

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board
MINUTES
Nelson, British Columbia
April 19, 2011

THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING of the Nelson Police Board for the year 2011 was held at the Nelson Police Department Boardroom, 606 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC, on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

PRESENT: Director Mike McIndoe – Acting Chair
Director Leona Ashcroft
Director Barrie Taylor
Director Susan Ogroske

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

REGRETS: Mayor John Dooley

1. ADOPT AGENDA

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

That the Agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions:

- 6.b. - Restorative Justice**
- 6.a (iv) - Compassion Dog**

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 March 8, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

None.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. 2011 Budget – Chief Holland

(i) Capital Plan Requests Update

Discussion: Chief Holland confirmed the capital plan process was finalized. Council deliberated and none of the items we requested were subsequently approved. All will be held in abeyance until 2012.

(ii) Complaint Process of Bylaw Department – Deputy Paivarinta

Discussion: Bylaw officers do not review complaints against themselves. Bylaw officers only respond to issues regarding the mechanical malfunctions of the meters. Deputy Paivarinta is the screening officer in charge of Bylaw complaints; he reviews each instance and calls each complainant.

(iii) BCAPB Conference Details – Board Secretary

- Sponsorship

Discussion: In light of the fact the Nelson Police Board is hosting the 2011 Conference, it opted not to sponsor conference meal breaks.

- Registration Payments

Discussion: – The Board Secretary confirmed who will attend the various functions at the Conference.

(iv) Sgt. Mansveld will present IRSU Stats Report to Council's COW Meeting – May 30, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Discussion: Sgt. Mansveld's report will include his Unit's impressive statistics and results for the benefit of Council and the public at the May 30, 2011 COW Meeting.

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

That these items be received as presented.

CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Chief's Report

Information Meetings:

Discussion: Chief Holland has information meetings scheduled with the

Police Association members to bring them up to date on budget and policy issues.

Shambhala Music Festival Meeting:

Chief Holland met with Mayor Dooley and the Management of the 2011 Shambhala Music Festival. This provided the Chief an opportunity to offer some suggestions that may enhance public safety during the Festival and could also market the festival to the general public in a positive light:

- That the Festival organizers provide funding for additional Nelson PD Beat officers both before and after the festival in the amount of \$20,000, which reflects the actual costs to the Department;
- That the Festival organizers provide signage and on-going live messages from performers and/or DJ's to festival goers encouraging them to do all they can to keep outlying communities they visit following the festival clean;
- That the organizers hand out garbage bags that bear messages indicating the bags are provided courtesy of the Shambhala music festival management, as a way of conveying the organizers intention to ensure clean communities post event.
- Chief Holland proposed a method of repatriating the concert goers to their respective communities by hiring busses that would travel to the major communities that attendees had travelled from. The Chief's main concern is with respect to impoverished concert goers remaining post event within hastily assembled "squatter" camp sites.

Transcription Process:

Discussion: Chief Holland advised the Board of the increase in transcription requirements for internal investigation interviews, witness statements and Crown Counsel reporting, and of the associated costs. He cited, as an example, Delta Police Department's expenditures totalling \$600,000 to date for 2011 associated with these, and other administrative and investigative workloads and associated costs due to recent amendments to the *Police Act*. Nelson PD anticipates expenditures totalling upwards of \$5000 for 2011.

Action: Director Ashcroft will refer this item for the Agenda of the next BCAPB Executive Meeting.

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

That these items be received as presented.

CARRIED

b. **Deputy Chief's Report**

(i) **2011 First Quarter Crime Stats**

Discussion: Deputy Chief Paivarinta fielded questions from the Board Directors with respect to the 2011 First Quarter Stats. The statistic show a general decline in reported crime of 11% YTD.

(ii) **Files of Interest**

Discussion: The information included in the files of interest was retrieved from recently issued media releases. A great number of police resources are being spent on daily situations arising from individuals with mental health issues. Most often, those involved are hospitalized with no criminal charges resulting. This is a country-wide trend, involving individuals posing a danger to themselves or others.

Complaints: Over a six-month period, 2750 complaints were filed with officers and dispatchers processed 143 similar complaints. The utilization of dispatchers for this purpose has resulted in a 5.2% reduction of complaints to be fielded by our police officers.

c. **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports to March 31, 2011.

Discussion: Chief Holland reviewed the Budget figures for the Board's benefit. They are currently on target.

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

That the Departmental Reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. **Director Ashcroft**

(i) **BCAPB Updates**

Compassion Dog: Director Ashcroft attended Delta for a BCAPB Executive meeting on March 25, 2011. Chief Cessford of Delta PD demonstrated his Victim Services "compassion dog" that is trained as a calming dog to benefit victims of crime. Director Ashcroft proposed the Nelson PD have a compassion dog of its own. She has asked Chief Cessford to provide a listing of the cost for such a resource. She suggested the Rotary Club would make a financial contribution to the project.

IIO: Once the executive director is appointed to the Independent Investigation Office, Nelson, Delta, Vancouver, and Abbotsford will each

send correspondence to the BCAPB indicating that they support this initiative.

Member Suspension: The Delta Police Board has recommended that one of their officers be suspended without pay in the best interests of the public. Delta will keep the BCAPB apprised on how this matter resolves.

Oak Bay PD Chief: Oak Bay's Chief Constable retired in January and retired Saanich Chief Constable Derek Egan is their interim CEO. The Police Board is currently seeking a successor.

(ii) BCAPB Conference

(A) Nominations for Executive Board

Director Ashcroft will be stepping down from the Executive this year. Deadline for nominations for this position is April 21.

(B) Call for Resolutions

The Nelson Police Board has no resolutions at this time.

(iii) BCAPB Strategic Direction Survey

The Directors collaborated during this meeting in completing this survey and the Board Secretary will return it to the BCAPB.

b. Director Ogroske

Restorative Justice: Director Ogroske indicated an interest in seeing a restorative justice program come to Nelson. She has some experience with the Restorative Justice Society in Abbotsford. CPO Sgt. Grant invited her and Bob Adams to attend a meeting of the Kootenay Restorative Justice Society. The KRJS is interested in receiving referrals and are looking to increase their base of operations.

Director Ogroske will respond to Sgt. Grant to say she and Mr. Adams would like an exploratory meeting with KRJS to gather information with respect to their mandate and practices. Director Ogroske will bring a report back to the Board to then determine if the Board would like to collaborate with the KRJS.

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

That the Directors Reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- a. **Medicinal Marijuana Licenses – Mayor Dooley**
Action: Table this item to next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

- a. **Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce Coalition Proposal – Director Taylor**
Action: Table this item to the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT/CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING


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

That the Third Regular Meeting of 2011 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Nelson Police Department Boardroom.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

B. Wood
Secretary


Chair

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 1, 2011
Time: 3:00 pm - Nelson Police Department Board Room