



NEW WESTMINSTER MUNICIPAL POLICE BOARD

January 19, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright	Chair
Ms. Carol-Ann Hart	
Ms. Karen Foss	
Mr. Kim Husband	
Mr. Ron Basran	

STAFF:

Chief Constable L. Zapotichny	
Deputy Chief Constable D. Jones	
Inspector D. Walcott	
Inspector L. Stenerson	
Inspector F. Ciaccia	
Mr. M. Wilson	
Ms. S. Gardner	Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

Exemplary Medal Presentation - Detective/Constable Terry Wilson

Mayor Wright introduced Detective/Constable Terry Wilson as the recipient of the 20 Year Exemplary Medal Award received from the Chancellery in Ottawa. Chief Zapotichny presented the Medal and Police Board members congratulated Det/Cst Wilson on his accomplishments.

1. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC DELEGATION: Ms. Karen Doyle

REPORTS: 4.4 Justice Institute of BC Update – Inspector Ciaccia

PUBLIC DELEGATION

Ms. Karen Doyle, a long time Queensborough resident presented a letter to Chief Constable Zapotichny outlining her concerns of Police service. The Queensborough area has seen rapid growth in population and crime and questions whether the police service has kept pace. Ms. Doyle cited examples of illegal activities and her perception of police response or lack of response for these situations. She stated residents feel that are not getting enough police support.

Chief Zapotichny responded to Ms Doyle, the New Westminster Police Service is aware of the problems in Port Royal and they will be addressed. "This is an issue we take very seriously." The Queensborough sub-office is part of our strategic plan and we are working closely with the city to see this done.

Deputy Chief Jones replied keep calling in complaints and stressed to keep reporting crimes to the police. Queensborough is 10% of the City's population and generate 4% of Calls for Service.

The New Westminster Police Service will send a representative to the next Queensborough residents meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. November 24, 2009 Open Meeting Minutes

MOVED AND SECONDED (Husband/Hart)

THAT: the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held November 24, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1. Correspondence to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated December 21, 2009 re PRIME Received for information.

3.2. Correspondence from Canadian Association of Police Boards dated December 7, 2009 re 2010 Membership Renewal

MOVED AND SECONDED (Hart/Basran)

THAT: the membership renewal for the Canadian Association of Police Boards for 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

3.3. CAPB Call for Resolutions

Email from Jennifer Lanzon re Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Call for Resolutions – *Deadline March 15, 2010*

Received for information.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Police Board Members – Verbal Update

Kim Husband attended the retirement function for Deputy Chief Mike Judd held at the Royal Westminster 'Armouries'. Mr. Husband was re-elected Treasurer of the Douglas College Foundation Committee for 2010.

Karen Foss attended the Victim Assistance Board Meeting on January 7, concerns raised with the lack of gaming funds. Complimented Cheryl Meyers and her staff for an amazing job. VAU reported files are down 18% but the complexity has increased.

Attended the retirement function for Deputy Chief Mike Judd
Olympic training – volunteer at whistler

Ron Basran attended Police Board training session at the Town and Country Inn on November 28, 2009. Enjoyed Chief Cessford and Chief Chu in his group.

December 4 – NWPS Fall Social, retired members honoured.

Attended retirement function for D/Chief Judd. New Westminster can be very proud of D/Chief Judd's accomplishments.

Carol-Ann Hart

December 4 – attended Fall Social to honor the recently retired members. A great job was done by the organizing committee. Congratulations to all of the retirees.

December 18 – attended the meeting of the BCAPB. Planning is under way for the conference in Abbotsford in April. Delta Police have offered to host the BCAPB conference in 2013.

January 7 – on vacation in January therefore unable to attend the special evening to honor retired Deputy Chief Mike Judd. Congratulated DCC Judd on his retirement.

January 19 – CAPB Board of Directors meeting. The Honorable Vic Toews was appointed as the Minister for Public Safety.

Working on CAPB retreat scheduled for February 5-7, 2010 in Toronto.

Mayor Wright

Thanked Ms. Hart for all the time and effort contributed as a member of CAPB Board.

4.2. Statistics – Deputy Chief Jones

Deputy Jones referred to the preliminary statistics noting there were 9% fewer calls for service in 2009 than in 2008. There has been a loss of 1,000 liquor seats in New Westminster in the last two years. Overall, there was a 5% decrease on a month-to-date basis and a 6% decrease in Criminal Code offences on a year-to-date basis. The last recorded homicide in New Westminster was in November 2007.

4.3. Policy – M. Wilson

Mr. Wilson provided the monthly update on policy reviewed and approved by the Chief Constable under the Board's delegated authority.

4.4. Justice Institute of BC Update – Inspector Ciaccia

Inspector Ciaccia updated the board on JIBC activities. The wave of pre Olympic hiring put a strain on the Institute and staff. He stated the academy is committed to six classes of 144 recruits which inflated to over 200 recruits in 2009, adding 3 ½ to 4 classes per year.

As recruiting projections are down in 2010 the attention will focus on curriculum upgrade and enhancement. Also, an emphasis on securing international contracts will be pursued.

In addition, as a result of the Braidwood report, standardized laser training will be offered at the institute to all police officers starting this Spring.

5. DIVISIONAL REPORTS

5.1. Patrol Division – Inspector Stenerson

Report received for information.

January 3rd Insp. Walcott & Insp. Stenerson switched job

5.2. Support Services Division – Inspector Walcott

Report received for information.

6. UNFINISHED / ONGOING BUSINESS

6.1. 2010 Olympic Update (verbal) – Deputy Chief Jones

The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay will arrive in New Westminster on February 9th with a community celebration at Queen's Park. NWPS has 25 members working in various aspects/venues of the games. As a result of the Olympics, NWPS member have a leave restriction during the games.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Cell Phone Ban Legislation – Chief Zapotichny

- Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General News Release
New Law Cracks Down on Distracted Driving

7.2. Assistance to Shelter Act – D/Chief Jones

- Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General News Release
Act Will Protect Homeless in Extreme Weather

7.3. Victim Assistance Association

i) 2010 Agreement – Signature by Chair

MOVED AND SECONDED (Basran/Foss)

THAT: the Board approve the Victim Assistance Service Agreement as presented.

CARRIED

ii) 2010 Meeting Schedule

Received for information.

iii) Appointment of Board Member(s)

MOVED AND SECONDED (Hart/Basran)

THAT: Karen Foss continues as the Police Board representative on the Victim Assistance Association Board for 2010.

CARRIED

7.4. Location change for Police Board meetings

Reconfigured office space will serve as a new training room. The meeting/training room which also provides public access will be used for future Police Board meetings.

MOVED AND SECONDED (Hart/Basran)

THAT: the February 16, 2010 meeting be postponed to March 16, 2010 due to 2010 Olympic activities and duties.

CARRIED

8. FOR INFORMATION / MISCELLANEOUS

8.1. CAPB Email - National Newsletter re Volunteers to Write Articles

8.2. CAPB National Newsletter Fall 2009

8.3. Police Resources /Crime Severity Index Statistics

Statistics Canada – Comparison of Crime Rates and Crime Severity Index between New Westminster and other cities/municipalities

- 8.4. New Westminster Crime Prevention Unit Newsletter December 2009**
- 8.5. CAPB Conference Report 2009**
- 8.6. ECOMM 911 Winter Newsletter 2010**

Items 9.1 to 9.6 Received for information.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next Regular meeting of the New Westminster Municipal Police Board will be held March 16, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in Police.

MAYOR WRIGHT
CHAIR

S. GARDNER
RECORDING SECRETARY
