

**DELTA POLICE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING held Wednesday, October 14, 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  
Melissa Granum Manager, Planning and Development  
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 9:20 a.m.

**Agenda Endorsement** MOVED By Rahim Dadani,  
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the Agenda for the Regular meeting of October 14, 2009 be received and adopted with the following additions:

G.01 2 additional items of information as follows:

- Correspondence from BCAPB dated September 30, 2009 re Invitation to Honourable Kash Heed to attend 2010 Conference/AGM, April 22, 2010
- News Release dated October 9, 2009 re Premiers Call on Senate to Adopt Bill C-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**A. RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Receipt and Approval of Minutes (A.01)** MOVED By Dennis Des Lauriers,  
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2009 be received and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

*Agenda Varied*

*The agenda was varied as reflected in the minutes.*

### **Homelessness (B.01)**

Verbal Report re Homelessness  
– A/Sgt. Lisa Coupar and Cst. Dan Simone

This report was moved to the end of the Regular Meeting agenda.

### **Road Closures (B.02)**

Road Closure Presentation  
– A/Sgt. Kevin Jones and Constable John Merryman

In response to public complaints regarding the length of time road closures are in effect following traffic accidents, A/Sgt. Kevin Jones advised this power point presentation was shown at the October 5, 2009 Regular Council Meeting to raise public awareness of the process which must be followed following a traffic accident involving serious or fatal injuries.

The Delta Police Department is obligated under the *Police Act*, the Criminal Code of Canada, the *Coroners Act* and other provincial legislation to conduct investigations of serious or fatal traffic accidents. A/Sgt. Jones provided an overview of the process from the arrival of first responders and setting up an incident command post, to ensuring the roadway is clean and safe to be reopened. Each phase is critical to the process and the time to complete each phase can be quite lengthy. For example, he noted an accident can involve multiple pieces of evidence and each piece must be identified, marked and documented. Since there can be hundreds of pieces of evidence, this can result in long delays before normal traffic flow can be resumed. It was also reported the number of fatal collisions in Delta in recent years has increased, noting there have been over 30 fatalities since 2005.

The Department is looking at ways to streamline the process through such strategies as the implementation of a robotic mapping system that would reduce road closure times as well as improve data collection. The Department also works with other agencies within the Inter-agency Motor Vehicle Incident Response Strategic Protocol to ensure a coordinated approach is implemented in the event of a serious motor vehicle collision that results in a road closure. Other strategies identified to improve the process included ensuring adequate communications with the media and public of any road closures and improving the Department's knowledge of diversionary routes. It was reported Delta Council recently authorized funding for the purchase of two portable reader boards to be dedicated for emergency use such as directing traffic to diversionary routes around an accident site.



**DPD Video (B.03)** Presentation of the new Delta Police Department (DPD) video

This item was not presented as Police Board members advised they had all previously had the opportunity of viewing the new Delta Police Department video.

### **C. PRIORITY ITEMS**

**Delta Police Foundation (C.01)** Verbal Report on Delta Police Foundation

Dennis Des Lauriers advised the Delta Police Foundation would be convening later today. A report on this meeting will be provided at the Board's November 4, 2009 meeting.

-- Verbal Report Received  
MOVED By Bob Vincent,  
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT the Verbal Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Crime Stats (C.02)** Delta Police Department Crime Statistics – August and September 2009

-- Crime Stats Received  
MOVED By Bob Vincent,  
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT the August and September 2009 Crime Statistics be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Leadership Conference (C.03)** Memorandum from Chief Cessford dated September 28, 2009 re Strategic Leadership Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, November 9 – 13, 2009.

-- Motion Endorsed  
MOVED By Rahim Dadani,  
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the Chief Constable's invitation to speak at the Strategic Leadership Program in Honolulu, Hawaii, November 9 – 13, 2009 be supported, with the proviso that all costs associated with this conference be paid by the sponsor, Canadian Professional Management Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CAPB Request for Proposals (C.04)** Correspondence from Jennifer Lanzon, Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB), dated September 1, 2009 re Request for Proposals – CAPB Annual Conference 2011, 2012 and 2013

Note: Submission deadline for 2011 – **October 30, 2009**  
Submission deadline for 2012 & 2013, January 29, 2010

-- Motion Endorsed MOVED By Rahim Dadani,  
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT the issue of potential sponsorship of the Canadian Association of Police Boards' Annual Conference in 2013 be referred to staff for review and report back with recommendations, including cost estimates and partnership opportunities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRIME (C.05)** Correspondence from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated September 22, 2009 re PRIME

During discussion, the Chair raised the issue of financial accountability with respect to PRIME user fees and queried whether there would be support to expanding the role of PRIME CORP, an independently run subsidiary of E-Comm, to oversee PRIME levies as a means of financial accountability.

-- Motion Endorsed MOVED By Joan Hansen,  
SECONDED By Gerry Kilcup, THAT the issue of financial oversight of the PRIME-BC user fee be referred back to staff for report back with recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Police Board Orientation Session (C.06)** Correspondence from Kevin Begg dated October 2, 2009 re Police Board Orientation Session – November 28, 2009 at the Delta Town and Country Inn

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Action** During discussion it was queried whether the media are permitted to attend this session. Staff was requested to provide clarification and advise the press accordingly.

## D. REPORTS

### Committee Reports (D.01)

#### Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee advised they have completed their review of the 2010 preliminary budget and are satisfied with the process to date.

#### Policy, Planning and Evaluation Committee:

- Vice Chair  
Nominated

MOVED By Gerry Kilcup,  
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT Rahim Dadani be appointed to the position of Vice Chair, Delta Police Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Mission  
Statement  
Endorsed

MOVED By Gerry Kilcup,  
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT the following Mission Statement of the Delta Police Board be endorsed:

Through governance and oversight, the mission of the Delta Police Board is to ensure safety and security within the Municipality of Delta by delivering professional, ethical and proactive community-based policing services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Bylaw Amendments

- Policy 12  
Endorsed

MOVED By Gerry Kilcup,  
SECONDED By Dennis Des Lauriers, THAT Policy #12, Succession Planning, be endorsed as follows:

Succession planning is a timely and continuous process designed to ensure the ongoing effective performance of the Delta Police Department by providing training and development for the replacement of key personnel that may be lost to the Department.

The Chief Constable will develop, report and implement a succession plan on a yearly basis that will proactively ensure the continuity of leadership at all senior levels within the Delta Police Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

-- Policy 13  
Endorsed

MOVED By Gerry Kilcup,  
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT Policy #13, Police Board Awards  
and Commendations, be endorsed as follows:

Once a year, the Delta Police Department recognizes members of the community, employees and volunteers of the Department who have made exceptional contributions to the welfare and safety of the citizens of Delta. As a part of this process, the Delta Police Board will recognize meritorious contributions from members of the public with a formal commendation presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

The Chief Constable will recommend to the Board those who qualify for the commendations.

Criteria for Police Board commendations are as follows:

- "Outstanding meritorious act of police duty or a distinguished contribution to the administration or operations of the Police Department".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

-- Motion Endorsed

MOVED By Gerry Kilcup,  
SECONDED By Joan Hansen, THAT Delta Police Board Bylaw No. 19 on Delegations be reviewed and clarified as needed by the Policy, Planning and Evaluation Committee and reported back to the Board for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Resources Committee

- No report

## **E. CONSENT AGENDA**

-- Consent Items  
Received

MOVED By Joan Hansen,  
SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT Consent Items E.01 through to E.08 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 August 31, 2009

**DPD's 2009  
Achievements  
(E.02)**

Delta Police Department's (DPD) 2009 Achievements/Outcomes

<b>Strategic Community Investment Funds (E.03)</b>	Correspondence and News Releases from the Minister of Community and Rural Development re 2009/10 Strategic Community Investment (SCI) Funds
<b>VPD Citizens' Police Academy (E.04)</b>	Citizens' Police Academy, Vancouver Police Department, Fall 2009 Course Invitation
<b>CAPB 2010 Conference (E.05)</b>	Information regarding the 2010 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference, August 18- 21, 2010, Saint John, New Brunswick
<b>2010 Olympics (E.06)</b>	Delta Police Department 2010 Olympics, Olympic Torch Run
<b>9-1-1 Public Education (E.07)</b>	Correspondence from Jody Robertson, Director of Corporate Communications, E-Comm, dated August 24, 2009 re 9-1-1 Public Education
<b>Recruit Class 127 Graduation (E.08)</b>	Correspondence from Justice Institute of British Columbia dated September 21, 2009 re Recruit Class 127 Graduation – October 30, 2009

**F. CORRESPONDENCE (as of October 14, 2009)**

<b>Correspondence (F.01)</b>	9 Items of Correspondence
-- Correspondence Received	MOVED By Joan Hansen, SECONDED By Rahim Dadani, THAT the correspondence be received for information.
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS (as of October 14, 2009)**

<b>Information Items (G.01)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Newspaper clippings for information</li> <li>– Correspondence from BCAPB dated September 30, 2009 re Invitation to Honourable Kash Heed to attend 2010 Conference/AGM, April 22, 2010 (On Table)</li> <li>– News Release dated October 9, 2009 re Premiers Call on Senate to Adopt Bill C-25 (On Table)</li> </ul>
-- Information Items Received	MOVED By Bob Vincent, SECONDED By David Coulson, THAT the information items be received.
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

*Following a brief recess at 11:15 a.m., the Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m. with the same persons present to hear the delegation on Homelessness (Item B.01).*

**Homelessness  
(B.01)**

Verbal Report re Homelessness

- A/Sgt. Lisa Coupar and Cst. Dan Simone

A/Sgt. Lisa Coupar and Cst. Dan Simone provided a power point presentation on the issue of homelessness in Delta and the type of problem solving tactics being used to address the concerns.

The Police Department has received numerous complaints with respect to homeless persons residing in local parks and has initiated a collaborative approach to address this issue. In addition to participating on the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee for Homelessness, the Department has identified several other agencies to form partnerships with; i.e. Welfare, BC Housing Options Outreach, Delta Mental Health and Delta's Bylaw Department.

The importance of having available resources to assist the homeless was emphasized, noting the existing Provincial Outreach Team whose role is to mobilize the necessary resources to assist and provide transitional support, is in high demand. Providing assistance can also be challenging as some do not want to leave the community or accept help with their addictions by entering outreach programs. Accommodation is also difficult to identify as many landlords fear rent payments might not be made.

The Department's goal is to ensure the homeless are placed into appropriate housing and complaints cease by ensuring a collaborative approach to the homeless issue is implemented and results documented for future reference. If the homeless do not accept assistance, the Department's ability to provide help is limited and a zero tolerance directive will be followed. Homelessness is an ongoing concern and could increase due to a number of reasons, such as displacement from other communities.

A/Sgt. Coupar noted it was important to raise the community's awareness of this issue and to identify potential resources in all of Delta's communities who would assist as needed. This information could be provided to the Provincial Outreach Team for their use.

Chief Cessford stated the Department has taken a compassionate approach in dealing with Delta's homeless to address their needs and issues. He commended his officers for doing an outstanding job in assisting the homeless by learning who the homeless are in our community and identifying partners who can assist them.

During discussion, the question was raised of whether a long term social model for Delta's homeless would be developed; noting such a direction could have impacts on police resources.

