

**DELTA POLICE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING held Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in the Briefing Room at Police Headquarters, 4455 Clarence Taylor Crescent, Delta, British Columbia.

PRESENT: Mayor Lois E. Jackson, Chair
David Coulson
Rahim Dadani
Joan Hansen
Gerry Kilcup
Dennis Des Lauriers
Bob Vincent

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Cessford Chief Constable
Lyle Beaudoin Deputy Chief
Rich Drinovz Deputy Chief
Melissa Granum Business Manager
Joey Kerr Human Resources Manager
Hilary Madore Finance Manager

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE: Diane Steinberger Police Board Secretary

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Swearing-in of New Member Mayor Jackson welcomed Robert Vincent; newly appointed member of the Delta Police Board by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council dated July 16, 2009, and administered the Oath of Office.

Welcome of new Employees Chief Cessford introduced Inspector Jamie Ewatski and Julia Trasler, Information Services Manager, who have recently commenced their employment with the Delta Police Department.

Long Term Service Pin Chief Cessford presented a 30 year service pin to Deputy Chief Beaudoin and extended congratulations on behalf of the Department for his outstanding service.

Agenda Endorsement MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT the Agenda for the Regular meeting of September 9, 2009 be received and adopted with the following addition:

C.02 Surrey Leader Newspaper Article dated September 14, 2009 re Crime Severity Index results

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Receipt and Approval of Minutes (A.01)

MOVED By Rahim Dadani,
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2009 be received and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations/presentations scheduled.

C. PRIORITY ITEMS

Delta Police Foundation (C.01)

Verbal Report on Delta Police Foundation

Melissa Granum advised she had met with Leslie Abramson from the Delta Police Foundation and Ray Carter, retired Police Board member, to discuss the Foundation's next steps. Ms. Granum noted the Foundation is presently seeking new members to compliment their existing membership and would be focusing on identifying potential projects and funding sources which would be reported back to the Board for consideration.

-- Motion Endorsed

MOVED By Gerry Kilcup,
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT Dennis Des Lauriers be appointed as the Delta Police Board's liaison to the Delta Police Foundation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crime Stats (C.02)

Delta Police Department Crime Statistics – May, June and July 2009
Surrey Leader Newspaper Article dated September 14, 2009 re Crime Severity Index results (On Table)

Chief Cessford advised there have been no significant increases or trends identified other than a slight percentage increase in weapon possession which is being monitored. The Chief commented on the newspaper article which refers to the Crime Severity Index and noted Delta is reported to be well below the provincial average and is rated as one of the safest communities in British Columbia.

-- Crime Stats and Newspaper Article Received

MOVED By Rahim Dadani,
SECONDED By Bob Vincent, THAT the May, June and July 2009 Crime Statistics and On Table newspaper article be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009 Annual Awards Ceremony – Genesis Theatre (C.03)

Correspondence from Chief Cessford dated July 20, 2009 re Announcement – Award Recipients 2009 Annual Awards Ceremony at Genesis Theatre, September 23, 2009
– Sample notification letter refers.

-- Correspondence Received

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Bob Vincent, THAT the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009 Police Honours Night – Victoria (C.04)

Correspondence from Chief Cessford dated August 10, 2009 re 2009 Police Honours Award Recipients – November 19, 2009, Victoria, B.C.
– Correspondence from Kevin Begg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated August 4, 2009 refers.

-- Correspondence Received

MOVED By Dennis Des Lauriers,
SECONDED By Bob Vincent, THAT the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPCC Public Hearing Complaint Notice (C.05)

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner - Notice of Public Hearing into the Complaint against Constables Steve Wilson and Sukhprit Sidhu – Record of Complaint dated January 28, 2008 from Ms. Gillian Holmes

-- Motion Endorsed

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Gerry Kilcup, THAT the Public Hearing Notice be received for information; and

THAT staff provide Police Board members with the details regarding the date and time of the Public Hearing when available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009 World Police and Fire Games (C.06)

Media Release dated August 11, 2009 re World Police and Fire Games and copy of newspaper advertisement acknowledging participants

Chief Cessford expressed appreciation to the Board for their support of the 2009 World Police and Fire Games and commented on the success of this outstanding and well attended event.

-- Item Received

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Bob Vincent, THAT the Media Release be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- DPA Golf Tournament (C.07)** Memorandum from Melissa Granum, Business Manager, dated August 18, 2009 re Delta Police Association (DPA) Golf Tournament
- Board members were encouraged to participate in the Delta Police Association annual golf tournament, noting proceeds would be directed to the Boys and Girls Club of Delta/East Richmond to assist with program funding.
- Memorandum Received MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT the memorandum be received for information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- Story of JIBC (C.08)** Safe and Sound – The Story of the Justice Institute of British Columbia
- Item Received MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT the item be received for information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- CAPB Conference (C.09)** Verbal Report by members who attended regarding CAPB Annual Meeting and Conference, August 15, 2009
- CAPB Bulletin dated August 19, 2009 re Preliminary Report on CAPB Conference & 2009 Resolutions refers.
- Rahim Dadani and Dennis Des Lauriers reported on the success of the CAPB Annual Meeting and Conference in August, noting workshops were interesting and the event was well attended. It was also reported the Delta Police Board's resolution on Gang Violence was supported and passed unanimously.
- Verbal Report Received MOVED By Dennis Des Lauriers,
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT the Verbal Report be received for information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- Road Closure Complaints (C.10)** Memorandum from Chief Cessford dated August 26, 2009 re Traffic Concerns
- Memorandum from Chief Cessford dated August 26, 2009 re Fatal Collisions on Nordel Way
- Emails from Allan Woodbury, Craig Einarson, Randy Shore and Bruce Holvick refer.

Chief Cessford acknowledged the recent public complaints with respect to traffic congestion on Nordel Way and River Road as a result of road closures. The Chief advised the road closures were necessary in order to conduct investigations of serious motor vehicle accidents in accordance with the Criminal Code of Canada, the Motor Vehicle Act and the Coroner's Act.

The Chief noted the Province and the British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police have signed an "Inter-agency Motor Vehicle Incident Response Strategic Protocol" which is to be implemented Province wide to address public concerns. This protocol will be discussed with the appropriate municipal staff to develop a coordinated approach to be implemented in the event of a serious motor vehicle collision that necessitates a road closure.

Chief Cessford advised a Council Report would be presented at a Regular Council Meeting to provide the public with an understanding of the process that must be followed in the investigation of a serious motor vehicle collision. He also noted new mapping technology is being considered to assist police in expediting the process.

During discussion, Mayor Jackson expressed support for ensuring the integrity of the collision site is not compromised and to creating a more unified emergency command approach.

Good communication with the media was also suggested to ensure the public is provided with alternate routes and/or regular updates. Creating a data base of people wishing to be notified in the event of an emergency road closure was also suggested as a way to lessen congestion of the affected route.

Chief Cessford advised police, fire and engineering staff would be convening later this afternoon to discuss this issue further, and would report back to the Board at the October 14, 2009 meeting.

-- Motion Endorsed

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Bob Vincent, THAT pending the review of the Inter-agency Motor Vehicle Incident Response Strategic Protocol with police, fire and engineering staff, the Chief Constable provide a report back to the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Marine Safety
Program Report
(C.11)**

Verbal Report re Roberts Bank Lifeboat Station (RBLs) Marine Safety Unit Program – Summer Patrols

Chief Cessford advised the Marine Safety Unit Program pilot project would be concluded shortly, and staff would be analyzing the pilot project's success and/or shortcomings.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS (as of September 9, 2009)

**Information Items
(G.01)**

6 Items of information.

-- Information Items
Received

MOVED By Rahim Dadani,
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the information items be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. OTHER BUSINESS

**Confidentiality
(H.01)**

Action

In response to a concern of confidentiality with respect to including congratulatory correspondence to new officers on a public agenda, it was agreed that all future correspondence of this nature would be addressed c/o Delta Police Department rather than to their home addresses.

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE

Terminate

MOVED By Dennis Des Lauriers,
SECONDED By Bob Vincent, THAT this meeting now terminate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Delta Police Board has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. at Police Headquarters.

The meeting terminated at 11:00 a.m.

Lois E. Jackson
Mayor

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Diane Steinberger
Police Board Secretary