

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board MINUTES

Nelson, British Columbia
November 25, 2008

THE NINTH 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, November 25, 2008.

PRESENT: Mayor John Dooley - Chair
Director Anna Maskerine
Director Barrie Taylor
Director Bryan Smithson
Director Mike McIndoe
Director Leona Ashcroft

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

1. ADOPT AGENDA

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

That the Agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of the following item:

8.b. Keep of Prisoners - letter

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Nelson Police Board of October 21, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

None

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Updated Strategic Plan Presentation to Council – December 15, 2008 – confirmation of format**
A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 11:00 am for Chief Maluta and Directors Maskerine and McIndoe to prepare for the presentation to Council.
- b. **Police Board Training, December 6, 2008 – confirmation of travel arrangements**
Directors Taylor and Smithson confirmed their travel arrangements were in order.
- c. **Nelson Police Board Annual Report – Director Maskerine**
Tabled to the next meeting.
- d. **Christmas Toast – confirmation of attendance**
All Directors confirmed their attendance for this Departmental event scheduled for December 16, 2008 following the Board meeting.
- e. **Photograph of Board for Annual Report – Director Maskerine**
This photo was taken for posting to Director Maskerine's Annual Report document in progress.

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

That the Business Arising from the Previous Meeting be received.

CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. **Chief's Report**
Chief Maluta indicated he would review with the Directors the provisional 2009 budget request for approval under **5.d**. In the interests of time, with the primary focus of this meeting being the 2009 budget, a more comprehensive Chief's Report will be provided at the December meeting.

b. Inspector's Report

Attached as **Appendix "A"**

The November 13, 2008 Nelson Daily News article in response to the You-Tube video recording the NPD arrest at a Marketfest event this summer was included for the Board's information in the Agenda package of this meeting. Inspector Paivarinta reported further that the woman in the video heard objecting to the police action has been charged with Obstruction of a Police Officer. The video has been copied and delivered to Crown Counsel in support of this charge. Director Smithson thanked Inspector Paivarinta for his sound response to questions by the press regarding the incident, as quoted in the above mentioned article.

Inspector Paivarinta commended the police officers involved on how they handled the incident. He indicated the police and public alike can learn from the posting of this video; that everyone should be aware of the prevalence of digital cameras and cell phones with video capabilities, in the event subjects attempt to goad the police into inappropriate conduct to capture a sensationalized video.

c. Financial Reports

Financial Reports to October 31, 2008

The Police Budget is on target for this reporting period. 16.6% should be remaining in the budget. Overall, 14% remains, however, some significant revenues are overdue. The big expenditures - labour line items - are all on track, and Chief Maluta expects to be on or under budget by year end.

In response to questions, Chief Maluta reported that any surplus in operation budget is returned to the City coffers, although Capital surplus may be moved forward to the next year, as long as the capital projects have been started within the current year. Parking revenues go into a Capital account earmarked for street paving, which seems a fitting expenditure given the source.

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

That the Department Reports a., b., and c be received.

CARRIED

d. Provisional Approval – 2009 Budget

Attached as **Appendix “B”**.

According to statute, the Police Board must approve a provisional budget before the end of November for the following year. Once received, the approval allows the Chief to proceed to budget discussions along with the other City Departments.

A discussion followed regarding the importance of fiscal restraint in the current economic climate. Chief Maluta reported that his budget process involves studying expense trends over four or five years and adjusts budget amounts based on historical expenditures. Accordingly, Chief Maluta’s 2009 proposal is a modestly decreased budget, not taking into account wage increases. The Department has not had a staff increase since 1994, while the case burden has increased from 4500 files annually to over 6000. Staffing practices have been altered to compensate for the increased demand by allowing only one member off work at a time, resulting in more members on patrol on any given shift.

The Capital Budget strategy over the years has consisted of building and infrastructure projects one year and vehicle replacement the next. 2009 is scheduled as the vehicle replacement year. The vehicle requests for a new motorcycle and a new patrol car will go out for tender as per City policy.

Chief Maluta listed the advantages of a patrol motorcycle. Fuel costs and repairs are low, due to its seasonal usage, and the maintenance is done by a retired member at no charge. The motorbike is an effective tool for traffic work. Additionally, the patrol officer can easily park the bike and walk the beat. The bike is used at all major events and parades, such as Remembrance Day, LV Rogers Grad Cavalcade, and the like.

The Board discussed the carbon footprint of various patrol vehicle options. Although hybrids have a “feel good” political reputation, they have more moving parts to break down and battery banks, generators and electronics that end up in landfills. The VW Jetta, for example, gets more mileage per tank full of fuel, has fewer emissions and weight. Unfortunately, the smaller vehicles cannot accommodate the extra room and weight required with a fully equipped patrol vehicle. The Department does what it practically can with respect to conservation of fuel and materials, and the Toyota Yaris on the fleet ecologically serves its purpose effectively. Beat officers are our most effective tool in reducing our carbon footprint. The only means we would have of going to more efficient patrol cars is by using a paddy wagon instead, for prisoner transport.

Vehicles are sourced from local businesses whenever possible.

Moved by Director Smithson, seconded by Director McIndoe,
And Resolved:

That the Board accept the provisional Operating and Capital Budgets, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Nothing to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- a. Thank you to Cst. Scott-Pryke from Bigby Place
- b. Thank you to Chief Maluta from St. Joseph School
- c. Thank you to Cst. Andreaschuk from Chief Maluta
- d. Letter to Kevin Begg re Audio and Visual Recording Standards
- e. NDN photo of bikes donated to Filipino Caregivers, arranged by Sgt. Severyn
- f. Thank you to Sgt. Severyn from Filipino Caregivers

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

That the Correspondence and Information be received as presented.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

a. Revisions to the BC Police Act

The Directors reviewed a table of suggested changes to the Police Act generated by the Vancouver Police Board. Discussion of this item was tabled to the December 16 meeting to give the Directors the opportunity to read and digest the material beforehand.

b. Keep of Prisoners – Letter

Solicitor General John van Dongen wrote to Mayor Dooley on November 4, 2008, advising that following his meeting with Mayor Dooley on September 23, 2008 at the UBCM meeting, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will be submitting a request to the Treasury Board for an increase to the KOP budget.

c. Operation Red Nose

Students from Selkirk College are fund raising via Operation Red Nose this December. Chief Maluta suggested the Community Policing Officer Cst. Scott-Pryke offer to support the students in any way she can.

d. City Reception

Chief Maluta reviewed the awards to be presented to the Nelson Police Department at the Inaugural City Council meeting on December 1, 2008. Director Maskerine will receive formal recognition from City for over six years of volunteer service and will be receiving a gift from the Department as well. Det. Cst. Burkart will receive a Chief's Commendation. Cst. Noppe will receive a Gift of Recognition from the Department. Cst. Brind'Amour will receive a 20-Year Exemplary Service Award from the Governor General's office.

9. ADJOURNMENT/CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

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

That the Ninth Regular Meeting of 2008 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting be held on December 16, 2008 beginning at 3:00 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

B Wood
Secretary

[Signature]
Chair

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 16, 2008
Time: 3:00 pm - Nelson Police Department Board Room**

Appendix "A"
Nelson Police Board Regular Meeting
November 25, 2008
Inspector's Report

COPS TOP COURTS IN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

In a recent Angus Reid Global Monitor Poll more Canadians had confidence in the police than other elements of the criminal justice system. Municipal police forces barely squeaked out the RCMP. Nationally, criminal courts ranked the lowest with 17% of those polled having complete or a lot of confidence in them. The Supreme Court of Canada was second lowest at 31%, beat out by the RCMP at 37% and municipal police at 38%. The Ontario and Quebec police forces had 45% and 33% confidence ratings respectively.

Criminal Courts

The criminal courts had the lowest public confidence level with its internal operations and leadership. Atlantic Canadians had the highest confidence in their courts at 22% while Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan had the lowest at 10%. British Columbia and Quebec were just below the national average at 16% while Ontario was slightly higher at 20%. Canadians had greater confidence in the Supreme Court of Canada than they did in their criminal courts.

Police

Police had the highest levels of public confidence across the country. However, public confidence levels differed across the regions. Municipal police and the RCMP had the highest confidence levels in Ontario, 45% and 41% respectively. In British Columbia the RCMP had its lowest rating at 29% while Manitoba and Saskatchewan had the lowest municipal confidence at 19%.

YEAR TO DATE STATS

JANUARY 1 TO OCT 2008 / 2007

	2008	2007
Assault (Level 1)	38	59
Assault w/Weapon	7	14
Domestic – No Assault	69	69
Threats	22	22
B&E Business	20	18
B&E Residence	9	20
Theft - \$5000	159	187
Theft Bicycle	35	43
Theft from Vehicle	75	91
Vehicle Theft	15	23
Counterfeit	25	21
Disturb Peace	67	87
Liquor	231	256
Imp/Over 80 mgs	28	31
H&R cc/mva	53	39
MVA +1000	138	99
Assist RCMP	75	87
Assist Gen Public	2192	2116