

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

**Minutes of the REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING
December 13th, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chambers**

PRESENT

Chair: Jack Mar
Board Members: Cathie Ounsted
Steven Garner
Andrew Harcombe
Deputy Chief Constable: Clayton Pecknold
Administrator: Gary Nason

GUESTS:

Chief Ron French, CSVFD

REGRETS:

Chief Constable: Paul Hames
Board Member: John Currie

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Garner requested the addition of the following late item:

- Board Composition and governance to be considered as item 5 under Old Business
- Taser Policy to be considered as item 2 under New Business.
- Strategic Planning to be considered as item 3 under New Business.

50.07 MOVED BY ANDREW HARCUMBE
SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED
That the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

51.07 MOVED BY STEVEN GARNER
SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED
That the minutes of the Police Board Meeting held November 8, 2007 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget 2008.

Deputy Chief Pecknold advised that Chief Hames would not be in attendance due to an urgent family matter.

Deputy Chief Pecknold gave an overview of the Finance Report. A discussion took place in relation to the revenues for the year. The Board requested that an explanation of revenue expectations be forwarded to them.

Deputy Chief Pecknold advised that the Regional Crime Unit may have an increase to our projected budget of \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 due to unexpected costs.

2. Joint Police Board / Council Meeting.

Mr. Nason explained that there was some concern among Council Members as to whether this should be a formal meeting. After a brief discussion it was made clear that this is an informal gathering of the Board and Council.

The Board also expressed concern about the seating in the meeting. It was felt that changes should be made to integrate the Board with Council. Mr. Nason advised that different configuration of the seating could certainly be arranged. Mr. Harcombe suggested that the Chair position could be alternate persons.

3. CREST

Deputy Chief Pecknold referred to a recent news release from CREST. He advised that Victoria Police Department has agreed to fund the CREST improvements. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Nason advised that there is an anticipated substantial increase of CREST costs in 2009.

4. Traffic Fine Sharing Revenue.

Mr. Garner advised that he had recently visited the link provided in the hand out correspondence from Minister Ida Chong relative to the traffic fine sharing revenue, and gave the Board a brief overview of statistics posted on the website. A discussion ensued. Mr. Garner felt that the statistics in the report should be standardized so that the statistics are more meaningful.

5. Board Composition.

Mr. Garner explained that after the last police board training session that took place in Delta, it was felt that the Board should be increased in size to ensure proper governance. A lengthy discussion ensued in relation to expanding the Board by two members, the appointment process, and qualification requirements.

Mr. Nason felt that it would be appropriate for the Board to send a memo to Council in relation to the expansion of the Board with comments about what backgrounds the Board applicants should have.

Deputy Chief Pecknold commented on the Board selection process and a brief discussion ensued.

52.07

MOVED BY ANDREW HARCOTBE
SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED

That the Board apply to Police Services to expand the Board by two additional Board members to ensure effective oversight and governance.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A brief discussion took place in relation to appointing a new Board member to replace Mr. Currie before his term expires. The Chair indicated that he would speak to Mr. Cole about this possibility

This item will be brought back to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CSPS Policies.

Deputy Chief Pecknold referred to a memorandum from Mr. Bert Vermeer requesting approval for the policies identified in his memo.

53.07

MOVED BY ANDREW HARCOTBE
SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED

That the Board approve the list of CSPS polices as stated in the memo from Mr Bert Vermeer, Policy Analyst dated 07.11.14.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Taser Use.

Mr. Garner advised that as a result of discussions at the police board training session in Delta, it was felt that the Board needed to have some awareness as to what the taser policies were in place in particular jurisdictions. Deputy Chief Pecknold gave the Board some background on the taser policy which is under active review by Police Services. He felt that the policy would be revised. The CSPS policy is under construction at this time by Mr. Vermeer and Mr. Harcombe suggested that the draft CSPS policy be forwarded to entire Board for their perusal once ready. Deputy Chief Pecknold agreed and will forward it once ready.

Ms. Ounsted expressed concern in relation to information that children were tasered in a demo at the Saanich Police Camp. Deputy Chief Pecknold advised he would look into this and report back to the Board.

3. Strategic Planning.

A brief discussion took place in relation to the upcoming strategic planning session that will be scheduled early in the new year. This will be brought back to the next Board meeting fore confirmation of times and dates for the planning session. Mr. Nason advised that the Municipal Council's planning session will take place January 30th – 31st, 2008 and the Board is invited to attend. He indicated that the January 30th session, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, would be the pertinent session for the Board to attend if they so wished. Mr. Garner indicated that he would like to attend. After a brief discussion it was decided that two Board members should attend.

4. Finance Report / Human Resources Report.

Deputy Chief Pecknold advised that Cpl. Bob Vanderford, who is currently seconded to National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST), will be retiring in January 2008 and moving on to a new position as the manager for intelligence for the conservation officers. He explained that CSPS would not be seconding another individual unless one of our members was successful in the competition process.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received for general information.

1. Peninsula News Review Article - "Are teens staying clean?"

ADJOURNMENT

54.07 MOVED BY ANDREW HARCOMBE
 SECONDED BY STEVEN GARNER
 That the Police Board meeting be adjourned.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE POLICE BOARD MEETING, HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 2007.

MAYOR JACK MAR
CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD

ELIZABETH TRUDEAU
RECORDING SECRETARY