

**DELTA POLICE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING held Wednesday, April 7, 2010 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 Manager, Planning and Development
Hilary Madore Finance Manager
Kim Gramlich Victim Support Services (Item B.01)

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE: Diane Steinberger Police Board Secretary

Call to Order Rahim Dadani, Vice Chair, assumed the Chair pending the arrival of Mayor Jackson and called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Agenda Endorsement MOVED By Dennis Des Lauriers,
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the Agenda for the Regular meeting of April 7, 2010 be received and adopted with the following changes:

B.02 deferred by staff

C.04 On Table correspondence from Stacey Perri dated March 31, 2010 re Door Prizes – 2010 BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) Conference and AGM donations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Receipt and Approval of Minutes (A.01) MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Gerry Kilcup, THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2010 be received and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Victim Services (B.01)

Annual Overview and Presentation regarding Canine Crisis Response Program

- 2008/09 Victim Service Program Summary Report (OPRA Report”) from Victim Services and Crime Prevention, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – February 2010.

On Table correspondence dated February 23, 2010 to Pacific Assistance Dog Society refers.

Kim Gramlich was in attendance to provide an update on the Victim Services Program and to introduce the Canine Crisis Response Program, a new initiative for the Department and the first in Canada.

-- Program update

Ms. Gramlich commented on the exceptional volunteers in the Victim Services Department who, in 2009, averaged 373 client files and logged 5300 volunteer hours. The work is difficult and it was noted each of the 20 volunteers commits to a 4 hour minimum each week (including one on-call shift) for a period of one year, which enables the program to provide the community with 24/7 coverage.

In addition to crisis intervention, Ms. Gramlich reported her volunteers also work with Crown Counsel, attend court orientations, do accompaniments, provide group debriefings and home visits as well as handle walk-in visits.

Ms. Gramlich highlighted the following upcoming events:

April 18 – 24, 2010	Victims of Crime Awareness Week
April 29, 2010	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May 13 – 15, 2010	25 th Annual Training Symposium
June 2010	Victim Services Awards Evening

Chair arrives

Mayor Jackson arrived at 9:32 and assumed her role as Chair.

-- Canine Crisis Response Program

Ms. Gramlich introduced the Department’s new Canine Crisis Response Program initiative which will be using a therapy dog to provide assistance to victims of crime and trauma.

Ms. Gramlich advised this program is presently only in the USA and is utilized by police, fire, juvenile corrections and the FBI. The concept originated out of the 911 incident in New York when dogs were brought in as therapy for first responders. The program has demonstrated that the use of dogs normalize traumatic situations, ground agitated people, bridge communication with people, reduce isolation and are goodwill ambassadors for both Victim Services and the responsible agency.

**New Police Act
(B.03)**

Presentation re the new *Police Act*
– Chief Cessford

On Table Newspaper Article dated April 4, 2010 re Police Oversight Hobbled by Makeshift System refers.

Chief Cessford provided an overview of the *Police Amendment Act 2009* which came into effect March 31, 2010. This amendment revises Part 9 of the *Police Act* which governs the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) who is responsible for misconduct, complaints, investigations, discipline and proceedings. The Chief advised the revisions would provide additional oversight to independent municipal police departments in British Columbia and had been legislated in response to public concern over the police complaint process whereby police investigate police.

The Chief reviewed some of the changes introduced to the *Police Act* through this amendment and how it will affect the public trust process. The Disciplinary Authority (DA) will no longer be responsible for characterizing complaints into the proper category. The DA will also no longer be responsible for summary dismissal or complaint withdrawals. All complaints will now be forwarded to the OPCC who will characterize and determine their admissibility and will direct resolution through an informal, mediation or full investigative process. All resolutions, including informal and mediated resolutions, will now require approval by the OPCC.

The Chief also advised that due to the reduced timelines mandated in the *Police Act* amendment, it was necessary to create a new position to deal specifically with the administration of the *Act* and to ensure compliance with timelines. It was also noted the government has mandated “contemporaneous oversight” (real-time reporting) to enable the OPCC to monitor how public complaints are being processed. The computer system required for the OPCC to access case files has not yet been implemented however, which has resulted in the Department forwarding information on a daily basis until the system is up and running.

The Chief detailed some of the impacts identified as a result of these new legislative requirements such as increased resources for Professional Standards due to contemporaneous oversight, increased reporting requirements (both in frequency and content/style of reporting), legal and administrative costs, and a larger space (separate from the Department) for the Professional Standards office.

The Chief advised his staff would work to ensure the new *Police Act* is properly administered and noted financial/staffing resources would be monitored to determine what financial impact these mandated changes have on the Department’s budget.

**2010 BCAPB
Conference/AGM
(C.04)**

On Table correspondence from Stacey Perri dated March 31,2010 re Door Prizes – 2010 BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) Conference and AGM

-- Motion Endorsed

MOVED By Rahim Dadani,
SECONDED By David Coulson, THAT the request from Stacey Perri re Door Prizes for the 2010 BC Association of Police Boards, be referred to staff for appropriate action.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. REPORTS

**Committee
Reports (D.01)**

Finance Committee
Policy, Planning and Evaluation Committee
Human Resources Committee
– No Reports

E. CONSENT AGENDA

-- Consent Items
Received

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By David Coulson, THAT Consent Items E.01 through to E.03 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Therefore the following items were received for information.

**Operating
Revenues/Exp.
(E.01)**

Summary of Operating Revenues & Expenditures for the Period Ending February 28, 2010

CAPB (E.02)

Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Bulletin dated March 5, 2010 re Budget 2010 Highlights

Opinion Piece published in the Hill Times from CAPB

**Succession
Planning (E.03)**

Memorandum from Chief Constable dated March 12, 2010 re Succession Planning

F. CORRESPONDENCE (as of April 7, 2010)

**Correspondence
(F.01)**

7 Items of Correspondence

-- Correspondence
Received

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By David Coulson, THAT the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. INFORMATION ITEMS (as of April 7, 2010)

- Information Items (G.01)** Article from “The Police Chief – February 2010, “*Starting a Police Foundation – Lessons Learned*”
Correspondence from E-Comm re 9-1-1 Children’s Public Education
Newspaper clippings
- Information Items Received MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By David Coulson, THAT the information items be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Police Complaints Model (H.01)

Mayor Jackson referred to an outstanding item from the Metro Vancouver Committee on Policing Issues from July 2009 whereby the committee resolved the following:

- a) *to endorse a consistent police complaints model whereby all complaints, whether independent municipal or RCMP, are processed in the same way;*
- b) *request the Provincial Government to work with the Federal Government; and*
- c) *request that action be taken in an expedient manner.*

Mayor Jackson advised this issue is still outstanding and further discussion has been scheduled.

PRIME User Fees (H.02)

Correspondence from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor dated April 2, 2010 re PRIME User fees and governance (On Table)

Mayor Jackson advised the Solicitor General provided the above correspondence in response to recent discussions concerning PRIME user fees and governance. The Solicitor General agrees that municipal governments should have greater input on the governance of PRIME-BC and has been in discussion with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities on this issue. As a result, the PRIME-BC Board has been directed to provide three additional spaces at the Board table for municipal partners.

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE

Terminate

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By David Coulson, THAT this meeting now terminate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting
Date**

The next meeting of the Delta Police Board has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. at Police Headquarters.

The meeting terminated at 11:18 a.m.

Lois E. Jackson
Mayor

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Diane Steinberger
Police Board Secretary