

# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board  
MINUTES  
Nelson, British Columbia  
January 16, 2012

**THE FIRST 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 Monday, January 16, 2012.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Constable Wayne Holland

REGRETS: Deputy Chief Henry Paivarinta  
Board Secretary Brita Wood

## **1. ADOPT AGENDA**

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

*That the Agenda be adopted as presented.*

**CARRIED**

## **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

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

*That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Nelson Police Board of December 13, 2011 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### 3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

a. **Mr. Tom Prior**

Mr. Tom Prior made a presentation to the Police board with regard to his vision of how the Police Board can create a direction that will keep public safety and policing within the means of the taxpayers. He provided a 3 page memo, attached.

Mr. Prior was thanked for his presentation and was advised the Board would take his advice under advisement. Mr. Prior was excused from the meeting.

At 1335, the Board went to the In Camera.

At 1745 the Board returned to the Regular meeting.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. **Finalize Agenda for Board Retreat – April 3, 2012**

**Discussion:** The Chief Constable asked for direction as to what items they wished to include in the Board Retreat scheduled for April 3, 2012. The Board requested that finalization of the Retreat Agenda be postponed until after the BCAPB Conference meetings in Saanich on February 23, 24, 25. Since the next Board meeting following the BCAPB Conference is April 3, 2012, the Retreat Agenda will be discussed at the April 3 meeting; therefore the Retreat itself may not occur on April 3.

Items to be decided with respect to the Board Retreat may be determined at some time during the BCAPB conference, and include:

- a. Decide whether to invite the Association to attend and to assign a “task” for them to complete prior to the Retreat. The task could involve them presenting to the Board on how a smaller Department will be able to maintain service levels such as ours in these challenging economic and social times;
- b. Decide on a venue;
- c. Decide on a facilitator;
- d. Decide on format of the retreat, such as a “strategic planning session” type of Retreat;
- e. Decide whether the Police Board Meeting and the Retreat are to be held on the same day, and if so, how long will the meeting and Retreat session be?
- f. Decide on how long the Retreat should be if held separately from the Police Board meeting.
- g. Decide on the Agenda, but no matter what, include the future and different ways of doing our business;

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

*That the item "Finalize Agenda for Board Retreat" be tabled to the April 3, 2012 Police Board Meeting.*

CARRIED

**b. 2012 Board Meeting Schedule – Final**

**Discussion:** The 2012 schedule as provided in the Board package is now approved.

**c. February 2012 BCAPB Conference – Saanich – Confirm Attendance and Travel Arrangements**

**Discussion:** The Directors were asked by the Mayor to check the details in the handout and advise the Board Secretary of any changes.

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

*Receipt of the Business Arising from the Previous Meeting.*

CARRIED

**5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**a. Chief's Report**

**Discussion:** The Chief invited questions and comments pertaining to his written report attached to the Agenda package.

**(i) CPO Report**

The Board had no questions regarding the provided Community Policing Report.

**b. Deputy Chief's Report**

**Discussion:** The Chief confirmed, in the Deputy's absence, that the top two members on the promotional list had all the basic courses required for a Sergeant. The Directors provided positive feedback on the list of courses taken by members in 2011.

**c. Financial Reports**

**Financial Reports to December 31, 2011.**

**Discussion:** The Chief Constable reminded the Directors that City Council considers us and all other Departments to be at status quo for 2012. In our case, this means a 16 person authorized strength model.

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

*That the Departmental Reports be received as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**a. Director Henry – Ride Along**

**Discussion:** Director Henry provided an excellent and detailed verbal summary of her ride along experience, with special mention of Csts. Holt and Zukowski. She was very impressed with the Department's personnel and with the public's reaction to them. She looks forward to a night ride along with Sgt. Burkart.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

- a. Letter from Baj Puri re video conferencing alternatives for BCAPB Executive meetings and training sessions
- b. Letter of request to ADM Pecknold for a meeting regarding video conferencing capabilities

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

*That the Correspondence and Information be received as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS**

- a. **Call for Resolutions - 2012 CAPB Conference in Victoria – Deadline March 30, 2012**  
**Action:** Tabled to the April 3 2012 meeting
- b. **BCAPB AGM – Call for Resolutions**  
**Action:** Tabled to the April 3, 2012 meeting
- c. **CAPB Newsletter**  
**Action:** Tabled to the April 3, 2012 meeting

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

*That items 8.a.; 8.b.; 8.c.; all be tabled to the April 3 meeting.*

**CARRIED**

**9. ADJOURNMENT/CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

Moved by Director Ashcroft, and seconded by Director Taylor,

*That the First Regular Meeting of 2012 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Nelson Police Board Room.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

B. Wood  
Secretary

[Signature]  
Chair

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 7, 2012  
Time: 3:00 pm - Nelson Police Board Room**

The police board and city council might consider joining four former mayors of Vancouver and the BC Medical Association that recently implored the federal government to legalize and tax pot production. This probation is on its last legs, despite the PM's rhetoric, which is likely a position he takes to keep his right wing vote content.

Most BC judges are not interested in criminalizing a 16 year kid because the Crown and an over zealous peacekeeper decided to press charges for a small amount of pot. Our courts are full of real crimes that need attention. There are a number of US states that are on the verge of legalizing. Our local economy is based on the production of this plant. It is interesting or perhaps hypocritical that a recent analysis of our local economy (Nelson Star) never mentioned this underground economy. To understand how to police and provide public safety, one should consider what more or less decent folk are doing to put bread on the table and kids through university.

All members of the board I'm sure are aware of the 2008 international financial melt down that was precipitated by overt greed, on the part of our political elite and their corporate counter parts. Neoliberal globalization trade deals such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) have caused havoc particularly for Mexico's indigenous; not to suggest that Canada's indigenous have fared better.

To some policing and public safety in Nelson would seem a separate issue. They are not. Since NAFTA hundreds or thousands of Mexican women/girls working on the US/Mexican border free trade zone known as the "Maquiladoras" have been raped, murdered, beheaded thrown into shallow graves. Some believe an international snuff film ring exists that maybe connected to BC's "highway of tears". See the movie "Border Town" with Jennifer Lopez. Don't watch it with children. This grave situation has pushed itinerate workers onto our streets.

My import business allowed me to spend much time in Mexico/Guatemala and befriend many trades people. As an amateur film producer I went to the Mexican city of Oaxaca in 2007 when 25 striking school teachers and their supporters were gunned down, along with Brad Will a young American freelance journalist.

The recent "Occupy" movement I believe started January 1 1994, the day Canada, US and Mexico signed NAFTA. Several thousand indigenous folk in the poorest corner of North America (Chiapas Mexico) challenged Wall Mart or the Canadian/US and Mexican corporate and political elite that enjoys the suffering of indians. It's a European pastime; that started a little better than 500 years ago. I am Metis and have a personal understanding of this dilemma.

The Enbridge "Gateway pipeline" hearings have just kicked off in Kitimat. I am scheduled to speak at these hearings in about a year. I hope to convince Nelson's city council and our socialist MP and MLA to support my opposition to dirty oil.

Steven Harper's will to vilify those opposed to dirty oil has defined this process.

January 16, 2012- Address to Nelson Police Board: Tom Prior 512 Carbonate Street V1L 4P5 grizcar@gmail.com

I have been a home owner resident businessman in Nelson from 1985. I came from northern Ontario in 1978 to attend Selkirk college. Since 1986 I owned and operated Mountain Pass Imports at 402 Baker and Ward street below Waits News. This is a retail/wholesale clothing business that gave me 25 years in the downtown core of Nelson; allowing me a fair understanding of the youth and homeless scene in our fair city.

I am involved in the peaceful activist environmental movement; in 1985/86 I helped prevent the Ministry of Forest and the socialist government of the day from aerial spraying agent orange or 2-4D as a broad leave suppressant in the north end of Kootenay lake on a clear-cut above the Meadow Creek spawning channel in a domestic watershed. It was a military experiment. These bureaucrats and the political pundits hoped to spray this pernicious poison on thousands of BC clear-cuts to release conifers as a quick fix to BC's historic ill-conceived forest management.

In 1997 hundreds of local folk gathered at a peaceful assembly on "Perry's Ridge" in the Slocan valley to protect their drinking water supply from BC's socialist government and their gun-hoe forestry bureaucrats. Myself and a dozen other folk were peacefully arrested on a court injunction procured by M.oF. The court order was later revoked by the judge who ordered it because he believed M.oF had deceived him about some material facts concerning the stability of the terrain. It turns out, M.oF had not shown the justice all the hydrological reports. Still another judge jailed a dozen. I spend two lovely weeks in the Nelson drunk tank. After two extraordinary weeks in a maximum security prison up there in Kamloops. Schooling i'll never forget.

My reasons for addressing Nelson Police Board are many.

The province of BC in the last 4 or 5 years has earned quit a reputation for expensive dysfunctional peace keeping.

In the last couple years street folk talk is getting perceptibly angrier toward Nelson's peacekeepers. This makes me uncomfortable. I am also concerned with our rising taxation for protection services. Five million four hundred thousand for 2010.

*3 mill 2 hundred / year*

My goals are to help the police board bring costs down and mitigate tension.

Cost could be lowered significantly. Nelson in reality is not a difficult place to peace keep, compared to other BC urban centers. We have no real gang problems, which plague many other communities in BC. Why there is no real gang presence here is a interesting question, that I would be happy to discuss with the board members should there be some interest.

Suggesting that foreign funding has high jacked the hearing is an act of desperation. Harper knows BC's indigenous folk, most of which have not ceded territory to Canada are ready to fight. These opposing positions promises to shape our political future. One that sustains biodiversity and culture or a cheap Wall Mart communist prison planet.

Policing and public safety in Nelson are directly affected by the outcome of this pipeline. A line has been drawn in Canada's oil sands. A couple years ago amid polished greenish fanfare the city of Nelson along with many other BC communities signed a strange non-binding agreement with Gordon Campbell's BC liberals to lower green house gas emissions, millions of taxpayers dollars have already been spent on rhetoric such as the sign at the front of Nelson's city hall and a very expensive audit of Nelson and regional district buildings and operations, seemly an intelligent first step for lowering our impact on this finite planet. It was and is a clever rouse to deflect public attention from mega project such as the Independent Power Project (IPP's) that would see most of BC's major creek systems reduced to megawatts. The green wash taxpayer funded rhetoric was a set-up for this dirty oil pipeline, in order to appear concerned about global warming. It is hard to believe our "lordship" and his council would make taxpayers pay a fee to the provincial government should we not lower our green house gas emissions, while the federal conservatives , BC liberals and international power brokers hope to give communist China access to cheap dirty oil to produce cheap consumer goods.

The pollution and greenhouse gases from the construction and resulting status quo economic paradigm will cause a climate/pollution/diversity crisis, that future generation will not thanks us for. Even if you have doubts about the climate crisis science, species extinction is real. Water, air and ground pollution threaten international food production which currently drives desperate humans to the perceived land of plenty.

Nelson and environs plentitude has and is attracting these food refugees. This is stressing our city streets as some are serious international criminals born in desperation that are not really able to see beyond the harsh cruel street justice they grew up on.

I have produced and directed a few amateur films on these subjects that I would be happy to share with board members should there be interest. One is a short presentation on UTUBE called "Howser In Peril" it has been featured at two film festivals: Vancouver International Mountain film Festival and a similar film festival in Toronto. I have DVDs of " Oaxaca Libre" a 20 minute film about the peasant up rising in Chiapas and Oaxaca, "BC Water Wars" a 10 minute film which features a number of political rallies in BC opposed to the destruction of our free running creeks for international or local power companies. I also have copies of documentary produced by BC natives about the native stand off at "Gustafson Lake" near Kamloops. pp