

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board
MINUTES
Nelson, British Columbia
June 12, 2007

THE SIXTH 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 Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Dan Maluta
Board Secretary Brita Wood

REGRETS: Director Neil Muth
Inspector Henry Paivarinta
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 following item under New Business/Late Items:

8. b. Parking Passes

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 May 17, 2007, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

None

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Director Backgrounds for Website Update

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

That the Board portraits and biographies for the Nelson Police Department Website be completed and submitted to the Board Secretary by June 30, 2007.

CARRIED

b. Dog License Administration/Revenues

In response to Director Ashcroft's questions regarding City dog licencing practices, Chief Maluta reported the following information:

- Dog licencing is out of sync with the calendar year because the administration at City Hall has staggered the renewal dates of various licences to ensure that the renewal process does not bog down the administration offices. This practice is not up for review in the near future;
- Chief Maluta will follow up with Linda Tynan, Director of Corporate Services, to see if it is feasible to send out renewal of license reminders to dog owners;
- In fact, the City computer system MAIS (Municipal Accounting Information System) does track dog licences.

c. BCAPB Orientation Training Session Date for October

Bob Cole of Police Services has indicated this date has not yet been finalized. Once it is, he will forward it to the Board Secretary and she will forward it to the Nelson Police Board Directors.

d. Evaluation of February 2007 BCAPB AGM & 2008 AGM

This item was tabled to the next meeting. As part of this discussion, the Board will draft ideas for a theme for the Nelson hosted 2008 BCAPB AGM and Conference.

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

That the Board receive the above items for information.

CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. **Chief Constable's Report – written report**
(Attached as **Schedule "A"** to these Minutes.)
Since all components of the February 2007 BCAPB AGM and Conference are available via e-mail from Stacey Perri, Chief Maluta has struck the item "Prepare summary of the February 2007 BCAPB Conference/AGM" from his Action List.

- b. **Financial Reports for the Month ending May, 2007**
Mayor Dooley indicated that at the fall Union of British Columbia Municipalities meeting, he will remind Kevin Begg of Police Services Division, of Mr. Begg's commitment to review the 2008/2009 Keep of Prisoner fee schedule.

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

That the reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- a. Director Maskerine – Director Maskerine attended the Crime Prevention and Crime Reduction Regional Forum in Kelowna in May. She attended workshops on topics such as Responding to Youth Crime, and a hard-hitting session on Crystal Meth. In her estimation, the best session was a presentation on Crime Reduction Strategies, practiced in Swinton, England. Attendees included Police Board members from Ontario, school principals, and the Mayor of Creston. Director Maskerine brought a binder of materials from the Forum, including tabbed copies of each Power Point presentation, which will be housed at the Police Station to enable other Board Members and staff to review the information.

Director Maskerine met Cst. Corey Hoy earlier in the week, and suggested the new members be introduced to the Board at the July 17 meeting. She also met new Court Liaison/By-Law Officer Holly Jordahl, at a recent workshop on domestic violence, indicating that in her Court Liaison role, this was a worthwhile opportunity for indoctrination.

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

That the Director's Reports be received.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- a. **Thank you from Heart & Stroke**
- b. **CAPB Members' Directory**
- c. **CAPB Risk Management Conference – August 2007**
- d. **Thank you from Ethan Chirico**

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

That the Correspondence and Information be accepted for information.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

- a. **Order of Lieutenant Governor in Council**
The Police Board has received the Order in Council approved May 30, 2007 by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, listing the terms of the Board members' reappointments.
- b. **Parking Passes**
As a gesture of thanks to Board Directors for volunteering their time on the Nelson Police Board, the Mayor suggested the Board request City issued parking passes to enable them to attend Board Meetings without parking concerns. This item was tabled to the July 17, 2007 meeting until all Directors are present for discussion.

Moved by Director Maskerine, seconded by Director Taylor,
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 Sixth Regular Meeting of 2007 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Secretary

Chair

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 17, 2007

Time: 3:00 pm

Nelson Police Department Board Room

CHIEF’S REPORT FOR NELSON POLICE BOARD MEETING
June 12th, 2007

Regular Meeting

Calls for Service May 17 – June 12, 2007

According to the PRIME RMS, Nelson Police fielded 445 calls during the 26 day period from the last meeting, or an average of 17 calls for service per day. This does not include the calls that are written off in the CAD and did not generate a GO (General Occurrence report).

This is up slightly and consistent with seasonal influx. We continue to be challenged by a high percentage of calls for service and emergencies generated by Emotionally Disturbed Persons, both transients and residents of the community. Individuals with personality disorders and marginal mental disorders who engage in threatening behaviours and criminal conduct often “fall between the cracks,” in terms of the unwillingness of the criminal justice system to prosecute and the unwillingness of our Healthcare System to house and treat them. Arrests typically result in the revolving door of very short term detention and medication, followed by a spiral of aberrant behaviour, abstinence from medication, alcohol and illicit drug use and re-arrest.

Along with increased responsibility for managing those with mental problems, we continue to be challenged by the effects of alcohol abuse in our community, accounting for the majority of our weekend arrests and the major contributor to domestic disturbances. On the plus side, it would appear that a societal shift commensurate with a “zero tolerance” policy on behalf of Crown Counsel and the police has had a positive result in the area of domestic disturbances. More domestic disturbances are being reported to police, but fewer are resulting in actual assaults. This could be an emerging trend worthy of monitoring and celebrating, if in fact more women are having the courage to come forward and report abuses before they turn to physical violence; and, if in fact men are being deterred from resorting to violence.

Noteworthy Developments

- The entire Department was successfully transition trained on the new issue Glock 22 pistols, all members qualifying with ease on the BC50 Course of Fire. A new partnership has been struck with the Nelson Rod & Gun Club, for the Nelson Police to exclusively use their facilities for training. Cst. Brian Weber, a previous instructor with the Justice Institute of BC and former member of the Port Moody Police, facilitated the training.
- Council approved the increased expenditure for the Nelson Police 9-1-1 Communications Upgrade, which will bring an entire IT overhaul to the

- Department, including digital camera capture and recording of the cell block. Work on this project has commenced, with completion estimated by Fall.
- I had the opportunity to give a welcome address to the Southeast District RCMP Traffic Commanders at their meeting hosted in Nelson on June 6th, 2007. Sgt. Fred Mansveld received an award of recognition at that meeting for his initiative and exemplary command of the Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU). This unit continues to provide tremendous public safety results, such as the arrests of 16 impaired drivers in Castlegar over the SunFest weekend, some of whom were no doubt headed to Nelson.
 - Demands for volunteer participation by the Nelson Police continue to grow. Work has begun on the mowing of the Observatory St. interchange connecting Uphill to Rosemont, and we have 14 volunteers on a signup sheet to date.
 - The Special Parks Unit, a core group of dedicated of Nelson Reserve officers, has been deployed to conduct anti-vandalism and deterrence efforts throughout the City parks, and is already starting to show positive results. Many public complaints have been received about the abuse of the parks by vandals, squatters and other unwelcome users. It is our sincere hope that the deterrent effect of the SPU will keep our parks safe and free from harm with the onset of Summer.
 - Our Crime Prevention Officer, Cst. Bill Andreaschuk, has successfully spearheaded a comprehensive Anti-Graffiti campaign in Nelson by partnering with local business, the Rotary Club and a host of volunteers. These individuals are mobilizing to combat graffiti with immediate repaints once reported, deterring future vandals and restoring the look of the victimized buildings.
 - Nelson Police will be conducting a Joint Forces Operation with the Canadian Pacific Railway Police in the near future, to eliminate squatter camps adjacent to the City. These camps pose a serious health and fire risk to the Nelson, and the trespassing often ends in human/train conflict, injury or death. Earlier this year, a mountain biker on the CP property lost his foot after colliding with a train.

Dan Maluta
Chief of Police