

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board
MINUTES
Nelson, British Columbia
August 7, 2008

THE SIXTH 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 Thursday, August 7, 2008.

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

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

REGRETS: Director Leona Ashcroft
Mike McIndoe – Incoming Director

1. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

4f – Fuel Costs Impacts on Budget - Segway – Director Taylor

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 June 24, 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 – October 20, 2008**
Director Maskerine is not available to assist with the presentation to Council on this date. The Board Secretary will request from City Hall that the presentation be postponed to the December 15, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- b. **Nelson BCAPB Executive Member/Next Meeting**
A new Nelson Police Board representative is required to sit on the Executive of the BCAPB, since Director Maskerine's term will be finished on November 6, 2008. Because not all Board members were present at this meeting, the Board Secretary was requested to send an e-mail to all members to canvas for a new candidate and an alternate should the new candidate be unable to attend occasional meetings, and to request attendance at the next Executive Meeting scheduled for September 19 in Delta. Attendees of Executive meetings have the option of participating via conference call. The Nelson Police Department Board Room is available for this purpose.
- c. **Police Board Training – Succession Planning**
The Board Secretary will include in her e-mail as noted in 4.b. (above) a request to whoever will attend the Executive Meeting on September 19, stay on for the Succession Planning Workshop scheduled for the subsequent day, also held in Delta.
- d. **Police Board Training Travel**
The following Board members will attend the Board Training session scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008: Mike McIndoe, Barrie Taylor and Bryan Smithson. The Board Secretary will contact each of these members individually to make travel arrangements.
- e. **Orientation for New Board Members**
The Board Secretary will coordinate a 1.5 hour time slot for Directors McIndoe and Smithson to meet with Chief Maluta for this purpose. It was decided that rather than offering ride-alongs for Board members who wish to be exposed police work, they could take the opportunity to sit with a Dispatcher at his/her desk to be exposed to this realm from a safe distance.

f. **Fuel Costs Impacts on Budget – Segway – Director Taylor**

The Board discussed strategies for reducing consumption of fuel for Department vehicles due to the rising costs of this resource. It was noted that one Department in Nova Scotia is parking its vehicles more often and assigning their members to the beat. Edmonton Police Service is using an energy efficient moped-like vehicle called *Segway*. Director Taylor provided the Chief with some literature on this device for further consideration.

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 reviewed with the Board the variables that make up the budget line item *Vehicle Rental*: depreciation, fuel, oil, maintenance, insurance and mechanic charge-outs for each of the Department's vehicles. With the 40% increase in fuel, Chief Maluta predicts an inevitable over-spending in Vehicle Rental for 2008.

The Chief distributed his report and reviewed it at the meeting. His report is attached as **Appendix "A"**.

At the September Board meeting, Chief Maluta will provide a demonstration for the members of the Department's new camera system Omnicast Live Viewer.

b. **Inspector's Report**

Attached as **Appendix "B"**.

Inspector Paivarinta expanded on his reported statistics for January to the month of June for last three years, for comparative purposes.

c. **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports for the Month ending June 2008

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

That the Nelson Police Board continue to support the newly developed spreadsheets of the Financial Reports that were previously developed for monthly reporting to the Board.

CARRIED

Mayor Dooley suggested Chief Maluta consider attending the Union of BC Municipalities Conference scheduled for September 24, 25, 26, 2008 in Penticton in order to pursue increased funding for the Department's KOP budget. Chief Maluta indicated that regretfully he has a scheduling conflict and will be unable to attend.

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

That the Department Reports be received.

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

none

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- a. **Letter to J. Postlethwaite, City of Nelson from John van Dongen, SG, re equitable police funding**
- b. **Letter from Baj Puri, BCAPB re Revisions to the Police Act**
Proposed changes to the BC Police Act has been tabled to the next meeting.
- c. **NDN Column by Bob Hall dated July 17, 2008**
Chief Maluta indicated that he appreciates the support demonstrated by the editor of the Nelson Daily News in this column.
- d. **Acronyms List**

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

That the correspondence and information be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

a. New Board Member Biographies and Photos for Website

Director Smithson indicated he has secured an appointment for a photo session to have his portrait taken for the Department website.

9. ADJOURNMENT/CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

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

That the Sixth Regular Meeting of 2008 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting to be held on September 29, 2008 beginning at 4:00 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

B. Wood
Secretary


Chair

**NEXT MEETING: September 29, Monday
Time: 4:00 pm - Nelson Police Department Board Room**

CHIEF'S REPORT FOR NELSON POLICE BOARD MEETING
August 7, 2008

Regular Meeting

Financial Report

Before the Board are two formats for reporting for review and discussion. The Summary report is for the period ending July 28. The Detail report is for the period ending June 30. There are no red flags to date, with one quarter of Keep of Prisoners (KOP) funding having been received and additional receipt of the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing at 1.2% higher than budgeted.

Police Operations labour and Dispatch labour appears to be running higher than anticipated by approximately 3% at mid-year. This will be examined with Finance Department at our earliest opportunity.

Service Delivery Trends

In terms of call load/case burden, in the 43 day period since our last Board meeting, the CAD registered 931 calls, or an average of 21 calls for service daily. This is up 83% from the April/May reporting period of the same duration, and exemplifies the challenge of our seasonal influx.

- In terms of files of note, Nelson Police were instrumental in stopping a major counterfeiting ring operating in Southeast BC. The arrest of two young offenders passing counterfeit currency at a local retail jewellery counter on July 31 resulted in the arrest of the prime suspect in Grand Forks. The impact was in the thousands of dollars of US currency, with several RCMP Detachments being involved in the investigation as well.

Community Policing Activities

On July 10, Nelson Police hosted a meeting chaired by Michelle Mungall, Community Coordinator of Nelson CARES Society. The intent of the meeting was to explore solutions to provide support/referral or integrate homeless people displaced by police removal of squatter camps contiguous to the City of Nelson. Also in attendance at the meeting were 3 staff people from Ward St. place/Stepping Stones for Success, 2 Nelson Mental Health Outreach workers, and the Youth Outreach Worker from Nelson Community Services.

Following a lengthy dialogue, it was agreed that the squatter camps adjacent to Nelson pose an untenable situation and cannot be enabled. Those in attendance agreed that outreach workers could attend with NPD members when a sweep of the CPR lands are conducted in order to provide advice to squatters of the entry points for assistance or to provide referrals to those who are at risk (those with mental health issues, marginalized youth, young women being victimized). Additionally, NPD members could provide referrals to interested homeless people in need. With that in mind, Youth Centre Resource Guides would be provided to NPD to distribute during the sweeps.

Equipment and Infrastructure

The 9-1-1 Communications project is very near completion. The Genetec Omnicast Live Viewer camera system has proven to be very impressive thus far. We are confident that it will fulfill the Department's obligations with respect to the new protocols for audio and video recording being issued by Police Services Division. I would like to suggest a brief Communications room site visit and a demonstration of the Genetec system to the Board at our September meeting.

We have been experiencing significant challenges with storm strikes to our radio towers situated atop Mt. Nelson and with power spikes knocking out our radio channels. As a result, we had to switch to our backup (shorter range) channels for extended periods and temporarily lost recording capability for our radio transmissions as well. The Director of Operations is currently working on a long term solution to the radio tower issue.

British Columbia Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police (BCAMCP)

The Seventh Regular meeting of the Association was held in Victoria on July 15, 2008. The Agenda is attached.

Dan Maluta
Chief of Police

Appendix "B" Nelson Police Board Regular Meeting – August 7, 2008

Inspector's Report

YEAR TO DATE STATS JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30

YEAR	2008	2007	2006
Assault (Level 1)	23	33	16
Assault w/Weapon	2	10	10
Domestic - No Assault	26	42	27
Threats	10	13	10
B&E (Business)	13	12	14
B&E (Residence)	5	9	20
Theft Under \$5000	74	104	117
Vehicle Theft	8	12	14
Theft from Vehicle	40	55	50
Fraud - Cheque	4	2	4
Counterfeit	7	9	39
Disturb Peace	40	45	16
Liquor	142	137	98
Imp/Over 80 mgs	15	13	18
H&R cc/mva	42	25	20
MVA +1000	90	51	51
Assist RCMP	41	42	33
Assist Gen Public	1192	1128	875