	711	714
Trail	651	657	645

<b><u>Crime Rate(CC/1000)</u></b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>
1.) Victoria	189	186	179
2.) New Westminster	175	162	142
3.) Nelson	153	139	116
4.) Vancouver	131	117	116
5.) Abbotsford	121	118	102
6.) Delta	63	74	71
7.) Port Moody	76	67	62
8.) Oak Bay	70	65	51
9.) West Vancouver	65	60	59
10.) Saanich	60	57	58
11.) Central Saanich	52	49	43

Castlegar	123	154	156
Trail	119	146	145

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<u>Case Load / Officer</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
1.) Victoria	85	82	78
2.) New Westminster	97	87	76
3.) Nelson	88	80	68
4.) Abbotsford	89	81	68
5.) Vancouver	68	58	56
6.) Delta	45	50	49
7.) Port Moody	56	47	43
8.) Saanich	46	43	43
9.) Oak Bay	59	54	42
10.) Central Saanich	41	39	35
11.) West Vancouver	38	35	35
Castlegar	86	107	111
Trail	77	97	93

<u>Cost Per Member</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
1.) New Westminster	\$146,284 <sup>1</sup>	\$148,511 <sup>2</sup>	\$154,842
2.) Vancouver	\$143,420 <sup>4</sup>	\$144,938 <sup>4</sup>	\$151,459
3.) Central Saanich	\$144,399 <sup>3</sup>	\$144,958 <sup>3</sup>	\$150,700
4.) Victoria	\$140,271 <sup>5</sup>	\$144,483 <sup>6</sup>	\$149,357
5.) Port Moody	\$137,188 <sup>7</sup>	\$144,674 <sup>5</sup>	\$148,675
6.) Delta	\$136,194 <sup>8</sup>	\$139,345 <sup>7</sup>	\$148,600
7.) Abbotsford	\$134,484 <sup>9</sup>	\$136,473 <sup>8</sup>	\$145,816
8.) Oak Bay	\$145,579 <sup>2</sup>	\$161,900 <sup>1</sup>	\$141,776
9.) Saanich	\$133,248 <sup>10</sup>	\$132,133 <sup>9</sup>	\$138,132
10.) West Vancouver	\$121,834 <sup>11</sup>	\$130,956 <sup>10</sup>	\$135,581
11.) Nelson	\$137,252 <sup>6</sup>	\$115,769 <sup>11</sup>	\$128,719
Castlegar	\$100,937	\$101,416	\$103,675
Trail	\$110,959	\$112,196	\$114,959

**PRIME Audit Monitoring Stats - Inspector's Report Feb 12, 2008 - Page 3**

<b>Independent Municipalities</b>	<b>Number of Go's</b>	<b>Occurrences</b>	<b>G1 SNE</b>	<b>Entity Role Code</b>	<b>Victim and/or Acc'd</b>	<b>Operational Status</b>	
		<b>No Person Entities</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Not Closed</b>
Abbotsford Police	108,798	4%	6.7%	12.9%	6.7%	18.7%	15.7%
Central Saanich Police	16,100	12%	8.4%	10.4%	0.6%	20.9%	12.5%
Delta Police	72,443	14%	10.2%	12%	3.7%	19.3%	13.5%
GVTAP	15,328	10%	3.6%	1.2%	1.7%	11.2%	3.1%
Nelson Police	13,269	7%	6.8%	8.4%	0.3%	24%	7.5%
New Westminster Police	59,879	11%	11.7%	5.6%	5.2%	17.5%	40.5%
Oak Bay Police	18,403	8%	12.3%	11.6%	0.3%	22.9%	11.1%
Port Moody Police	40,569	6%	19.5%	12.1%	2.1%	19.6%	10%
Saanich Police	106,244	6%	6.2%	12.6%	3.6%	24.1%	5.7%
Vancouver Police	732,848	4%	6.8%	5.6%	53.4%	2.6%	11.1%
Victoria Police	265,925	9%	12.9%	17%	20.3%	13.3%	4.3%
West Vancouver Police	39,573	13%	6.2%	7.8%	1.9%	23.2%	6.8%
<b>SOUTH EAST DISTRICT RCMP</b>							
Central Kootenay Regional	21,911	8%	13.4%	12.9%	24.5%	14.4%	18.2%
Castlegar	16,498	11%	15%	12.8%	13.5%	7%	14.1%
Trail & Greater Regional	20,704	9%	14.7%	14.7%	34.1%	18.7%	18.8%