

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, February 16, 2010.

PRESENT:	Board Members:	Christopher Causton, Chairman Dawn House John Mochrie James Murtagh David Winkler
	Chief Constable:	Ron Gaudet
	Secretary:	William Cochrane
	Guest:	Inspector Rob McColl, Saanich Police

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, January 19, 2010, be adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Financial Report, January 2010

It was noted that at this early point in the year, it was not possible to draw any meaningful conclusions about expenditure trends relative to budget. Examining the various accounts, however, the Board did ask that the description of the dispatch services contract with the District of Saanich be amended to remove the reference to forensic identification services, which were now covered under a different arrangement.

Overtime Report, January 2010

The Chief Constable pointed out that although overtime attributable to sick relief was slightly lower than the figure for the same month in the previous year, it was still above the historical average.

School Liaison Report, January 2010

There was no discussion on the January School Liaison Report.

RESOLVED that the Department Reports for January 2010 be received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. PB2010-5 CHIEF CONSTABLE, February 11, 2010
Re 2009 Contractual Services Provided by Saanich Police Department

Inspector Rob McColl from the Saanich Police Department spoke to the report describing Oak Bay's use of Saanich resources during 2009 under the Enhanced Services Agreement between the two jurisdictions.

It was noted that the services provided under the agreement comprised the following:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
Homicide Investigation	\$80,000
General Crime Investigation	\$40,000
Investigative Support Services	\$30,000
Administrative Support Services	\$16,100
Information Technology Support Services	\$21,500

With the parties now entering the fourth year of the five year term, the Board suggested that records be kept of issues that should be addressed in any subsequent rewriting. It was observed, for example, that the current wording was not as clear as it might be with regard to Saanich's obligations in the event that the agreement was not renewed and there arose, following expiration, a requirement to investigate a crime that had occurred during the term.

The view was expressed that the Enhanced Services Agreement had operated very much to the benefit of both parties, and the Board looked forward to receiving similar reports on an annual basis.

RESOLVED that Item No. PB2010-5 be received for information.

2. PB2010-6 CHIEF CONSTABLE, February 11, 2010
Re Crime Statistics

The Chief Constable explained that the report on crime statistics was supplementary to the material on this subject that had been examined by the Board at the previous meeting.

It remained apparent, however, that the comparative statistics could not be taken entirely at face value because of significant variations in recording practices from one jurisdiction to another. Across Canada, there was an obvious correlation between higher clearance rates and departments who laid their own charges rather than having to go through a Crown Counsel approval process. Even within British Columbia, however, it was difficult to account for the differences between departments such as Central Saanich and Oak Bay, both operating within the same metropolitan area.

The Board felt that some investigation into the treatment of similar types of files by different departments was warranted, and it suggested that the Chief Constable approach his local counterparts to determine if there was any willingness to carry out a form of file audit in this regard. The Chairman also undertook to raise the matter of consistency in file clearance recording practices with the B.C. Association of Police Boards as well as the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

3. PB2010-7 CHIEF CONSTABLE, February 2, 2010
Re Distracted Driver Education Program (Hand-Held Devices)

The Chief Constable said that although police were exempt from recently enacted legislation restricting the use of hand-held communications devices while driving, he was nonetheless working on the development of an internal policy that would acknowledge the safety considerations behind the new law while at the same time allowing officers convenient access to the communications tools required for the effective performance of their duties.

4. PB2010-8 BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS, January
12, 2010
Re 2010 Membership Dues

RESOLVED that the Board renew its membership in the B.C. Association of Police Boards at a cost of \$600 for 2010.

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 6:05 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board

Chairman, Oak Bay Police Board