

# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board  
MINUTES  
Nelson, British Columbia  
May 17, 2007

**THE FIFTH REGULAR MEETING** of the Nelson Police Board for the year 2007 was held at the Nelson Police Department Boardroom, 606 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC, on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

PRESENT: Director Anna Maskerine, Acting Chair  
Director Barrie Taylor  
Director Leona Ashcroft  
Director Neil Muth

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Dan Maluta  
Board Secretary Brita Wood

REGRETS: Mayor John Dooley, Chair  
Inspector Henry Paivarinta

## **1. ADOPT AGENDA**

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

*That the agenda be adopted as presented, with the addition of the following items:*

*8.b. BCAPB Proposed Training Calendar*

*8.c. Evaluation of BCAPB Annual Conference*

**CARRIED**

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

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

*That the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Nelson Police Board of April 17, 2007, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

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

None

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

#### **a. Director Muth's Proposed Amendments to Financial Report Format**

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

*That the format of future Financial Reports be amended to the shorter of the two versions presented to the Board.*

**CARRIED**

#### **b. Complaint Process Discussion – Director Ashcroft**

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

*That at the upcoming Strategic Plan Review, the Board reviews and formalize the process for entertaining audiences with the Board.*

**CARRIED**

#### **c. Strategies to Communicate Board Profile**

The NPD website is in the final stages of the revision process. Directors were asked to make appointments with Vogue Studios for colour digital photos for posting to the website. Brita Wood will forward send draft Director biographies to respective Directors for final approval. The NPD website will be a stand-alone site, available by a search of the Department name. It will also be available by link from the City of Nelson website. Review of the website will be discussed at the upcoming Strategic Plan Review.

## **5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**a. Chief Constable's Report – written report**  
(Attached as **Schedule “A”** to these Minutes.)

The Chief attended a Labour/Management Meeting last month and discussed with the membership issues involved with the fact the Nelson Police Association Collective Agreement expires at the end of 2007. Other issues discussed with the membership included the role of Board and Council in the Police Department, and how the NPD distinguishes itself as a Department that goes 'above and beyond' in our community. This is attained by engaging the public, making long term relationships in the community, offering the best rollout of DARE in the province, and the importance of maintaining face to face contact with the public via the Beat Officers. The Chief also discussed with the Association the value and necessity a two tiered policing system which includes the First Responders, who are a limited part of the pool, as well as the Reserves brought in for security and to assist with public functions, park patrol, vandalism, and the like.

At the June 12, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, Chief Maluta will provide a briefing outlining who plays what role in the negotiation process.

**b. Inspector's Report – written report**  
(Attached as **Schedule “B”** to these Minutes.)

When asked by the Board whether the increase in thefts and stolen vehicles causes concern, Inspector Paivarinta responded that social disorder offences are on the rise globally. The British Columbia Municipal Chiefs Association believes this trend is due to negligible court repercussions, and often, the lack of a will to prosecute. The BCAMCP is lobbying to have an increase in the Liquor Act fines legislated.

**c. Financial Reports for the Month ending April, 2007**

The Financial Reports for the end of April, 2007, indicate the Keep of Prisoner revenues have not yet been received. This item will be reported on at the next meeting.

Director Ashcroft suggested Chief Maluta discuss with the Director of Corporate Services the gaps in the City system that administers the canine licences. Because the NPD receives the revenue from this licencing, it is to the Department's benefit to ensure it is effectively managed.

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

*That the reports be accepted for information.*

**CARRIED**

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**a. Director Ashcroft**

Director Ashcroft requested the Board Secretary email the Directors a week before the scheduled meetings, requesting submissions of Agenda items, as a method of getting the Directors more involved.

**b. Director Maskerine**

Crime Prevention and Reduction Regional Forum – Director Maskerine will attend this forum in Kelowna May 24, 25, 2007, and will report back relevant information.

BCAPB Executive Meeting – This meeting has been rescheduled for June 8, 2007, in Delta, B.C. Both Directors Maskerine and Ashcroft are unable to attend. The Board Secretary will inquire as to whether Mayor Dooley could attend as the alternate.

Police Camp Graduation – Director Maskerine attended the Nelson Police Camp as a volunteer in the kitchen. She reported it to be very well organized and interesting, with an impressive graduation ceremony. Director Maskerine commended Cst. Andreaschuk for organizing such a worthwhile event, encompassing students from a wide geographical area.

Moved by Director Ashcroft, seconded by Director Muth,  
And Resolved,

*That the Directors' Reports be received.*

**CARRIED**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

- a. VPD Motorcycle Training Course – Thank you**
- b. Nelson Police Camp – Thank you**
- c. Brooke Campbell – Thank you**
- d. Crime Reduction Conference – CAPB -**
- e. Call for Nominations – CAPB – for discussion – no interest**
- f. Risk Management Conference – CABP**

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

*That the Correspondence and Information be accepted for information.*

**CARRIED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS**

- a. Tabling of Auditor General Audit of Forensic Lab Services**  
For the Board's information, Chief Maluta reported that the National Forensic Lab does not have enough staff to keep up with the demands of the volume of DNA submissions. As a result, in the event of a serious case, the Department may resort to the use of an alternative service provider in Vancouver or Victoria.
- b. BCAPB Proposed Training Calendar**  
The Board asked the Board Secretary request the date for the Police Board Orientation in October 2007 from Stacey Perri of Police Services.
- c. Evaluation of BCAMP Annual Conference**  
This document was circulated among the Directors and they will review it at the June 12, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

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

*That the New Business/Late Items be accepted for information.*

**CARRIED**

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

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

*That the Fifth Regular Meeting of 2007 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Secretary

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Chair

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 12, 2007  
Time: 3:00 pm - Nelson Police Department Board Room**

**CHIEF'S REPORT FOR NELSON POLICE BOARD MEETING**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

*Regular Meeting*

**Meetings and Events**

National Victims of Crime Awareness Week, April 23-28

- Our Integrated Victim Services unit coordinated events to mark this week, including staffing an information booth at the hospital to raise awareness. Ribbons were distributed to all local businesses and both police departments.

*DARE* Graduation, May 1st

- 73 Grade 6 students from Rosemont, Hume and St. Joseph's schools, accompanied by parents, teachers, sponsors and *DARE* instructors celebrated their grad at the Best Western hotel. Acting Mayor Kozak and I addressed the group.

Nelson Police Camp, May 4-6

- The 2007 Camp was a resounding success, with 30 Grade 12 students from Nelson, Kaslo, Castlegar, Salmo, South Slocan and Creston completing the program. Their commitment level was outstanding, and parent turnout at an all-time high. The grads were congratulated in speeches by myself and S/Sgt. Robertson, Central Kootenay Detachment RCMP, along with coordinators from both Departments and teachers. A special thanks went to Cst. Bill Andreaschuk from Nelson PD for his exemplary effort.

EOC Opening, May 8<sup>th</sup>

- Police representatives were on hand for the opening of the new EOC in the TELUS Building, 579 Stanley St.

Nelson Police Association – *State of the Union Address*, May 9<sup>th</sup>

- On invitation from the Association, I attended their May meeting to brief the members on developing events and future direction, from the Chief's perspective. Included in the Talking Points, and for the benefit of the newer officers, topics included:
  - History and Philosophy of Integration
  - Relationships with the RCMP
  - Collective Agreement Issues
  - Reserve Policing
  - The Roles of Board and Council
  - Staff, Infrastructure and Vehicles
  - How to "Self Actualize" as a Department
  - Personal Successes and the Future

LVR Grad Committee, May 10<sup>th</sup>

- Cst. Andreaschuk, Community Policing Officer, and I met with representatives of the Grad Committee regarding logistics of the Cavalcade and their concerns over high school youth abusing alcohol and using illicit drugs.

“Top Cops” Big Bike Ride for Heart and Stroke, May 15<sup>th</sup>

- Brita Wood coordinated this high-profile event that drew in almost the entire membership of the BC Municipal Chiefs, in Vancouver. The fundraiser on behalf of the Heart and Stroke foundation sees proceeds go back to the host communities of the participants.

BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police, May 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- The meeting Agenda is attached, for information.

## **Investigations of Note**

The media has provided thorough coverage of several high-profile investigations over the past month, some with international implications. The hazing of a youth from an Idaho high school- that occurred in Nelson- and the subsequent arrests of three older students, resulted in television coverage south of the border.

Nelson Police were instrumental in the dramatic night rescue of five young people from a boat that had collided into the rocks seven miles East of Nelson on the uninhabited South shore. Through local knowledge, emergency personnel mustered at a private residence assisted by Director of Operations Peter Hartridge (off-duty), and with his private boat and the Nelson Police boat were able to rescue the injured parties.

A number of drug trafficking arrests and theft arrests were made by beat officers in the downtown core.

*Appendix "B" to May 17, 2007 Police Board Regular Meeting Minutes*