

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board
MINUTES
Nelson, British Columbia
August 30, 2011

THE FIFTH 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 Monday, August 30, 2011.

PRESENT: Mayor John Dooley
Director Barrie Taylor
Director Susan Ogroske
Director Leona Ashcroft
Director Barb Henry

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Wayne Holland
Board Secretary Brita Wood

REGRETS: Director Mike McIndoe
Deputy Chief Henry Paivarinta

1. ADOPT AGENDA

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

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

*That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Nelson Police Board of May 30, 2011
be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

a. Introduction and Affirmation of Office of new Provincial Police Board Appointee Barbara Henry

Mayor Dooley introduced Barb Henry to the Board and had her sign the Affirmation of Office, sworn by Mayor Dooley. Those present congratulated Ms. Henry on her appointment and welcomed her to the Board.

b. Osprey Foundation Representatives Norm Caruthers and Tom Murray: Nelson Police Foundation Discussion

Chief Holland thanked Mr. Caruthers and Mr. Murray for attending the meeting as subject matter experts on the formation of the Nelson Police Foundation. Chief drafted three short documents for the Board's consideration of this initiative. This is not the single and only meeting with the Osprey Foundation. Hopefully it will be up and running by January 1, 2012.

The formation of a Foundation presents an opportunity to fund specialized projects, scholarships, and training that could not be considered due to budget restraints. Teaming with Osprey Foundation takes advantage of their umbrella perpetual fund while maintaining our independence as the Nelson Police Foundation. We would form a Foundation Board of Directors and they would seek donations from citizens within the community. The Osprey Foundation would provide receipts for the donations and would charge a minimal administration fee.

Chief Holland provided a draft of a deed of gift form and the draft policy, using a small portion of the Salmo Foundation Board of Directors policy as a template.

The Chief reviewed how the Nelson Police Foundation would work with the Osprey Foundation. If people want to leave a legacy in the community for whatever reason, they could donate to the Nelson Police Foundation via the Osprey foundation, which is part of the Vancouver Foundation.

The Osprey Foundations primary focus is Areas E and F and the City of Nelson. The Foundation currently is the 6th largest in British Columbia, managing \$5.7 million dollars. The Osprey Foundation has a network of other foundations within the country that are available to provide support.

The Deed of Gift document donors outlines a 'specific' use for their donation or directs that it can be placed in the general fund itself for a purpose to be determined by the Foundation.

To provide the Nelson Police Foundation security with respect to its donors, criminal background checks would be conducted to ensure unimpeachable sources of donations. The Osprey Foundation would approve every donation over \$1000.

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

That the Nelson Police Board and Osprey Community Foundation, confirm the establishment of a permanent and open designated Endowment Fund to be known as the Nelson Police Foundation Fund.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Restorative Justice – Director Ogroske

Discussion: Director Ogroske reviewed the subject of the Kootenay Restorative Justice agency's request for referrals from the NPD. They have not enhanced their program since they last spoke to Susan and Sgt. Howie Grant. In the meantime, she will continue to research the Abbotsford and Cranbrook Restorative Justice Programs.

Chief Holland thanked Director Ogroske for her commitment to this issue and allowed that she is the subject matter expert on Restorative Justice. The next phase of exploration will be to determine what it takes for a community to start a restorative justice program, from the ground up, using Abbotsford and Cranbrook's parameters as a guideline. This could become more of a community initiative rather than a police Board initiative, and may only occur if KRJ's program and efforts prove to be inadequate.

b. 2011 CAPB Conference – Regina – August 18-20, 2011 – Director Ashcroft

Discussion: Director Ashcroft reported the CAPB Conference in Regina was a worthwhile educational and networking experience and urged that the rest of the Police Board Directors attend this yearly conference.

Due to the substantial agenda for this meeting, Director Ashcroft offered to share important information gleaned from the Conference at the October Meeting.

Action: On behalf of our Board, the Board Secretary write a letter to the CAPB and the CACP requesting both Associations host their annual conferences in the same community in the interest of saving on travel costs and copy all BC Municipal Police Boards.

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

That the Board Secretary prepare a cost analysis of sending all Police Board Directors to the 2012 CAPB Conference in Victoria.

CARRIED

c. **Calming Dog – Director Ashcroft**

Discussion: Director Ashcroft urged the Nelson PD to acquire a Calming Dog for assistance with Victim Services clients. She reviewed the success of the Calming Dog at the Delta Police Department. Director Ashcroft reported she spoke with Nelson Police Victim Services Coordinator Dana Barter, who supports the initiative. Costs are minimal, since the dog comes trained and is donated for this purpose. Once it is no longer required, it is returned to the training facility in Burnaby.

Action: Chief Holland will approach Victim Services and the Nelson RCMP, who share our Victim Services program, and see if they support the acquisition of a Calming Dog.

d. **Operation Red Nose Letter of Endorsement**

Discussion: This program is now endorsed by the Police Board. Director Ashcroft suggested it would be fun for Police Board members to volunteer as drivers for this program.

Action: The Board Secretary will acquire a schedule for the Operation Red Nose program in Nelson in December 2011.

e. **Equitable Police Funding**

Discussion: This issue will appear on the Agenda of the UBCM meetings this fall.

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

That Business Arising from the Previous Meeting items be received as presented.

CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. **Chief's Report**

Discussion: The Chief invited questions and comments pertaining to his 3 page written report.

Chief Holland, Jeff Jones, Superintendent of the SD#8 and Angus Graham, President of Selkirk College discussed a strategy to identify promising youths and equip those local students with skills to find local employment as emergency services providers, thereby keeping these young citizens in our community. Specifically, the concept involves identifying young Nelson and area residents, and streaming them through the existing Police Camp program at L. V. Rogers High School. Promising candidates could proceed to a college level police cadet

program, resulting in strong local candidates for professional emergency services training.

Chief Holland described City's recently updated Bylaws as tools in a police officer's toolbox. At least 95% of the public complies with fines issued to them, and ultimately less than 2% of outstanding tickets go to adjudication process. Adjudication results in good resolution and in payment of tickets. Therefore, enforced Bylaws will reduce policing in the long run.

Action: The Board Secretary will obtain the Bylaw Fine Structure from the City for the October 4, 2011 Board Meeting.

Chief Holland reviewed the cost effective opportunities for the use of social media to get the message of our mandate and philosophy out to the public.

As the Shambhala Music Festival evolves, its attendees appear to becoming more mainstream. Nonetheless, our Department still experienced a 14 to 18% increase in call load the week before and the week following the 4 day event in Salmo.

The City projects a shortfall of meter revenues for 2011. Factors contributing to this drop include a long winter resulting in a decrease in people driving, the increase in parking meter rates resulting in more people walking, and a glut of construction in the downtown core that prohibited access to parking meters. Our Bylaw Department has formulated some ways to increase the number of pay parking spots and this has been forwarded to the City Manager.

All Municipal Police Agencies in the Province have been inundated with Provincial Standards issues, including changes within the *Police Act* with respect to complaints against officers. These investigations are becoming more and more complicated to the point where the process has become akin to the complexity required in a homicide investigation. This results in supervisors spending vast amounts of time away from working directly with their platoons. The Province-wide outcome of these investigations results in 10% of the complaints being substantiated; less than 5% resulting in reprimand, and less than 1% resulting in suspension or dismissal. The unsubstantiated complaints are mainly ruled as vexatious and frivolous. At some point this process has to be declared untenable. This issue may be a topic of discussion at the upcoming Union of British Columbia Municipalities meetings in October.

The Chief reported that so much of our personnel's interaction is with Emotionally Disturbed Persons. Eight of our members have been injured in the last months dealing with EDP's. Chief Holland has been in discussions with Ingrid Hampton of Interior Health about the feasibility of, on a cost sharing basis, creating a Car 87. This program would be a specialized unit, including a nurse and/or a social worker, riding with a designated police officer and they would respond to EDP calls.

b. **Deputy Chief's Report**

Discussion: In his absence, Chief Holland reviewed the year to date crime statistics. The Chief suggested that crime stats are down in certain categories.

c. **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports to July 31, 2011.

Discussion: Chief Holland reviewed the Budget figures for the Board's benefit. We are currently under budget by 2%.

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

That the Departmental Reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. None

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- a. Thank you to Cst. Holt – received April 20, 2011
- b. Thank you to Cst. Turner – received April 27, 2011
- c. Thank you to Cst. Holt – received August 9, 2011
- d. Thank you to Mayor Dooley for BCAPB Conference & AGM Sponsorship – received June 3, 2011
- e. Thank you to Heather Grant, Nelson Hydro for BCAPB Conference & AGM Sponsorship – received July 12, 2011
- f. Complimentary letter to Victim Services, August 3, 2011
- g. Vancouver Courier Article, July 21, 2011 – Vancouver Police Board
- h. Social Media Project
- i. Thank you Cst. Falcone – August 12, 2011

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

That the Correspondence and Information be received as presented.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

a. **Board Meeting Schedule – Director Ashcroft**

Discussion: Director Ashcroft suggested the Board meet once per month, resulting in more but shorter meetings. She requested that if a meeting must be postponed, to give as much notice to the Directors as possible.

b. **Decline in Crime Rate**

Discussion: Stats Canada reports a 4% reduction in crime nationally. Chief Holland indicated that not all crime is reported and that organized crime that is not always apparent.

The Chief also reported that recently two Nelson houses were seized and sold as a result of proceeds of crime.

Action: Director Ashcroft requested that at a future Board Retreat, Chief Holland provide a training session for the Board on the topic of Intelligence for Executives.

c. **Domestic Violence Prevention and Response Fund 2011 – Nelson Community Services Centre**

Discussion: Dana Barter and Jane Clark competed and were successful in obtaining a Provincial Grant for the purpose of launching project “Side by Side”, which provides on-site programs for educating adult and youth males toward lessening domestic violence.

Action: Director Ashcroft requested a presentation by our Victim Services Department either in conjunction with a Board meeting or as part of a future Board Retreat.

d. **Crime Stoppers Award**

Discussion: Jack Fisher, Chair of the West Kootenay Crime Stoppers program was lauded for his tenacity, hard work and commitment to Crime Stoppers in the West Kootenays. Mr. Fisher was recently granted the President’s Award at the Crime Stoppers Training Conference.

e. **Shambhala 2011 Statistics**

Discussion: Crime statistics were encapsulated in handouts distributed to the Board Directors. This data has been distributed to the press and reported to the public.

Action: Direct Sgt. Grant to inform the public in the City Newsletter prior to next year’s Shambhala Music Festival’s pending arrival.

f. **Commissioning of Officers – Director Ashcroft**

Discussion: Police Services Division requested feedback on the commissioning of officers.

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

That the Nelson Police Board support the Commissioning of Officers initiative proposed by Deputy Chief Lemcke.

CARRIED

g. **TASER – Chief Holland**

Discussion: This item was moved to the In-Camera portion of the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT/CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

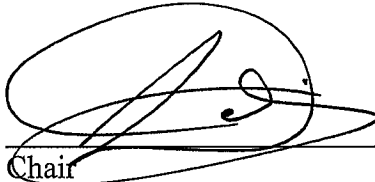
Moved by Director Taylor, and seconded by Director Ashcroft,

That the Fifth Regular Meeting of 2011 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Nelson Police Department Boardroom.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

B. Wood
Secretary


Chair

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 4, 2011
Time: 3:00 pm - Nelson Police Department Board Room**