

MINUTES

OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS CHAMPLAIN ROOM, 111 LISGAR STREET

22 JULY 1996

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair: Mr. P. Vice
Vice-Chair: Mr. A. Bouwers

Members: Mr. G. Baskerville, Ms. A. Boudreau, Councillor D. Holmes

REGRETS

Regional Chair P. Clark, Councillor D. Pratt

INTRODUCTIONS

Officer Returned from Haiti

Chief Ford introduced Sergeant Jacques Lepage, one of two Ottawa-Carleton Police officers to have recently returned from serving in Haiti.

Sergeant Lepage addressed the Board, saying it was a pleasure to have been selected to serve in what was a very worthwhile experience. While in Haiti, he served in the field and in Port au Prince as well as other Haitian cities. During the last portion of his mission, he also served in Administration as Chief of Operations for Communications throughout Haiti. He found the experience to be quite rewarding, and he thanked the Board for allowing officers to go on missions in other parts of the world. He believed requests for officers to train others in third world countries would be increasing in the future as missions around the world are on the rise.

Chair Vice thanked Sergeant Lepage for his work and for reporting on his involvement.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- Minutes of 24 June and 08 July 96 issued separately

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board confirm the Minutes of the 24 June and 08 July 1996 meetings.

CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC COMPLAINTS REPORT (JUNE 1996)
- Chief's report dated 11 Jul 96

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board receive this report for information.

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2. COURT STATISTICS
- Chief's report dated 11 Jul 96

Chair Vice expressed concern about the number of officers still in court without any apparent rationale. He acknowledged that staff were still working on further reductions, and he believed the results to date were excellent. However, he also believed there was room for further improvement and suggested staff continue to work with the Crown's Office in this regard. He commended officers for the excellent work done to date.

Chief Ford introduced Inspector P. Lockett, who is in charge of the Court Section. Inspector Lockett has advised there is more that can be done to reduce court costs.

Mr. Baskerville referenced the statistic of 18.2% of officers whose testimony was not required. He inquired what the problem was and how the figure might be reduced.

Inspector Lockett responded that each court submission slip is reviewed and the question is asked "Why are these people here?". He stated there are a variety of reasons, one of which is scheduling. In the last month alone, 177 cases were put over because they could not be completed in one day's court session. Officers then have to be brought back two or three times. Staff continue to work with court administration to try to arrange for officers to come only once. Efforts are also ongoing to remove as much work as possible from the patrol officers so they can spend more time on the street. He acknowledged there are still additional ways of reducing the number of staff attending court.

Inspector Lockett added that the Ottawa-Carleton Police Service's Case Management Section was probably the only one in Ontario that is working, and he believed it was a credit to the staff in the section who maintain very good working relationships with the Crown Attorney and Defense.

Councillor Holmes noted \$500,000 has been saved to date in court costs; she inquired what the total annual court costs were. Mr. Kanellakos, Director-General, responded the annual budget for court overtime is \$1.1 million, and the savings identified by Inspector Lockett would have been in addition to that budget. Inspector Lockett added the second quarter results have just come in and also indicate a savings in the range of \$500,000, for a total savings over six months of close to \$1 million.

In response to a question from Councillor Holmes, Chief Ford indicated officers who have to attend court when they are not scheduled to work receive eight hours' worth of pay for attending one half-day court session. If they are required to attend two half-day sessions, they receive a total of 12 hours' worth of pay. As soon as an officer submits a court slip, they receive pay for eight hours regardless of how long they are actually there.

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3. ACQUISITION OF SERVERS FOR THE
OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL POLICE ENTERPRISE NETWORK
- Director General's report dated 22 Jul 96

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board authorize expenditures not exceeding \$400,000, plus applicable taxes, for the acquisition of COMPAQ servers necessary to implement the Ottawa Carleton Regional Police Service wide area enterprise network.

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4. REGULAR REPORT FROM THE CHIEF AND OPP INSPECTOR

OPP Staff Sergeant Brian Carty stated he had no business to report.

Chief Ford reported on the following recent incidents:

- Constable Lance Bennett was injured in a motorcycle accident while providing an escort. He sustained a broken leg, a crack in his pelvis and a broken arm. Chief Ford

and Deputy Chief Mackie visited Constable Bennett in the hospital and found him in good spirits. He has been released from the hospital and is recovering well.

- A barricaded person incident took place on River Road recently and was successfully settled without any injuries.
- The recently concluded "Project Douri" resulted in 103 drug related charges against 24 people.
- Constable Eric Martinat will receive an award from the Canadian Police Association for his quick and professional response to a bank robbery that occurred last year.
- Inspector Ian Davidson and Inspector Ron Lamothe will be receiving the Canadian Banker's Award at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in August for their role in the Bank of Nova Scotia armed robbery and hostage taking incident last year.
- Staff Sergeant Paul Roy signed a secondment agreement with the Hawkesbury Police Services Board to serve as acting Chief for the Hawkesbury Police Service for up to a year, effective 8 July 1996.
- A robbery attempt at Dunkin Donuts, Bank and Gloucester, was resolved successfully.
- Sergeant Brian Scharfe had been seconded to the Canadian Intelligence Service Canada for a three year period. He began his secondment on 15 July 1996.

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5. REQUEST FOR FUNDING:
CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL RESEARCH PROJECT

Ms. Fedec, Board Secretary, clarified the request from the Canada Safety Council initially went to the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB). As stated in the Association's letter to the Canada Safety Council, the CAPB does not have discretionary funds and therefore took the liberty of forwarding the request to three large police services boards in Ontario, including the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board.

Ms. Fedec stated she did not believe the Board had given money to the Canada Safety Council in the past, however, the Board did give the Coalition for Gun Control \$10,000 in 1995 to assist in their efforts with gun control legislation.

Councillor Holmes stated she has worked with the local chapter of the Canada Safety Council and would be happy to move that \$1,000 be given to the Canada Safety Council, with the stipulation that the contribution be returned if they fail to raise the full \$15,000 needed to do the study.

Moved by D. Holmes

1. **That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board agree to waive the rules of the *Procedure By-law*, in accordance with Section 10 (3), in order to consider the report entitled “*Request for Funding: Canada Safety Council Research Project*”.**

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2. **That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve a contribution in the amount of \$1,000 to the Canada Safety Council for its research project entitled “*The Contribution of Firearm Ownership to Homicide, Suicide, and Accidental Death: A Five-Year Comparison of Canada and the United States*”, subject to the condition that the contribution be returned should the Canada Safety Council be unable to obtain full funding for the project.**

CARRIED as amended

NOTICE OF MOTION

(For Consideration at Next Regular Board Meeting)

1. **OTTAWA-CARLETON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
PROCEDURE BY-LAW: AMENDMENTS AND RE-ENACTMENT**

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board:

1. **Re-enact a revised Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board *Procedural By-law* as amended by the following and as herein submitted:**
 - a) **That Sections 10 (1) and 11 (3) be amended by replacing “...not less than three days before the time appointed for the commencement of such meeting” with “...not less than two days before the time appointed for the commencement of such meeting”;**

- b) That Section 28 (2) be amended to indicate that “Delegations shall be restricted to presentations of five minutes”.
2. Repeal *Procedural By-law No. 1 of 1995* and the amending *By-law No. 1.5 of 1995*.

IN CAMERA

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board move In Camera to discuss a personnel matter, in accordance with Section 35(4)(b) of the *Police Services Act*.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

W. Fedec
Secretary

P. Vice
Chair