

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Nelson Police Board
MINUTES
Nelson, British Columbia
October 1, 2013

THE SIXTH REGULAR MEETING of the Nelson Police Board for the year 2013 was held at the Nelson Police Department Board Room at 606 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC, on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

PRESENT: Mayor John Dooley
Director Mike McIndoe
Director Bill Reid
Director Hilda Jarratt

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Constable Wayne Holland
Inspector Paul Burkart
Board Secretary Brita Wood

REGRETS: Director Barb Henry

1. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Director Reid, 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 Reid,
And Resolved:

*That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Nelson Police Board of July 30, 2013,
be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS / AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

a. Rochelle Wright – Relief Dispatch

Chief Holland introduced Ms. Wright, the newest Relief Dispatcher, to the Directors. Rochelle is a Nelson native and came highly recommended. She is making a concerted effort to fill in every shift she can. The Directors welcomed Rochelle and wished her the best in her new position.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Risk Management Presentation Update – Chief Holland

Discussion: Chief Holland updated the Board on the upcoming seminar by Mr. Kyle Friesen, a prominent risk management specialist in his field. Once a venue for the seminar is determined, all participants will be advised.

b. Police Services Division Report on Status of Recruitment of the 5th Board Director – Mayor Dooley

Discussion: Mayor Dooley updated the Board on a potential candidate to fill the vacant provincial seat on the Nelson Police Board.

c. UBCM Update – Mayor Dooley

Discussion: Mayor Dooley reported on his meeting at the UBCM meeting in September in Vancouver with Justice Minister Anton, ADM Pecknold, and Health Minister Lake. Minister Anton said she would look into the proposal for a Car 87 for Nelson. Minister Lake's feedback was that car 87 is not a good fit for Nelson. His suggestion for a better model for Nelson is to put a mental health worker on the street.

Another issue discussed at the UBCM is *Liquor Control Licensing Act* changes and a request for feedback via their website. Chief Holland advised that the BC Chiefs will give feedback as one entity and he suggested the Board wait for the BC Chiefs' ideas to see if those are what the Board wishes to support. It was suggested that the Nelson Hotel Association, including Whitewater Ski Resort, be afforded the opportunity to provide feedback.

The Mayor advised that the 2013 UBCM was a productive meeting, in spite of the fact government was clear there is no extra funding for anything.

d. Update on Body Worn Video Devices and In-Car Cameras – Chief Holland

Discussion: The national and provincial focus on this issue is to compel officers to wear body video devices as well as to use in-car camera devices. Chief Holland recommends the Nelson Police Board use the same in-car camera policy as regulated by Police Services. He advised the BC Chiefs are looking at other cities' experiences with the body worn devices. ADM Pecknold suggested body worn devices are coming and will eventually be mandated in British Columbia.

Chief Holland welcomes this eventuality in light of the increased transparency and accountability resulting from the use of this equipment. A discussion ensued regarding the spinoff costs to the Department and citizens of Nelson, including an increase of video record creation and storage.

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

That all Business Arising from the Previous Meeting be received.

CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Chief's Report

Discussion: Chief Holland invited questions regarding his written submission to the Board. The Chief reported how well the Inspector managed the Department in the month of September in the Chief's absence.

b. Inspector's Report

Discussion: Inspector Burkart invited questions regarding his written submission to the Board.

c. CPO Report

Discussion: Community Policing Officer Sgt. Dino Falcone included his report in this meeting's agenda package. The Directors commented on the extensive interaction Sgt. Falcone has had with community groups since taking on this portfolio.

d. Financial Reports

Financial Reports to June 30, 2013.

Discussion: Inspector Burkart reported that as of September 26, 2013, the budget is under-budget by 2.13% and that the projections to the end of the year are positive.

It was noted that a large drain on the labour budget is overtime paid for court time on members' time off. The Inspector has addressed this with the case manager at the Court House to keep these call-ins to a minimum. An upcoming Court Users meeting will also address this issue.

The Inspector advised that the Department will meet and exceed the Keep of Prisoners' revenue projections in 2013. The Department is housing prisoners for longer lengths of time due to a reduction in Sheriff's runs.

The Chief advised of an upcoming Police Standards review of how jail facilities house youth, female, and immigration prisoners. If changes are mandated, Police Services Division would finance any required modifications to our facilities.

It was noted that the 2013 Final Budget has still not been loaded into the Municipal Accounting Information System. This year's Traffic Fine revenues are unknown at this time and as always, it is unknown whether this revenue stream will continue into the future.

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

That the Department Reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None for this meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- a. CACP Media Release re Social Media and Policing**
- b. CACP Media Release re Policing the Mentally Ill**
- c. Thank you to Sgt. Falcone from Nelson Summer Reading Club**
- d. Thank you from Shambhala Music Festival**

Discussion: The Board Directors appreciated the opportunity to tour the Shambhala Music festival to see firsthand the site and the event itself. The Directors voiced concerns with the potential for disaster due to the evacuation limitations of the venue in the event of a fire or similar emergency. The Directors also discussed the drug component aspect of the event and the organizers putting themselves and the surrounding community at risk.

The Board supports Chief Holland maintaining a cooperative relationship with the festival organizers.

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

That the Correspondence be received as presented.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

a. Commendation Board – Chief Holland

Discussion: Director Hilda Jarratt will sit as the Board Representative on the Nelson Police Department Commendation Board, with Director Mike McIndoe as the alternate.

Action: Chief Holland requested the Board Directors review the NPD Commendation Policy, and provide amendments/deletions by November 30, 2013.

b. Update Police Board Committees – Chief Holland

Discussion: The Directors confirmed they wish to continue to serve on committees already assigned.

c. 2013 Shambhala Statistics – Chief Holland

Discussion: No citizen complaints came about as a result of our members dealing with visitors to the 2013 Shambhala Music Festival. Chief Holland requested the Board's approval to release the 2013 statistics to the festival organizers and the press.

In summary, in 2013, 18% of calls for service during the two week time periods before and after the festival were Shambhala related, compared to 5% in 2012. In 2012, a local business owner hired a private security firm, resulting in 108 fewer calls for service for the Nelson PD in 2012 than in 2013. In 2011 calls for service involving to Shambhala visitors were 14% of the Department's total calls.

In 2013, the Department deployed 2 more beat officers the week before, during, and after the festival at the cost of \$8900.00. Shambhala organizers suggested they may pay for this extra policing by being invoiced by the City of Nelson.

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

That the 2013 Shambhala police statistics be released to the public.

CARRIED

d. CACP Proposal for Ticketing Option for Simple Possession of Cannabis – Chief Holland

Discussion: The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police are suggesting that rather than taking 8 to 10 months for a possession charge to work its way through the legal system, they instead favour such a process taking 8 to 10 minutes by issuing a ticket. The money collected would go to general revenue, like traffic ticket revenues do.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police suggests it is a more compassionate view to take by supporting the practice of giving a ticket to first offenders rather than a charge resulting in a criminal record. This strategy would allow more time to our officers to deal with other policing issues.

e. IIO Presentations – Chief Holland

Discussion: Chief Holland advised the Board that Richard Rosenthal of the Independent Investigation Office will be attending Nelson to provide information presentations to the following:

- Nelson City Council Meeting – October 21 at 7:00 pm
- Nelson Daybreak Rotary – October 22, 2013 at 7:00 am
- Nelson Police Board – October 22, 2013 at 9:00 am
- Nelson Police Department Sworn & Civilian Staff – October 22, 2013 at 10:00 am

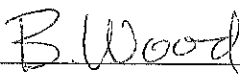
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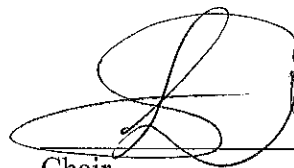
Moved by Director McIndoe, and seconded by Director Jarratt,
And Resolved:

That the Sixth Regular Meeting of 2013 of the Nelson Police Board be adjourned, and the next meeting be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Nelson Police Board Room.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:


Secretary


Chair

**NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2013
Time: 3:00 pm - Nelson Police Board Room**