

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

**Minutes of the REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING
May 8th, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chambers**

PRESENT

Chair: Jack Mar
Board Members: Steven Garner
Andrew Harcombe
John Currie
Cathie Ounsted
Chief Constable: Paul Hames
Administrator: Gary Nason

GUESTS:

Paul Brailey, CSPA
Pat Bryant, CSPA
Ron French, CSVDP
Deb Van Horne, Dispatcher

REGRETS:

Deputy Chief Constable: Clayton Pecknold

RISE & REPORT

Mr. Harcome requested the following two items be added to the agenda:

1. New Hire.
2. The Executive Summary of the CTT report.

Chief Hames quoted motion no. 25, of the In Camera Minutes of April 10, 2008, in relation to the hiring of a new police constable.

Chief Hames advised that a decision had been made to bring the Executive Summary of the CTT report to the Open Meeting so that it would available for discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

22.08 MOVED BY STEVEN GARNER
SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED
That the agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

23.08 MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
SECONDED BY STEVEN GARNER
That the minutes of the Police Board Meeting held April 13th, 2008 be adopted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

1.

Communications Centre.

Chief Hames introduced Cst. Paul Brailey a member of the CTT and the CSPA Executive. Cst. Brailey gave the Board an overview of the Executive Summary. He explained that after reviewing all the factors, the Committee decided that the Sidney/North Saanich RCMP (the Westshore RCMP dispatch centre) should be the service provider of choice. He explained that Central Saanich is closely affiliated with the RCMP and that the RCMP respond to about 800 calls in any given year in the two First Nation Reserves in Central Saanich. He also explained that Central Saanich Police utilize the RCMP for back up when required, and that there are benefits to sharing the same radio channel with them. Cst. Brailey explained that an analysis was done on the ability to get air space with the Saanich PD channel and it was felt that this would not be the best service for CSPA.

The Board expressed their appreciation to the CTT for their excellent report.

Chief French expressed some concern in relation to the 9-1-1 answering by the Westshore RCMP due to Sidney North Saanich Fire Departments not being dispatched to injury accidents until the police had assessed the situation. Cst. Brailey assured Chief French that the RCMP had offered to follow recommendations from the MOU as to when the CSVFD will be dispatched. Chief Hames also advised that it was his intention to have Chief French participate in discussions with the RCMP.

24.08 MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
 SECONDED BY STEVEN GARNER
That the Chief Constable be given direction to enter into a contract with the RCMP to provide communication services to Central Saanich Police Service.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Van Horne (police dispatcher) spoke briefly on the concerns of the dispatchers. She asked that the Board resolve the Human Resources issue as soon as possible. The Board assured her that now that a decision has been made in relation to the operational side of the Communications Centre a meeting will take place to discuss the human resource issue.

25.08 MOVED BY ANDREW HARCUMBE
 SECONDED BY JOHN CURRIE
That the Board will meet in the near future to discuss the communications centre human resource issue (date to be announced).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **CSPA Policy OH030 & OH020.**

Cst. Pat Bryant was in attendance to answer the Board's questions and concerns in relation to the CSPA Use of Force and Conducted Energy policies. A brief question and answer period took place.

26.08 MOVED BY ANDREW HARCUMBE
 SECONDED BY JOHN CURRIE
That the Use of Force OH020 and Conducted Energy Weapons OH030 policies be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Currie asked if it would be possible for the Board to be advised of taser deployments. Chief Hames agreed to provide future taser deployment numbers to the Board.

2. Facilities Planning Process.

Chief Hames referred to the memo dated April 30, 2008 from Deputy Chief Pecknold. A discussion took place in relation to the location of the police building and costing.

Mr. Nason advised that he attended the facilities presentation on April 23, 2008. He gave the Board an update in relation to location sites. He explained that the major outcome from the presentation was that Council has requested further site investigation, fit testing and feasibility analysis of a privately owned parcel across from the Public Works yard. He indicated that there have been preliminary discussions with the owners of the land. He will take a report to the next Council meeting. He explained that there are three scenarios at this time and they are a stand alone main fire hall, a joint stand alone police building and a possible co-joint one facility. He advised that Council would like to hear from the Police Board on the the following issues:

- What is the Board's position on relocating the main police building to the potential Keating Cross Road site.
- What is the Board's position on a combined joint police/fire facility?
- What is the Board's position on amalgamation?

The Board entered into a lengthy discussion in relation to these issues.

27.08 MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
 SECONDED BY ANDREW HARCOTMBE
 That the Police Board is supportive of a public safety building.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Australian Institute of Police Management (AIPM).

Chief Hames gave the Board an overview of the Visiting International Fellow Exchange Program for the 107th Police Management Development Program, that he recently attended at the AIPM in Australia.

28.08 MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
 SECONDED BY ANDREW HARCOTMBE
 That the Police Board meeting be extended past the 10:30 am deadline.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Police Board Conference.

Chief Hames, Mr. Harcombe and Mr. Garner recently attended the BCPBA Annual Conference in Nelson. Mr. Garner gave a brief overview of the Conference explaining that this year's focus was on "hiring and retaining staff". He indicated that it was a well organized conference and felt that the round table with the Police Board members and Chief Constables was especially worthwhile.

Mr. Garner advised that currently Central Saanich Police Board does not have a director appointed to the Provincial Board. There was some concern as to whether the Board should wait to appoint a new member until after the new Board member is appointed. It was decided that an experienced member would be more appropriate. Mr. Garner indicated that he would be willing to take this on.

29.08 MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
 SECONDED BY ANDREW HARCOTBE
 That the Mr. Steven Garner be appointed as the Central Saanich Police Board representative on the BCAPB.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Appointment of Bylaw Enforcement Officers.

Chief Hames referred to a copy of a motion appointing Central Saanich municipal employees as bylaw enforcement officers.

30.08 MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
 SECONDED BY CATHIE OUNSTED
 Whereas the Municipal Police Board for the District of Central Saanich (the "Board") wishes to appoint Andrew Law, Kristina deMedeiros and Roy Thomassen as Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to Section 36 of the Police Act, and upon Andrew Law, Kristina deMedeiros, and Roy Thomassen swearing the appropriate oath under the Oath Regulation of the Police Act before the Chief Constable, the Board hereby appoints Andrew Law, Kristina deMedeiros, and Roy Thomassen as Bylaw Enforcement Officers to investigate and enforce the municipal bylaws of the District of Central Saanich. The Bylaw Enforcement Officers shall be under the overall supervision of the Chief Constable in consultation with the Administrator.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE REPORT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Chief Hames advised that Cst. Glen Davies will be sworn in as the newest member of the Central Saanich Police Service on May 15, 2008.

COMMENDATION

Received for general information.

1. Mr. Richard Nimmo, 6583 Felderhof Road, Sooke, BC – Cst. Andy Duke.

ADJOURNMENT

31.08 MOVED BY JOHN CURRIE
 SECONDED BY ANDREW HARCOTBE
 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, MAY 8th, 2008.

MAYOR JACK MAR
CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD

ELIZABETH TRUDEAU
RECORDING SECRETARY