

**DELTA POLICE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING held Wednesday, March 11, 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 (*arrived at 11:20 a.m.*)
Rahim Dadani
Dennis Des Lauriers
Joan Hansen
Gerald Kilcup

ABSENT: Ray Carter

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

Anne Marie Soroka Constable (Item B.01)
Rob Kennett A/Sgt (Item B.01)
Harj Sidhu Staff Sergeant (B.01)

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE: Diane Steinberger Police Board Secretary

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

Agenda Endorsement MOVED By Dennis Des Lauriers,
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the Agenda for the Regular meeting of March 11, 2009 be received and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Receipt and Approval of Minutes (A.01) MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2009 be received and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Anti-Gang Initiatives (B.01)

Chief Cessford commented on the growing concern with respect to gang violence in the Lower Mainland and advised Delta Police would be participating on the Integrated Units as well as implementing local anti-gang initiatives such as the Violence Suppression Team and a Restaurant Bar/Watch program. The Chief also noted Delta's proactive, community based model of policing with initiatives such as the School Liaison Program has proven to be a very effective approach to policing.

Introduction:

Staff Sergeant Harj Sidhu provided an overview of Delta's co-ordinated multi-pronged response to increased gang activity. In addition to actively partnering with integrated units, an "in your face" policing strategy by Delta's Violence Suppression Team has been implemented to discourage gang activity in the community.

S/Sgt. Sidhu commented gangs do not have boundaries and emphasized the importance of having an intelligence-led strategy. Delta has identified gang members within its jurisdictions, and is also linked with other agencies in the Lower Mainland to ensure information is exchanged on a consistent and regular basis.

Other initiatives which have been implemented include the Restaurant/Bar Watch program and a continued emphasis on youth education on issues such as anti-bullying, anti-drugs and anti-gangs. Legislative changes for issues such as bail and disclosure are also needed, and S/Sgt. Sidhu emphasized the importance of keeping the pressure on federal and provincial politicians to secure these needed reforms.

i) Bar/Restaurant Watch Program

A/Sgt. Rob Kennett provided an overview of the Bar/Restaurant Watch Program, noting its purpose is to increase both public and employee safety at and around participating establishments. The goal of the program is to bar or remove anyone with a history of violence and will work under the authority of the Criminal Code of Canada, Section 41(1) and (2).

Implementation of the program would include the following steps:

1. recruitment of establishments to participate,
2. educate all stakeholders on the protocols and procedures,
3. organize an administrative body to oversee the operation of the program,
4. conduct regular checks of participating establishments to ensure compliance, and
5. expansion of the program to neighbouring municipalities.

Pros of this initiative were noted as follows:

- Reduction of crime;
- Improved community confidence in public safety;
- Enhanced relationship between police and program participants;
- Displacement of gang members; and
- An increased intelligence base.

Potential cons were noted as follows:

- Increased calls for service and workload;
- Risk for retaliation towards participating establishments;
- Risk for some financial loss;
- Displacement of associated crime to other jurisdictions; and
- Increased complaints against Delta Police Department members.

A/Sgt. Kennett advised start-up costs are minimal for this public safety initiative and the potential for increased calls for service will be monitored and reviewed after the program has been fully implemented.

Action During discussion, A/Sgt. Kennett advised the BC Restaurant and Food Services Association is providing information on this program to restaurants. It was also suggested a mail out of this information to all restaurants who have Delta Business Licences would assist in promoting this program. Staff were requested to provide this information to A/Sgt. Kennett.

A/Sgt. Kennett commented on how the general public would be educated, noting BC Restaurant and Food Services Association will be assisting with the public relations campaign of this program. Some public notification has already commenced through local newspapers and a Delta Cable presentation. A/Sgt. Kennett remarked that the success of this program would be dependent on restaurant participation and public education.

Action The Chair recommended another opportunity to educate the general public would be through a Delta Council presentation.

Action Chief Cessford was requested to report back to the Board in 3 to 4 months time to provide an update on this program.

ii) School Liaison Program

Constable Anne Marie Soroka provided an overview of the School Liaison program, noting there are 4 liaison officers serving the Delta school community from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Cst. Soroka commented on the role of the liaison officer and noted School Liaison Officers give formal presentations as well as have open discussions and engage smaller groups on issues such as personal safety, choices, ethics, values, peer pressure, dating etc. These informal encounters provide the opportunity to build relationships as well as educate.

It is most often the informal contact that provides the opportunity to identify youth-at-risk. By working in partnership with school administrators and outside agencies with respect to those youth identified to be at risk, the right steps can be taken to ensure student safety and success.

During discussion, Board members commented on the impact of School Liaison Officers, noting they provide a positive role model to students and as such, contribute to the low juvenile record in Delta.

Delegations Depart

Staff Sergeant Harj Sidhu, A/Sgt. Rob Kennett and Constable Anne Marie Soroka departed the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

-- Presentations Received

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT the presentations be received for information and with thanks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. PRIORITY ITEMS

Delta Police Foundation (C.01)

Verbal Report on Delta Police Foundation

Melissa Granum, Business Manager, reported delivery of the Emergency Command Vehicle is anticipated by October 2009.

Action

During discussion, it was agreed a letter of thanks be forwarded to CanaDream Motorhome and RV Rentals for their assistance in meeting the Department's recent need for a motorhome.

-- Verbal Report Received

MOVED By Rahim Dadani,
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the Verbal Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crime Stats (C.02) Delta Police Statistics – January/February 2009

-- Crime Stats Received
MOVED By Rahim Dadani,
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the Crime Stats be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Enhanced Policing (C.03) Verbal Report re Mayor's Strategic Leadership Task Force on Enhanced Policing in British Columbia

The Chair advised a meeting of all 22 mayors from the Regional District, Police Chiefs, Chief Administrative Officers and provincial representatives have been invited to an all day meeting on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Justice Institute of BC. Guest speakers will be Dr. Darryl Plecas and Mohamed Doma. Mayor Jackson advised that if successful in determining what is needed federally, provincially and locally to support enhanced policing in British Columbia, this could be put forward at the upcoming CAPB Conference as either an emergency resolution or an emerging item to be supported by the conference from the Lower Mainland and BC.

-- Verbal Report Received
MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT the Verbal Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAPB 2009 Conference (C.04) This item was referred from the February meeting. (Final confirmation of those attending the CAPB 2009 Conference is requested.)

Rahim Dadani and Dennis Des Lauriers confirmed their intent to attend the CAPB 2009 Conference. Mayor Jackson and Chief Cessford advised they would be in attendance if the April 4, 2009 meeting on Enhanced Policing results in a resolution on this issue.

D. REPORTS

Committee Reports (D.01) Finance Committee:
- No report
Policy, Planning and Evaluation Committee:
- Deputy Chief Drinovz advised departments are presently formulating their Action Plans and the Management Team are also well underway for 2010.

Human Resources Committee

- No report

-- Verbal Report
Received

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT the Verbal Report be
received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member arrives

David Coulson joined the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

-- Consent Items
Received

MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT Consent Items E.01 through
to E.06 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 December 31, 2008

**Municipal
Governance (E.02)**

Memorandum from Melissa Granum, Business Manager, dated
February 23, 2009 re Executive Summary – Municipal Police
Governance in Canada

**BCAPB Board
(E.03)**

2009 Executive Board of the British Columbia Association of Police
Boards (BCAPB)

**Conducted Energy
Weapons (E.04)**

Email from Canadian Association of Police Boards dated February
24, 2009 re Call for Working Group on Conducted Energy Weapons

**Announcement
(E.05)**

Memorandum from Chief Cessford dated February 25, 2009 re
Appointment to Deputy Chief

**Recognition of
Heroic Actions
(E.06)**

Correspondence from Chief Cessford dated February 13, 2009 re
Recognition of Heroic Actions in the Fall of 2009

F. CORRESPONDENCE (as of March 11, 2009)

**Correspondence
(F.01)**

3 letters of Appreciation from:

- Canadian Cancer Society dated January 12, 2009 re
Constable Dave Ogilvy
- Mr. Buren dated January 6, 2009 re Constables Ennis,
Doolan and Atkinson
- Library Manager dated February 2, 2009 re Chief Cessford

-- Correspondence Received
MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT the correspondence be received for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. INFORMATION ITEMS (as of March 11, 2009)

Information Items (G.01)
1 Item of Information (newspaper clippings) and 1 item On Table re Police Complaint Process (News Release – March 4, 2009)

-- Information Items Received
MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT the information items be received.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE

Terminate
MOVED By Joan Hansen,
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT this meeting now terminate.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Date
The next meeting of the Delta Police Board has been scheduled for April 8, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. at Police Headquarters.

The meeting terminated at 11:35 a.m.

Lois E. Jackson
Mayor

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Diane Steinberger
Police Board Secretary