

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

**Minutes of the REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING
January 10th, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chambers**

PRESENT

Chair: Jack Mar
Board Members: Cathie Ounsted
Steven Garner
John Currie
Chief Constable: Paul Hames
Deputy Chief Constable: Clayton Pecknold
Administrator: Gary Nason

GUESTS:

Mr. Wayne Watkins
Ms. Elizabeth Chambers

REGRETS:

Mr. Andrew Harcombe

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

01.08 MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED
That the agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

02.08 MOVED BY STEVEN GARNER
SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED
That the minutes of the Police Board Meeting held December 13th, 2008 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning.

Mr. Garner offered to schedule a workshop and secure a facilitator for the Board's 2008 Strategic Planning session. Mr. Garner will ascertain the cost involved and will report back to the Board.

2. Taser Policy – Steering Group.

Chief Hames referred to correspondence from Mr. John Les, Solicitor General, in relation to the establishment of a steering group on Taser Policy in British Columbia. He explained that Central Saanich Police will continue to support the process. Chief Hames will report back to the Board with any further developments.

4. Board Composition.

The Chair advised that he recently contacted Ms. Peggy McLeod of Police Services, in relation to increasing the Board members from five to seven and whether or not the CSPB would be able to have an extra municipal appointee. The Chair was advised that under the Police Act all appointees are provincial and the Board is only entitled to one municipal appointee. Applicants must be submitted to the Province and follow the selection process that is in place. A discussion took place in relation to having a new member in place prior to Mr. Currie's departure. It was felt the new appointment process would take months and that it was unlikely that a new Board member would be in place prior to Mr. Currie's departure.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Traffic Report.

Chief Hames gave the Board some background information on the Traffic Committee and referred to the report that had been prepared by the Committee. Chief Hames introduced Mr. Wayne Watkins and Ms. Elizabeth Chambers of the Traffic Committee. Mr. Watkins gave an overview of the Interim Report.

Mr. Watkins felt that there is an opportunity to have a look at this speeding problem and the Committee would like to advance it to the Police Board and to Council. Mr. Watkins suggested the following options that the Committee felt would slow traffic down:

- That the maximum speed in Brentwood Bay be 40 km/h
- Welcome To Our Neighbourhood signs
- Education of motorists
- Expanding the Speed Watch Program
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Traffic Committee to continue

The Board was supportive of the report and expressed their appreciation for the work that the committee had done to bring this report forward. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The Chair indicated that the Board could make a recommendation to Council but the process will take time.

Mr. Watkins requested a formal response to the report's suggestions. Chief Hames assured Mr. Watkins that he would receive a copy of Police Board minutes.

03.08

MOVED BY STEVEN GARNER

SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED

That the Board recommend that the Traffic Committee continue in its current model with the recommendation to expand its scope to include all of Central Saanich.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair advised that the Board would keep the Committee informed as to what is taking place.

4. Finance Report / Human Resources Report.

Chief Hames addressed some concerns in relation to police revenue. He spoke on secondment revenue and explained some of the shortfalls. He also explained that some of the billing has yet to be received for 2007, and that personnel medical issues has had some impact on the overall budget. He felt that looking at the overall numbers that the 2007 budget year would finish in very good shape.

Mr. Currie asked if there would be any impact on the 2008 budget year with the adjustments in the 2007 budget? Chief Hames explained that he would like to do a re-evaluation of the secondment section for 2008.

Chief Hames advised that Cpl. Kerr has been transferred to the Regional Crime Unit effective February 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received for general information.

1. Central Saanich Police Board – Municipal Appointee – Sara Beaman, Municipal Clerk.
2. Equitable Police Funding – George F. Ferguson, Mayor, City of Abbotsford.

Chief Hames gave the Board some background information on this issue. Mr. Nason advised that Council had also received this correspondence and has endorsed Equitable Police Funding by motion.

04.08

MOVED BY STEVEN GARNER
SECONDED BY JOHN CURRIE

That the correspondence be received and that the City of Abbotsford be advised of the Central Saanich Police Board's support for the resolution, with copies of the Board's letter to be similarly forwarded to all those Municipalities and Boards who were originally copied on Abbotsford's letter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. BCAPB – Conference Announcement.
4. CSPB – Schedule of Events 2008.

Mr. Nason reminded the Board of Council's Strategic Planning Session on January 30th and January 31st, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

05.08

MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
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, JANUARY 10th, 2008.

MAYOR JACK MAR
CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD

ELIZABETH TRUDEAU
RECORDING SECRETARY