

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board
MINUTES
Nelson, British Columbia
July 31, 2012

THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING of the Nelson Police Board for the year 2012 was held at the Nelson Police Department Boardroom, 606 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC, on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

PRESENT: Mayor John Dooley
Director Susan Ogroske
Director Mike McIndoe
Director Barb Henry
Director Bill Reid
Director Hilda Jarratt

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Wayne Holland
Deputy Chief Henry Paivarinta
Board Secretary Brita Wood

1. ADOPT AGENDA

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

*That the Agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions:
8j. IIO MOU Signing – Chief Holland*

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Nelson Police Board of June 26, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

- a. **Affirmation of Office of New Nelson Police Board Directors**
Mayor Dooley swore in two new Provincial appointees, Dr. Bill Reid and Ms. Hilda Jarrett. The Mayor welcomed them to the Police Board and wished them a productive and rewarding tenure.

- b. **Introduction of Recruit Constable Sarah Hannah**
Deputy Chief Paivarinta introduced Recruit Constable Sarah Hannah to the Board. Cst. Hannah successfully completed Block I of the JIBC Police Recruit Training and is now in Nelson for her work term, Block II, until October 21, 2012. She will return to the JIBC for her final term from October 22 to December 14, 2012, at which time she will be a full serving officer of the Nelson Police Department for the Province of British Columbia. The Board Directors congratulated Cst. Hannah on her high standing to date in Block I and wished her all the best during her Block II work term.

- c. **Congratulations to Sgt. Janet Scott-Pryke**
Deputy Chief Paivarinta congratulated Sgt. Scott-Pryke on her promotion to Sergeant on June 1, 2012. Mayor Dooley officially presented her with her Sergeant's badge. The Board Directors congratulated Sgt. Scott-Pryke on making NPD history by being the first female to reach the rank of Sergeant.

- d. **Ethics Officer**
By general consensus of the BC Chiefs, any Department would benefit from an Ethics Officer, a member who is respected, looked to as a leader, and practices impeccable ethical behavior. In furtherance of the Department's Strategic Plan, Cst. Falcone has been nominated for this role and will be a resource for individuals within the Department to access for his input on situations that require ethical interpretation. The Department will support Cst. Falcone by means of training, and his participation in an informal working group that exchanges best practices. He recently completed a Dalhousie University certificate program on this subject. Cst. Falcone's term will continue until December 31, 2013 and will attend Police Board meetings on a quarterly basis to provide brief reports.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Police Board Retreat (recurring item)**
Discussion: This item has been brought forward once again now that the new Board members are in place.

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

That the Police Board Retreat be held in conjunction with the Police Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 6 from 9:30 to 4:00 pm, location and agenda to be determined.

CARRIED

b. Policing Plan Roundtable Summary Reports

Discussion: Attached to the Agenda package was a summary report of the June 8, 2012 Policing Plan Roundtable held in Cranbrook, attended by Chief Holland and Director Ogroske. The core item discussed was what criminal activity we are facing in the West Kootenays as well as what should be the core policing duties in this region. Nelson is in a unique situation since we are geographically isolated without many outside members to assist if required, as is the case in the lower mainland.

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

That the Nelson Police Board write a letter to ADM Lynda Cavanaugh and respectfully request an update on the outcomes of the Policing Plan Roundtable at our next BCAPB Annual Conference in 2013.

CARRIED

c. Police Board Director Biographies

Discussion: The Board Secretary reminded the Directors to submit their revised biographies for the Department's website.

d. Good Neighbour Program Update – Chief Holland

Discussion: Chief Holland advised the Directors of the status of the Good Neighbour Mediation Program and requested a final resolution from the Board to support the program. This volunteer program was Andre Piver's initiative along with Transition Nelson, Selkirk College and a City Council representative.

Chief Holland has reviewed the curriculum and procedure for the program and found them to be sound. The Department is conducting the required Criminal Record Checks for the volunteer mediators. The procedures include an informal exclusionary policy with regard to when certain persons or situations are not suitable for this program.

Moved by Director Henry, seconded by Director Ogroske,
And Resolved:

That the Nelson Police Board approves and supports the Good Neighbour Program.

CARRIED

- e. **Continuing Education for NPD Personnel – Chief Holland**
Discussion: Chief Holland explained to the Directors that our Department spend thousands of dollars per year sending our members to various training programs. Now that we have a succession plan and a list of courses members must take, he would like as much training and certification to be done locally to save on travel costs. Our community and surrounding areas contain competent, professionally certified instructors on a variety of subjects, including areas such as public speaking, interviewing skills, effective presentations, and communication skills. Chief Holland met with Selkirk College Continuing Education personnel over the past weeks and this training will eventually be available to us via Selkirk College.

- f. **CACP Anatomy of a Murder Investigation – Chief Holland**
Discussion: If a homicide occurs in the City of Nelson, the cost to the Department for the investigation would be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Managing the exhibits and disclosure and statements would be only the start of the expenses we would incur.

Most agencies our size have an MOU with other agencies for homicide investigations. This Department requires either an MOU for assistance from another Municipal Department or to certify our personnel to provide all the services required to investigate a homicide. In house certification would require proper authorized strength, and 8 individuals trained for major case management. Even if a MOU is established, we will still need to pay for the investigations. Financial resources may be accumulated for this purpose by means of the yearly allocation of a portion of the Traffic Fine Revenues.

Chief Holland recommended that the Nelson Police Board move forward with regard to the establishment of a MOU with another municipal police service or IHIT.

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

That the Chief Constable obtain an example of a MOU from another agency for discussion at the next Police Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Action: The Mayor requested the Chief Constable consult with City Manager Kevin Cormack to see if any costs incurred by the Department in the event of a homicide would be covered by the City's insurance carrier MIA.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Chief Constable's Report

Discussion: Chief Holland submitted a report for the Board's information and offered to answer any questions.

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

That the Chief Constable's report be received as presented.

CARRIED

(i) CPO Report – None – Position is Collapsed

Due to the continued reduction in strength, the CPO position has been collapsed, resulting in no CPO report. The duties of the portfolio have been divided among the other members.

b. Deputy's Report

Discussion: Deputy Paivarinta reviewed his report containing Year to Date crime statistics. Calls from January 1 to June 30, 2012 are up 15% from the same period in 2011.

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

That the Deputy Chief's Report be received as presented.

CARRIED

c. Financial Reports

Financial Reports to June 30, 2012.

Discussion: Five months into 2012, the Department is under budget by 5.4% of our target. The Deputy reviewed line items for the Board's information.

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

That the Financial Reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Mayor's Report

As a point of interest Mayor Dooley reported that starting in 2013, all cars in France will be installed with mandatory breathalyzers.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- a. Motor vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2) Letter to Minister Shirley Bond
- b. Response to BCAPB request for shared venue for future CAPB/CACP Annual Conferences
- c. Invitation to the Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service
- d. City of Nelson Press Release re Mayor Dooley's election to Chair of the FCM's BC Caucus
- e. Thank you from Public Works re Gyro pool paint project
- f. Thank you from JIBC President re support for degrees and proceeding through the Degree Quality Assurance Board approval process
- g. Nelson Daily report on local RCMP and NPD honoured for seizing most contraband of any BC Police Force
- h. Update re Dana Barter and Johnson's Landing Disaster

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

That the Correspondence and Information be received as presented.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

- a. **Establish Alternative Meeting Date to September 18, 2012 Police Board Meeting – Board Secretary**
Discussion: In spite of Chief Holland and Director Henry being absent from the September 18, 2012 Board meeting, the Mayor requested this meeting proceed in their absence.

- b. **Shambhala Tour – August 11, 2012**
Discussion: Chief Holland invited Directors to attend a tour of the Shambhala Music Festival near Salmo on August 11, 2012 at 3:00 pm.

- c. **Police Camp – Chief Holland**
Discussion: Chief Holland advised the Directors of the Department's intention to re-establish the Police Camp in May of 2013, under the direction of Sgt. Scott-Pryke.

- d. **IRSU & IBET Secondment Update – Chief Holland**
Discussion: The Chief apprised the Directors of the status of the secondment positions with IRSU and IBET. Until very recently, the Nelson Police Department had one seconded position with IBET and three positions with IRSU. The RCMP recently experienced a \$195M budget cut, reducing their ability to pay municipal department wages in seconded positions. For us this means the temporary elimination of the position with IBET. Additionally, the 3rd Nelson PD IRSU position, which was never under a formal MOU, will not be filled because the ICBC budget, which funds the IRSU program, has been cut by \$3M. Province-wide IRSU has lost 12 secondments, including three in the SE District region.

West Kootenay IRSU Statistics indicate 34% of their files are the result of their work within the City of Nelson. Mayor Dooley requested the Chief Constable brief him for a meeting with the ADM in order to build a case for Nelson PD to obtain one or two extra seconded positions with WK-IRSU.

- e. **BC Mayor as Chair Information Paper – Chief Holland**
Discussion: Chief Holland advised the Board of the request by Jon Eaton, President of the CAPB, that all BC Boards review the "BC Mayor as

Chair” paper that was attached to the Agenda Package. British Columbia is the only jurisdiction in Canada that permits Mayors of Cities to sit as Police Board Chairs, due to the perception of a conflict of interest between the two roles.

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

That the “BC Mayor as Chair” information paper – be tabled for the November 6 Board Meeting/Retreat for a response to Jon Eaton, President of the CAPB.

CARRIED

f. CAPB Community Engagement Best Practices Request – Deadline August 30, 2012

Discussion: The Board Secretary reviewed with the Board the request by CAPB to provide information describing the Nelson Police Board’s community engagement by August 30, 2012. She asked whether the Board wished to do so at this meeting or form a committee to complete the information off site.

The Board requested the Board Secretary complete the request on its behalf.

g. CAPB Board Self-Assessment Request Deadline – September 30, 2012

Discussion: The Board Secretary reviewed with the Board the request by the CAPB to conduct a self-assessment for the Nelson Police Board’s annual performance. She asked the Board whether they wished to do so at this meeting or form a committee to complete the assessment off site. The deadline for this assessment is September 30, 2012.

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

That the Directors not formally respond to the CAPB at this time, but to submit their self-assessment feedback directly to Director Ogroske by October 31, 2012 and she will compile and bring the results to the November 6, 2012 Board retreat.

CARRIED

h. Statistics Canada Police Reported Crime Statistics 2011 – Chief Holland

Discussion: With respect to Police Reported Crime Statistics, Chief Holland explained that crime rate measures volume, and severity measures how serious the crime. This standardization allows statisticians to compare these factors province to province, city to city. Smaller cities statistics may be skewed unnecessarily on a statistical basis by comparison to larger communities.

Some crimes are not counted in these statistics at all. Those not included are *Motor Vehicle Act* offenses, such as dangerous driving and vehicular homicide. Drug crimes of any type are not included, and mental health arrests or investigations are not included. Since crime statistics are based on reported crime, and it is speculated by some experts that as little as 30% to 40% of crime is actually being reported due to frustration with the inadequate staffing within the judicial system. The Chief cautioned the Directors to be skeptical of crime statistics since they do not provide a true picture.

i. Crime Stoppers Update – Chief Holland

Discussion: Chief Holland advised the Board that Reserve Constable Brent Tipple has volunteered to take over Crime Stoppers duties at the Nelson Police Department, replacing Sarah Hannah.

j. IIO MOU Signing

Discussion: Chief Holland reported he has signed the Internal Investigations Office (IIO) MOU, along with the other BC Municipal Police Chiefs. This new police oversight body investigates any decision or action by an on or off-duty police officer resulting in serious injury or death. In such an instance, the IIO team will come in to the Department and take over the investigation. Our Department will be required to contain the scene and canvas the neighbourhood, but payment for certain specialized activities could possibly be invoiced to the City. Our officers will be the subject of audio and video interviews prior to going home following an incident.

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

That the New Business/Late Items be received as presented.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT/CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

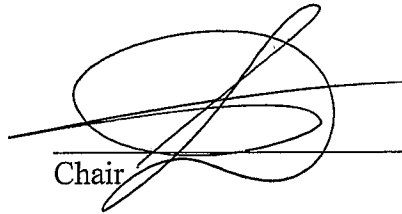
Moved by Director Ogoske, and seconded by Director Henry,

That the Sixth Regular Meeting of 2012 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting be held on September 18, 2012 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Nelson Police Board Room.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

B. Wood
Secretary


Chair

**NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2012
Time: 3:00 pm - Nelson Police Board Room**