

MINUTES of the open portion of the regular meeting of the OAK BAY POLICE BOARD held in the Committee Room, Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Oak Bay, B.C., on Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

PRESENT: Board Members: Mayor Christopher Causton, Chairman  
Dawn House  
Jo-Anne Kern  
James Murtagh  
Jerry Woytack  
Chief Constable: Ben Andersen  
Deputy Chief Constable: Ron Gaudet  
Secretary: William Cochrane

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Ms. Kern

Seconded by Ms. House, That the minutes of the open portion of the regular meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, be adopted.

CARRIED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

***FINANCIAL REPORT (MARCH 2006)***

The Deputy Chief Constable advised the Board that there were errors in the Overtime accounts as shown in the Financial Report, in that the figures presented as “year to date” were in fact only for the past month. The “Manageable Overtime” figure, he said, should be \$10,806, or 20.2% of budget, and the “Recoverable Overtime” figure should be \$13,965. These revised numbers, be observed, matched more closely the figures in the monthly Overtime Report.

***OVERTIME REPORT (MARCH 2006)***

Responding to a question from the Board, the Chief Constable clarified that overtime related to an ongoing major crime investigation was charged to the “Extraordinary Investigation” account and did not appear in the monthly Overtime Report.

***COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT (MARCH 2006)***

The Board reviewed the March Community Services Report, noting in particular that the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia may be making additional vehicle speed display monitors available for community use under its Speed Watch program.

MOVED by Mr. Woytack

Seconded by Ms. Kern, that the departmental reports for March 2006 be received.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

*Centennial Events*

The Chairman reported that planning was in hand for the traffic control aspects of the Snowbirds air show, which was to take place on August 6 over Willows Park.

*Vandalism*

The Chairman said that it had been brought to his attention that incidents involving vandalism to public property were starting to increase with the onset of warmer weather, and he asked that the Department be alert to this problem during the spring and summer months.

*Police Act Review*

Ms. Kern reported on her meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding the forthcoming revisions to the public complaint process as set out in the Police Act. As directed by the Board, she confirmed that she had put forth the view that the current discipline process was in need of refinement, in that it provided no opportunity for the Employer to present its side of the matter in cases where an external discipline authority had been appointed. Ms. Kern also apprised the Board of other revisions to the complaint/discipline process that were under consideration by the Ministry.

*Firearms Training Facility*

The Deputy Chief Constable reported that discussions were continuing on the provision of an indoor firearms training range for the Greater Victoria area. This process was now being led by the Justice Institute of British Columbia, which was considering the Interurban Campus of Camosun College as a location for such a facility. Initial capital funding would likely be through the Justice Institute, but recovery from police agencies through user fees or other means had not yet been explored in any detail.

*Integrated Major Crime Investigation Unit*

The Chief Constable said that the RCMP had assigned a senior officer to assist local police agencies in examining alternative models for a regional integrated major crime investigation unit.

Noting that smaller law enforcement agencies such as the Oak Bay Police Department were vulnerable to significant cost spikes due to the complexity and scope of major crime investigations, the Board reiterated its strong support for an integrated model along the lines of a similar regional organization in the Lower Mainland. The Board remarked that it would be prepared to bear its fair share of the annual operating costs as a form of insurance.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Ms. House

Seconded by Ms. Kern, That the open portion of the meeting be adjourned and that a closed session be convened to discuss matters which may be dealt with in private under the Police Act.

CARRIED

The open portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Certified Correct

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Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board

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Chairman, Oak Bay Police Board