

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, March 16, 2010.

PRESENT:	Board Members:	Christopher Causton, Chairman John Mochrie James Murtagh David Winkler
	Chief Constable:	Ron Gaudet
	Deputy Chief Constable:	Kent Thom
	Secretary:	William Cochrane
	Guest:	Inspector Jamie Rhodes, 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, February 16, 2010, be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Crime Statistics Data Recording Standards

In the wake of the Board's February discussion regarding what appeared to be inconsistencies in the reported clearance rate data across Greater Victoria police departments, the Chairman said that in conference with other local mayors, interest had been expressed in convening a joint police board meeting to review this and other regional matters. He had offered to host such a meeting, with attendance to be kept to a manageable number by limiting the representation from each individual board. It was suggested that the Chairman, the Chief Constable and Mr. Murtagh attend on behalf of the Oak Bay Police Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Financial Report, February 2010

It was noted that the "budget" figures in the February report did not reflect the recent amendments which had been recommended by the Board and approved by Council. The Secretary said that these adjustments would be shown in the March report.

Overtime Report, February 2010

The Board observed that overtime attributable to sick relief exceeded the figure for the same time last year, which also had been considerably higher than normal.

School Liaison Report, February 2010

There was no discussion on the February School Liaison Report.

RESOLVED that the Department Reports for February 2010 be received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. PB2010-9 CHIEF CONSTABLE, March 11, 2010
Re 2009 Dispatch Services Provided by Saanich Police Department

Inspector Jamie Rhodes from the Saanich Police Department spoke to the report outlining the dispatch services provided to Oak Bay under contract in 2009. He noted that the arrangement was now into its second five year term, and that the ability it provided for Oak Bay and Saanich officers to work in a standardized communications environment, particularly during a critical incident, significantly enhanced the effectiveness of police response.

Responding to a question from the Chairman, Inspector Rhodes said that citizens contacting the communications centre were asked to provide certain personal information because this was required to generate a file within the BC PRIME records management system.

In addition to the volume data conveyed by the report, the Board said that it would also like to see annual performance metrics, which would allow it to assess the efficiency of the service from one year to the next. In this regard, it hoped that it would be possible to provide information on call waiting times and dropped calls, for non-emergency as well as 9-1-1 calls.

Chief Gaudet remarked that residents who express concerns about the quality of the call answering service should be encouraged to contact the Oak Bay Police Department. All complaints of this nature, he said, were dealt with promptly by both Saanich and Oak Bay.

(Inspector Rhodes left the meeting at this point)

2. PB2010-10 BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS,
February 24, 2010
Re Registration for 2010 Annual Conference

RESOLVED that Mr. Winkler be authorized to attend the annual conference of the British Columbia Association of Police Boards in April 2010, with the Board covering the cost of expenses necessarily incurred.

3. PB2010-11 BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS,
February 24, 2010
Re Request for Sponsorship of 2010 Annual Conference

RESOLVED that the Board sponsor a coffee break at the forthcoming annual conference of the British Columbia Association of Police Boards, at a cost of \$300.

4. PB2010-12 CHIEF CONSTABLE, March 10, 2010
Re Reporting of Crime Statistics

With the Board continuing to have concerns about the accuracy of the data underlying the crime clearance rates reported by Statistics Canada, the Chief Constable said that he had discussed with his local counterparts the possibility of carrying out a form of file audit to compare file clearance recording practices. Although at that level the consensus had been that there were not sufficient local resources to undertake such a task, Chief Gaudet said that he had asked Statistics Canada to consider conducting an audit of the sort envisaged by the Board.

Examining the minutes of a meeting of the national Data Quality Working Group, which were attached to the report from the Chief Constable, the Board noted that there was an explicit acknowledgement within the committee that inconsistencies in recording protocols were significantly limiting the usefulness of the clearance rate data for interjurisdictional comparison purposes.

The Board also observed that there did not appear to be any representation from the Canadian Association of Police Boards on the Working Group. It was felt that the participation of this body, representing the civilian oversight function, would be appropriate given the ultimate location of responsibility for policing effectiveness.

OTHER BUSINESS:

“Endurance Night” Community Forum

Responding to a question from the Board, the Deputy Chief Constable said that attempts were still being made to organize a forum to discuss a community approach to the problems associated with an all-night Labour Day party that had become a tradition for students entering Grade 12. Acknowledging that the window of opportunity for such a forum was starting to close, he said that it had been difficult to obtain a definite time commitment from Oak Bay Secondary School officials. Assistance was being sought from the Oak Bay Child and Youth Committee, the intention being to convey that the problem was more than just a police issue.

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 6:20 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board

Chairman, Oak Bay Police Board