

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 20, 2010.

PRESENT:	Board Members:	Christopher Causton, Chairman Dawn House James Murtagh David Winkler
	Chief Constable:	Ron Gaudet
	Secretary:	William Cochrane

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open portion of the regular meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Joint Police Board Meeting

The Chairman reported that a meeting involving representatives from local police boards would be hosted by Oak Bay in the first week of May. A core set of agenda items had already been identified, and the other boards would be asked if they had additional items to submit.

“Endurance Night” Community Forum

The Chief Constable reported that it was proving a challenge to organize a forum to discuss a community approach to the problems associated with the all-night Labour Day party that had become a tradition for Oak Bay Secondary School students entering Grade 12. If the forum could not be arranged for a time prior to the end of the school year, it was acknowledged that the Police Department and the School administration would nonetheless have to develop a plan for dealing with the “endurance night” event.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Financial Report, March 2010

Reviewing the March Financial Report, the Board remarked that the statement did not show the budgeted and actual figures for wage recoveries associated with various personnel secondments. The Secretary said that he would ask the Municipal Treasurer to show the wage recoveries as a separate line rather than having them netted against the general salary account.

Overtime Report, March 2010

The Board observed that overtime attributable to sick relief, while remaining at a fairly high level by historical standards, had dropped to a point below that for the same period last year.

School Liaison Report, March 2010

There was no discussion on the March School Liaison Report.

RESOLVED that the Department Reports for March 2010 be received.

COMUNICATIONS:

1. PB2010-13 CHIEF CONSTABLE, April 15, 2010
Re Integrated Domestic Violence Unit

The Chief Constable explained that the creation of an Integrated Domestic Violence Unit had been mandated by the Province in response to recommendations from a coroner's inquest arising out of a multiple homicide in Oak Bay two and a half years ago.

The mandate had not come with provincial funding, however, and local departments were expected to bear the associated costs.

With Saanich, Victoria and the Westshore RCMP detachment all providing personnel and/or office space at their cost, financial contributions were being requisitioned from the other participants. For 2010, Oak Bay's share would be \$19,272. Although this was only for the second half of the year, it exceeded the amount that would likely be required for 2011 because of start-up capital outlays.

With the Municipal Council finalizing the corporate budget in the week prior to the Police Board meeting, and with the \$19,272 amount not having been included in the budget that the Board had submitted to Council earlier in the year, staff had taken this late item directly to Council's Estimates Committee on April 15. It had been approved at that time.

The Chief Constable advised the Board that in a typical year, approximately 50 domestic violence charge recommendations would be forwarded by the Oak Bay Police Department to Crown Counsel for review. The total number of calls for police attendance falling into this category was many times higher.

The Board supported the Integrated Domestic Violence Unit concept, which, it noted, appeared to have produced measurable positive results in the Greater Vancouver area.

As with other intermunicipal agencies funded by Oak Bay, the Board hoped to see annual statistical reporting on the work of the Unit.

2. PB2010-14 DISTRICT OF SAANICH, [Undated]
Re Follow-Up to Presentation on Saanich Dispatch Services

The Board reviewed the 9-1-1 call handling data provided by Telus Corporation on behalf of the Saanich Police Department. It was apparent that the level of performance, particularly in terms of call answering time, was in the upper echelon when compared to emergency service agencies throughout the Province.

The Board asked the Chief Constable to summarize and interpret the data for presentation to the media and the public at large.

3. PB2010-15 INTEGRATED MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM, [Undated]
Re 2009 Report

The Board noted that this was the first statistical report it had received from the Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Team, which it currently funded in the amount of \$11,200 per year.

It was observed that the majority of calls were not police-initiated, and that many originated with homeless shelters and agencies such as the NEED Crisis Line.

The Chief Constable said that the Unit did valuable work in cases involving *Mental Health Act* issues.

4. PB2010-16 INTEGRATED ROAD SAFETY UNIT, February/March 2010
Re Monthly Reports

The Chief Constable clarified that the Integrated Road Safety Unit was responsible for only a portion of traffic enforcement throughout the Capital Region, and that individual departments still carried out their own road checks and other enforcement programs.

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLVED 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*.

The open portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board

Chairman, Oak Bay Police Board