

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
February 12, 2007

PRESENT: Ms. Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner William White

REGRETS: Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Councillor Krista Snow

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Christina Sears, Legislative Assistant
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER - Councillor Krista Snow

This item was deferred to March.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Supt. Barnett to Councillors Mosher and Johns

Supt. Barnett, on behalf of the Board, made a presentation to Councillors Johns and Mosher in recognition of their service on the Board.

Certificates of Merit

Chief Beazley recognized Mr. Stewart Ryan for his part in providing assistance in freeing a child from under a car.

Chief's Commendation Presentations

Chief Beazley made presentations to Cst. Stephen Wagg and Cst. Gary Basso in recognition of their initiative to maintain public confidence in police and ensure safe communities in the apprehension of suspects involved in a number of break and enters.

Chief Beazley made a presentation to Cst. Phil MacDonald and his police service dog Schooner in their efforts to track and deter a resident of Cole Harbour from committing suicide.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 8, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the minutes of January 8, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 5.1 Update 2007/2008 Budget (Verbal)
- 5.2 Approval of Terms of Reference - Police Resource Consulting Proposal
- 5.3 Orientation
- 5.4 Statistics

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Children's Safety Village - Presentation

Cst. Dwight Hennigar, East Coast Children's Safety Village, made a presentation to the Board noting the following:

- It provides a safe environment for children,
- The streets are downsized to fit,
- It provides safety programs to children,
- It teaches internet safety and stranger danger,
- There will be a teaching and administration building,
- It will be located on a 6.5 acre site at the Rocky Lake Common in Bedford,
- The goal is to prevent injury,
- What may be a safety issue will be incorporated into the streetscape,
- There will be two classrooms and a multi purpose area,
- This is the first village east of Ontario,
- It is registered as a society and they have applied for charitable status,
- The school board has endorsed the site,
- It will be funded through sponsorship and corporate financing.

In response to Commissioner White, Mr. Hennigar advised the School Board did make a commitment and he was following up with Mr. Windsor noting he has received assurances that the monies are there. On further question, Mr. Hennigar advised staff was hoping monies could be raised through fundraising so as to not have to charge a fee.

In response to Commissioner McCluskey, the Board was advised the site would be open to HRM as well as any other area that wished to visit the site.

In response to Commissioner Walker, the Board was advised the cost to establish the

village was approximately \$1.5 million.

Chief Beazley advised that once the village was up and running he and fire services would be coming back to the Board and to Council. He noted both fire and police will be involved with the assignment of an officer and a firefighter.

Ms. Geri Kaiser, Deputy CAO, advised programs that are currently done in classrooms would transfer to the village and use outside HRM would be offered on a cost recovery basis. On further question, she advised the annual operating budget would be approximately \$150,000.

Commissioner Roane, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Hennigar for his presentation.

4.2 Chief Beazley - Ongoing Update on Ministers Task Force on Safe Streets and Communities

Chief Beazley provided an update to the Board, advising:

- The meetings have started well,
- People are coming prepared to focus group meetings and are bring good ideas and discussion to the meetings,
- The meeting focus on youth in the community as well as resources in schools with a suggestion of the opening of schools in the evenings,
- The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 13th at the Northbrook School and on the 15th at St. Patrick's Alexander and encouraged members of the Board to attend,
- These are focussed on crime prevention,
- People can also participate on line on the Department of Justice website,
- There are 25 volunteers travelling the province,
- There are ongoing meetings around youth.

In response to Ms. Kaiser as to how this differs from other public consultation processes, Chief Beazley advised this is a year where things are being done collectively such as the Provincial government looking at crime prevention, the Mayor's Round Table on Violence, the United Way is coming out with a Vibrant Communities Strategy, the Provincial governments Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Strategy, the Police public meetings as well as the Councillor's meetings.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Update 2007/2008 Budget (Verbal)

Chief Beazley advised the budget is still at a draft stage and requested the Board hold another meeting before the end of the month. He advised he has his envelope and will have the money needed to operate this year. He noted there is more money for training in this budget. He noted one of the challenges is recruit training and the rebuilding of skill sets.

In response to Commissioner McCluskey, Chief Beazley advised he would advise the Commissioner on how many bullet proof vests have been replaced.

5.2 Approval of Terms of Reference - Police Resource Consulting Proposal

- A copy of the proposed Terms of Reference was before the committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board approve, in principle, the Terms of Reference.

Ms. Geri Kaiser, Deputy CAO, advised that once the Terms were approved by the Board, it is then advanced to HRM and staff will work with the procurement department to develop the Terms of Reference following which the RFP will be issued. A bidders meeting will be held and from there a selection committee will be established to identify the scoring criteria was for each of the categories. It would then come back to the Board for review and recommendation to the CAO and Council. She stated the study is expected to be delivered in the fall.

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5.3 Orientation

Commissioner Roane advised that in April a three piece orientation session will be held. The three pieces are what is the Board of Police Commissioners, what the role of the members is and incorporate with that presentations from the HRP and RCMP as respects how they are organized, what their processes are and some hands on demonstration.

Ms. Hanna advised that from the perspective of the province they would be allotted an hour and a half. If that was the case the intention was to present a brief overview. She stated there is work internally on a revised updated Board training which they want to provide consistently across the province.

5.4 Chief Beazley - Statistics

Chief Beazley and Supt. Barnett presented the 4th quarter stats noting that there is an overall reduction in such things as property crimes, stolen motor vehicles, robberies, break and enters, fraud, violent crime and assaults. Chief Beazley advised he would have statistical staff at the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2007.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 2:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
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