

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, BC, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

PRESENT: Board Members: Christopher Causton, Chairman  
Dawn House  
John Mochrie  
James Murtagh  
Chief Constable: Ron Gaudet  
Deputy Chief Cst: Kent Thom  
Recording Secretary: Laura Lang

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

REOLVED that the minutes of the open portion of the regular meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

*Joint Police Board Meeting*

Mr. Murtagh reported on the joint meeting held May 5, 2010. The items discussed were coordinated strategic planning, board-oversighted shared services and integrated units. All departments have been working on strategic plans and, aside from Central Saanich Police Department, they are all still in progress. Different processes were discussed. The Chair felt that area Police Boards could share briefings from time to time. The Oak Bay Police Board is much more interested in statistics than other boards seem to be. Chief Constable Gaudet reported that the Area Chiefs are very much in favour of continuing future meetings/forums, particularly regarding the various area integrated units. The Board felt that a meeting would be particularly helpful around budget time.

The Chair advised that another topic raised at the joint meeting was special events planning. There has been a shift in thinking to using Reserve Constables for these types of events. The Board felt that the Oak Bay Police Department should offer our Reserves to various downtown special events.

Also discussed at the joint meeting were MOU's for the various integrated units, in terms of standard language and options for terminating.

The Chair provided a copy of a Community News sheet that was provided by Central Saanich and would like to see Oak Bay produce something similar to advise the community of topics such as dispatch, integrated units, community policing. Deputy Chief Constable Thom advised that the Community Services Division is already looking into producing a similar single sheet publication. It was suggested that they could be included inside the Oak Bay News by August 25<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Oak Bay High "Endurance Night" which would allow the community to be advised prior to this annual event occurring. The Chief and Deputy Chief Constable were tasked with looking into the production of this.

Common statistics, how they are recorded, produced and disseminated, were discussed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Financial Report, April 2010

Reviewing the April Financial Report, the Board questioned whether the Olympic recovery had been included in the “Recovery” account. The Chief Constable agreed to check with the Municipal Treasurer on this.

It was noted that damage to car #75, as well as transmission repair, were not reflected in the Financial Report.

The Deputy Chief Constable spoke regarding the damage to car #75, which occurred while parked at the Police Department, as well as other possibly related damage to public vehicles. There is no information on any suspects as yet. Shortly after the damage to the vehicle occurred there was a statement made on a political activist website taking responsibility for this damage. The Police Department is working with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit on possible leads.

The closed circuit TV system has not been replaced yet, although funding was approved for this budget year. When new system is in place parked police vehicles should be within camera range.

Bike training and equipment was discussed. There are three bikes in the fleet. New uniforms have been purchased.

There was a question as to whether the training budget will be fully expended this year. The Deputy Chief Constable advised that in the next few months more training will take place.

Overtime Report, April 2010

The Deputy Chief Constable advised that April overtime was higher due to depleted resources. Support Services are working on a project, a Patrol Sergeant has been off for the past four months and another member is off for undetermined period of time with sciatic problems. Flu and other sicknesses are causing further depletion.

School Liaison Report, April 2010

There was no discussion on the April School Liaison Report.

Deputy Chief advises that the Youth Forum held at Windsor Park went well, although not much turnout from the targeted group of potential “Endurance Night” participants. Councillor Hazel Braithwaite has tasked the Oak Bay High Leadership group with setting up another forum in the fall and setting the agenda. There were good ideas brought forward and great interaction with those who attended the forum. Gordon Sloan is to put together a summary, including the items that were brought forward.

RESOLVED that the Department Reports for April, 2010 be received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. PB2010-17 INTEGRATED ROAD SAFETY UNIT, February, March & April  
Monthly Reports

The Chief Constable advised that Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU) focus within Oak Bay would be school zones, bicycle helmets and other initiatives. The Board noted differences between ratio of tickets between Oak Bay and other areas. Enforcement of cell phone use was discussed. The warning period has lapsed and this is now a ticketable offence.

NEW BUSINESS:

A member of the public attending the meeting questioned the legality of tinting on front and side vehicle windows. The Deputy Chief Constable advised that no tinting from the driver forward is acceptable and that the IRSU enforces this issue often.

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 5:45 p.m.

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A/Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board

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Chairman, Oak Bay Police Board