

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, January 19, 2010.

PRESENT:	Board Members:	Christopher Causton, Chairman Dawn House John Mochrie 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, December 15, 2009, be adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

*Financial Report, December 2009*

Although there remained several journal entries to be made in order to finalize the 2009 year-end, it was apparent from the provisional statement that actual expenditures will be well within the budget approved by Council.

Responding to a question from the Board, the Chief Constable said that he was not anticipating any adverse 2010 budget impact from the secondment of officers for Olympic Games security duties. All vacation leave, he said, had been cancelled for the period in question, with the result that staff resources available during that time should not differ from the normal situation.

*Overtime Report, December 2009*

Although overtime attributable to sick relief had decreased in December relative to previous months, the total for the year was still well above the corresponding figure for 2008.

*School Liaison Report, December 2009*

Noting that the Community Services Officer had already been temporarily reassigned to help backfill vacancies in the Patrol Division, the Chief Constable said that a recent off-duty injury to a patrol sergeant might also take the School Liaison Officer away from his normal duties for a time.

RESOLVED that the Department Reports for December 2009 be received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. PB2010-1 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS, [Undated]  
Re 2010 CAPB Membership Dues

RESOLVED that the Board renew its membership in the Canadian Association of Police Boards at a cost of \$395 for 2010.

2. PB2010-2 CHIEF CONSTABLE, January 8, 2010  
Re Crime Statistics

The Chief Constable explained that Statistics Canada was using a new system for reporting criminal file clearance rates across the country, whereby the more serious categories of crime received a higher weight and therefore made a disproportionate contribution to the overall clearance rate for any given department.

In Oak Bay, the predominant types of crime were in the property offence category, which were weighted lower than offences against the person and were more difficult to solve as well. This characteristic, along with residents being encouraged to report all crimes, large or small, contributed to a very low weighted clearance rate for the Oak Bay Police Department.

Noting that there seemed to be some correlation between the location within Canada and the weighted clearance rates, the Board wondered if the reporting protocol, along with the definition of “clearance”, was being consistently applied across all jurisdictions. On the other hand, Oak Bay’s rate was also low relative to local jurisdictions such as Central Saanich and Sidney.

The Chief Constable observed that individuals apprehended by the Regional Crime Unit in Victoria, for example, may have been responsible for many property offences in Oak Bay that never come to light in the course of questioning and charging, leading to those cases remaining technically unsolved from a reporting point of view.

The Chief Constable said that a visit from Statistics Canada was scheduled for this spring, and that he might be able to obtain some clarification with regard to methodology and regional variations at that time. In the interim, Chief Gaudet said that he would be discussing the data with his Greater Victoria counterparts and would endeavour to provide the Board with clarification on some of the local variations as well, especially relative to jurisdictions with a similar crime mix.

3. PB2010-3 INTEGRATED ROAD SAFETY UNIT, November/December 2009  
Re Monthly Reports

In addition to the traffic enforcement carried out by the Capital Region Integrated Road Safety Unit, the Chief Constable said that the Oak Bay Department had set up its own road checks over the Christmas holiday season.

4. PB2010-4 DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE, January 8, 2010  
Re Neighbourhood Foot and Bike Patrols

It was noted that the time devoted to foot and bicycle patrols had dropped off during the second half of 2009 due to the demand for staff resources created by a complex investigative project. For

the future, however, it was expected that the recent purchase of a more convenient and secure car-mounted bicycle rack would facilitate an increase in this particular form of patrol.

OTHER BUSINESS:

*Forum of Regional Boards*

Although there were regular meetings of area chiefs, the Board felt that regional coordination could be enhanced by increasing the amount of information sharing and general discussion at the policy level. The Chairman agreed to approach his local counterparts to determine if there was interest in the concept of a regular regional forum for Greater Victoria police board members.

*Domestic Violence Protocol*

The Chairman asked the Chief Constable to provide Board members with more detailed information on the new domestic violence initiative that had been recently announced by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

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 5:53 p.m.

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Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board

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Chairman, Oak Bay Police Board