

MINUTES

OTTAWA-CARLETON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

VANIER CITY HALL
KIWANIS ROOM

23 MARCH 1998

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair: Mr. P. Vice
Vice Chair: Councillor H. Kreling
Members: Mr. G. Baskerville, Ms. A. Boudreau, Ms. E. Buckingham,
Councillor J. Legendre

REGRETS

Regional Chair Chiarelli

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Page 4 - Inquiry No. 2: Recovered Stolen Vehicles

Councillor Legendre referenced Inquiry No. 2 about stolen vehicles and what happens to them once they are recovered. With regard to the specific situation the Councillor referenced in his inquiry, he recalled that Inspector Beechey had indicated the matter was before the courts. He gathered it was no longer before the courts, and noted that although it was part of the response received that night, it was not indicated in the Minutes. He also recalled that Inspector Beechey had stated the insurance company decided to relinquish ownership of the vehicle, but did not recall that the Inspector's response had specified the vehicle was released to the towing company; he thought it was the police who would decide what to do once the insurance company indicated they no longer had an interest in the property. With regard to the report that was requested at the last meeting, he hoped it would focus on stolen vehicles in particular and the recovery of them, and also the relationship between the police and towing companies.

Inspector Beechey confirmed the matter referenced by the Councillor is still before a civil court. He confirmed the Minutes are correct in that the owner of the vehicle was the insurance company, and that they relinquished it to the towing company; the police had no involvement. He stated he has already submitted his report and it does specifically mention recovered stolen motor vehicles.

Councillor Legendre asked if the Board was in receipt of the report. W. Fedec, Secretary, indicated she was in receipt of Inspector Beechey's report but was awaiting the Chief's report before distributing both of them to Board members.

Councillor Legendre asked Chief Ford if his report would focus on the elements mentioned and asked that it do so. He clarified he is looking for the report to focus on the relationship between police and towing companies in general, and also the recovery of stolen vehicles. Chief Ford indicated staff are also in the process of developing a policy for Board approval on the disposition of property, which should be ready for the Board meeting in May.

Page 5 - Inquiry No. 5: Publication of Crime Statistics

Councillor Legendre referenced Inquiry No. 5 regarding the release of crime statistics to the public. He stated he was expecting to receive crime statistics for the area he had mentioned at the last meeting, and he still had not received them.

Chair Vice stated his recollection was that staff had indicated statistics were available, and that if one read the Ottawa Sun on Sundays, the statistics appear there. Councillor Legendre noted he also read the Sun and was looking for something else that he hoped the police might provide to community police centres and other organizations. He wanted to see an example of the kind of report, by district, that would be sent to these organizations, presumably at their request.

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board confirm the Minutes of the 23 February 1998 meeting.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES

1. Rules of Procedure: Rising and Reporting on Decisions Reached In Camera

Member Buckingham stated she fully understood and appreciated that there are particular matters that must be discussed In Camera. However, her understanding based on how other boards and committees operate, was that when a board rises from an In Camera meeting, the decisions made In Camera are reported in public. She noted this Board never seemed to do that and she inquired whether there was a particular reason why it did not, and whether the Board was subject to the same rules under the *Municipal Act* as committees of Council.

Chair Vice responded police services boards are not governed by the *Municipal Act* and do not follow the same rules as municipal councils. General Counsel V. Westwick confirmed this was the case.

2. Procedure for Responding to Letters

Member Buckingham noted that in her short time on the board, she and other board members have received what seems at times a voluminous number of letters. She inquired if there was a standard procedure with respect to responding to letters, as some seemed to receive answers and others did not. In particular, she wondered whether an attempt had been made to acknowledge all the letters the Board received about the hiring of the new Deputy Chief. She noted some people take great time and effort to advise us of their opinions and deserve a response.

Chair Vice stated that while he could not say for certain that the Board responded to everyone, it was his belief that it did its best to reply to all letters. He confirmed he had signed a number of letters to people who had written to the Board about the hiring of the Deputy Chief. He clarified that in some instances, it is not always the Board Chair that responds, but that often letters are forwarded to the Police Service so that an appropriate response can be prepared by the people who know the most about the issue in question.

3. Board Position on Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation

Member Buckingham referenced the inquiry raised at the last meeting regarding the province's Adequacy Standards, and wondered what action the Board would be taking in regard to discussing the matter. She noted member Boudreau had said she thought staff were going to bring a report forward to the Board. Chair Vice recollected staff had said they would be bringing something to the Board, but he did not recall that a time frame had been set.

Chief Ford was asked about the timing of the staff report. He responded he was unaware of the time frame, and Deputy Chief Mackie was not present to answer the question because he was on his way to a meeting of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police at which the adequacy standards regulation will be discussed. However, the Chief expected a report should be ready to submit to the Board within the next month.

Member Buckingham expressed surprise at seeing a letter from the Big 12 police boards to the province, which the Chair had signed and which seemed to imply that the board as a whole had taken a position. Referencing the minutes from the last Big 12 meeting, she noted a number of boards had chosen not to sign the letter because they wished to discuss it with their respective boards first.

Chair Vice explained the referenced minutes were somewhat inaccurate and misleading in that all boards whose chairpersons were at the meeting signed the letter, on the condition that they agreed with those comments. The boards who were represented by staff or a member of the board other than the chair, chose to discuss the matter with their boards before signing. Chair Vice further stated that he specifically mentioned the Ottawa-Carleton Board would be reviewing the standards on its own, and stated that option is still very much available. At the meeting of the Big 12, attendees were told the letter had to be sent immediately because the province was going to deal with those issues the next day and the Big 12 wished to have the

positions outlined in the letter on record. Chair Vice emphasized the Ottawa-Carleton Board is certainly not bound by the letter.

Member Buckingham stated it was unfortunate the letter, because of the way it was drafted, seemed to suggest there was concurrence as opposed to relaying the positions raised at that particular meeting. She looked forward to the Board having an opportunity in the next month or so to discuss the standards and to reach a position of its own. She also stressed the importance of placing items like this on the Board's meeting agenda in a very timely manner in order to meet the timeframes within which the province is working.

Following up on Ms. Buckingham's comments, Councillor Legendre wondered why the adequacy standards had not been included in tonight's meeting agenda as the province had been requested to move its deadline back from March 6th to March 31st. The Board would then have been able to submit its views to the province in a timely manner.

Chair Vice stated that if the Board wished to discuss the matter tonight, it was still free to do so. Councillor Legendre responded that no one had the pertinent material at hand and that it had not been included in the agenda; he therefore did not believe it could be discussed tonight. He concluded by expressing his disappointment that it had not been included in the agenda, as it is a major new piece of business that will affect all police services.

4. Deputy Chief Bevan - Negotiation of French Language Training

Councillor Legendre welcomed Deputy Chief Bevan to his first Board meeting. He referenced an article that appeared in *The Ottawa Sun* in which he believed Deputy Chief Bevan was quoted as saying he unfortunately would not be able to attend language courses as had previously been mentioned in the media, and that he would have to re-negotiate. The Councillor hoped the Deputy Chief would clarify that the re-negotiation he referenced was with the language school, and not the board.

Deputy Chief Bevan responded that he had said he would negotiate with the language school in the hope that they would be flexible enough to permit him to find the appropriate balance between maintaining his duties, and effectively taking the language program. He informed the Board that he will begin language training on March 31st and that it will be a fairly intensive program until he has achieved the standard expected of him.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF VANIER COUNCIL
- Board Secretary's memo dated 12 Mar 98

Chair Vice welcomed members of Vanier City Council to the Police Services Board meeting.

Mayor Cousineau welcomed the Board to Vanier and explained the members of Vanier City Council have some concerns about adult entertainment, drugs and prostitution. He noted the City's good relationship with Inspector L. Givogue and staff at the community police centre on McArthur Road, and requested additional support for the work they do. He was concerned about perceived delays in taking action on the problems mentioned above. He believed that as a consequence, good home owners and tenants are leaving Vanier thus creating a bad image for the City. It is a small city of one square mile and even minor incidents generate a lot of anxiety. The Mayor felt it was therefore very important to have an increased police presence.

Inspector L. Givogue noted there is an on-going investigation with regard to a particular adult entertainment establishment and therefore the matter could not be discussed in a public venue. However, he offered to discuss it privately with members of Vanier City Council. He explained problems such as drugs and prostitution are societal problems, not just a police responsibility. In this regard, he believed some meaningful partnerships have been formed with Council and other agencies in the community. He expressed optimism that the introduction of district and problem-oriented policing in the new year would help the police to become more effective in dealing with such problems, because patrol, investigative and school resource officers for instance will all be working under the same umbrella. The Inspector stated the police try to address matters in a timely fashion and a lot of good work has been done in the past two years with regard to drugs and prostitution.

Councillor Sylvain Boyer, City of Vanier, referred to one case in particular which frustrated members of Vanier City Council. The police had asked them to incur an \$8,000 expense to assist with an investigation, and the case was subsequently not pursued due to lack of proof. Though he understood that such matters can take time, he believed the longer it takes, the more harm it does to the community. Inspector Givogue reiterated he could not discuss the case in public and offered to meet with members of Vanier City Council in private to brief them on the matter.

Chair Vice expressed concern about information being divulged with regard to an ongoing investigation or court case. He appreciated the Mayor's and councillors' concerns, and suggested that, once an investigation is over and the courts have dealt with the matter, it might be in order to brief members of Council and explain what the police face when going through these things. He believed that would be useful in helping members of Council understand what is involved and why these matters take so long.

Insp. Givogue believed some of the concerns pertain to the type of drug investigations done in Vanier in the past 2½ years. Typically an investigation may take six months to a year, but

people don't know the police are working in the neighborhood because most drug investigations are done through undercover surveillance.

In response to a question from Councillor Legendre, Mayor Cousineau gave an example of one case where it took the police more than one year to clean up the problems in a neighborhood. He understood the police are limited in that they have to follow certain procedures, but stated City Council is always ready and willing to help in any way they can. He reiterated that if it takes one year to clean up a neighborhood, a number of people are likely to move away during that time and be left with a bad impression of Vanier. He maintained this causes bad publicity for the community.

Councillor Legendre wondered if the Chief of Police had any suggestions that might address the Mayor's concerns. Chief Ford indicated the police will do everything possible to precipitate any investigation undertaken, but reiterated problems such as bawdy houses or drug houses take time to eradicate. There are certain processes under the law that the police have to follow. He stated last year the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Drug Unit, which works in conjunction with the OPP, executed 14 drug warrants, conducted 5 prostitution sweeps, eliminated 2 known bawdy houses and arrested 31 people for prostitution in Vanier. Sometimes, while it may seem that nothing is being done, a great deal is being done through an undercover operation. He added should members of City Council feel a particular case is taking longer than it should, he, Deputy Chief Mackie, Inspector Givogue and Supt. St. Pierre will be happy to meet with them to discuss the situation.

Chair Vice thanked the members of Vanier City Council and asked that they keep the Board informed if they feel they can be of help.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Mme. Gisèle Richer, speaking as a community representative on the French Language Services Committee, thanked Councillor Legendre and Deputy Chief Bevan for clarifying the matter of the newspaper quote with respect to the Deputy Chief's language training. She emphasized the importance of french language services at the Ottawa-Carleton Police, stating people need to be able to express and defend themselves in their mother-tongue when dealing with the Police. She noted the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service is currently conducting consultation with regard to its new french language services policy and hoped the consultation would be extensive. She encouraged the Police Service to ensure the francophone population is well served and that their rights are respected.

Mr. Wiebe, Ottawa-Metro Towing, explained Ottawa-Metro Towing is one of three contractors who provide a towing service for the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service. He referred to a letter sent to the Police Services Board in which Ottawa-Metro Towing requested they be allowed to increase their rate and area of service.

Chair Vice noted Board members have not yet had the opportunity to read Mr. Wiebe's letter as it was received at the Board office Friday afternoon, too late to be distributed to members in their weekly delivery. Mr. Wiebe did not have a copy of the letter with him but summarized it for the Board. He believed the Request For Proposals for the towing contract grossly misrepresented the amount of volume, which was a determining factor in the estimation of their rate of service. Also, the towing companies who were awarded contracts for the two other zones have been allowed to increase their area of service as the Ottawa-Carleton Police expand into the rural areas. He therefore felt it would be fair for Ottawa-Metro Towing to also be allowed to increase their area of service.

Chair Vice recalled that at the time those contracts were approved, the Board cautioned Ottawa-Metro Towing that they didn't think it could be done for the price they were quoting. He indicated the letter from Mr. Wiebe's attorney has been forwarded to the Region's Legal Department for their interpretation and a response to the Board, therefore he didn't feel the matter could be dealt with at this time. In response to a question from Chair Vice, D. White, Legal Department, confirmed a response could be prepared in time for the next Board meeting.

Vice Chair Kreling believed the topic of towing contracts has already been before the Board too many times as a result of the new contract being let. He stated that if Ottawa-Metro Towing's request could potentially have any impact on other bidders, he would hope to have a report on a future agenda so the item could be listed and advertised. He felt it was important that any review of the matter be done in the open so that other interested towing companies also have an opportunity to address the Board.

Mr. Wiebe stated he was not looking for special treatment. He hoped that given the circumstances, the Board would look favorably upon his request.

Chair Vice echoed Vice Chair Kreling's comments but assured Mr. Wiebe he would be given the opportunity to present his case at the appropriate time.

Regional Councillor M. Meilleur welcomed Deputy Chief Bevan. She stated that people in Vanier are very interested in matters pertaining to Police and safety and are willing to help in any way they can. She indicated Vanier was the site of the first community policing centre in the Region, and has been cited as an example across the country and throughout the world. She explained residents of this community don't sit back and wait for police services to be delivered to them, they get involved and offer their time to help make the City of Vanier safer. She cited some examples of situations where the residents of Vanier came together, spoke out for their beliefs and helped each other for the improvement of their community. The councillor also indicated she holds regular consultation meetings on police services and there are always a number of people in attendance. She congratulated the Deputy Chief on his commitment to learning french and wished him all the best in achieving his goals. She thanked the Board for holding its meeting in Vanier and expressed the community's appreciation for the services offered by the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service. She added elected officials in Vanier work closely with Inspector Givogue and communicate with him on a regular basis to improve services in Vanier.

3. RESPONSE TO COUNCIL MOTION ON 1998 DRAFT BUDGET ESTIMATES
- Director General's report issued at the meeting

Director General S. Kanellakos provided some background on events that have taken place since the 1998 Budget was tabled at the last Board meeting. He made reference to the three recommendations made by the Region's Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and subsequently endorsed by Council on 11 March 1998.

S. Kanellakos outlined a public consultation process which would include an open house and public meeting on 16 April, and a Board meeting on 20 April to receive public delegations and approve the budget. Mr. Kanellakos noted staff would also be available for ward meetings with any regional councillors interested in having one. A targeted mailing is proposed to reach business improvement associations, neighborhood watch associations, community associations, chambers of commerce and community organizations across the Region, to ensure people are aware of the meetings and some of the issues being discussed. Information would also be available through e-mail, the Regional Police website and the Finance Department. Mr. Kanellakos asked that the Board approve the public consultation process as outlined in the report.

Chair Vice indicated that he and Regional Chair Chiarelli met recently and agreed to have senior Police Services staff meet with senior Regional staff in the first week of April to discuss the options available in dealing with the budget shortfall. Chair Vice also expressed his own willingness to meet with the Region's Corporate Services and Economic Development (CS&ED) Committee.

In response to queries from Councillor Legendre, S. Kanellakos confirmed there will be a simultaneous process; while the Board is consulting with the public, staff will review options and prepare recommendations for the Board's consideration at its 20 April meeting.

Councillor Legendre stated there was nothing new in the report in terms of a response to Council's direction. He reminded the Board that Regional Council asked for proposals that would not cause a tax increase. He had expected the staff report to contain some proposals which the Board could then put out for public consultation. He expressed concern about hearing public delegations and approving the budget on the same day that proposals are identified, as it would make it difficult to engage in meaningful discussion.

Chair Vice shared the Councillor's concern about approving the budget on April 20th and suggested that meeting be reserved for hearing public delegations only, with the budget to be considered and approved by the Board at its regular meeting on April 27th. Addressing the timing of the proposed options, he explained that he and Chair Chiarelli agreed it would be preferable to wait until meetings were held with senior Regional staff in order to bring forward the full range of options.

Mr. Kanellakos noted there are other opportunities aside from the reduction of expenditures. The Council motion allows maximum flexibility in terms of coming up with solutions, therefore, staff felt that bringing only the expenditure side of the options to the table might unfairly influence the public's views. In response to a question from Councillor Legendre, it was confirmed the Board will receive some solid proposals for its meeting on April 20th and will deal with them on the 27th. The councillor expressed his disappointment at not having more substantive information on the current agenda in response to the Council motion.

Since Police Service staff will be meeting with senior Regional staff the first week of April, Vice Chair Kreling wondered if staff would have a problem in providing information on options in time for the 16 April meeting. Mr. Kanellakos confirmed the information flowing out of the meeting with Regional staff could be available for the public meeting on the 16th. Vice Chair Kreling believed that the extensive consultation process outlined will give interested parties ample opportunity to come forward. He supported the schedule and requested that all suggestions that come forward be included in the report, even if they are not initially supported by the Region, to allow the Board an opportunity to consider all issues.

Member Boudreau asked Mr. Kanellakos whether it would be possible to have the options distributed to the Board prior to the meeting on April 16th. Mr. Kanellakos confirmed it would be done.

Member Buckingham questioned the purpose and logistics of a meeting with the CS&ED Committee. She was concerned that councillors might misunderstand the extent of their involvement in the Police Service budget. She recognized it is a significant concern to them but maintained the Board is ultimately responsible. Chair Vice agreed it is the Board's responsibility to deal with the budget but believed the Board also has a responsibility to meet with members of Regional Council to hear their concerns and suggestions.

Vice Chair Kreling believed councillors recognize the CS&ED Committee has no direct approval authority. They view the meeting as an opportunity to discuss issues and provide suggestions. He believed the interest of the Committee, this year more than previously, is to stay on top of all parts of the Region's budget. He emphasized the budget the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board recommends to Council will arise from the April 27th Board meeting.

In response to further questions, W. Fedec, Board Secretary, stated preliminary discussions have been held with the Regional Clerk and the Coordinator of the CS&ED Committee regarding a possible date for the Board to meet with the Committee. It is proposed that the Board attend the scheduled Budget meeting of the CS&ED Committee on April 21st, at 9:00 a.m.. She clarified the meeting would be the first item of the day and the purpose would be to receive input and hear the priorities of the members.

Councillor Legendre noted the recently amended *Police Act* changed the authority of Council and unfortunately this year the sequence of events has been such that the law hasn't been given a chance to work. Whereas in the past Council could say "yes" or "no" to the overall budget

amount as presented by the Board, now the *Police Act* allows Council to present the Police Services Board with an envelope within which the Budget must stay. Council hasn't done that this year. He believed the intent of the meeting with the CS&ED Committee was to make up for the lack of communication from the province which has caused the budget process to be so late. He also noted that the later it gets, the corrective measures available will become fewer and more severe. He felt this is an exceptional year requiring exceptional measures. He put forward a motion proposing that the Board agree to review the Police budget for 1998 in a joint meeting with the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee.

Member Baskerville believed it was important that it be clearly understood a joint meeting would be only for the information of councillors and that no votes would be taken to amend the budget. He maintained the purpose of the meeting is to share information and put forward ideas. Member Buckingham put forward an alternative motion to reflect that intent.

Councillor Legendre expressed his support of the public consultation process outlined in the report but indicated he would be dissenting on receiving the report because of his disappointment with it as a response to Council's motion.

Moved by H. Kreling

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board receive this report and approve the proposed public consultation process.

CARRIED

(J. Legendre dissented on receiving the report)

Moved by E. Buckingham

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board attend the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee meeting on 21 April 1998 to discuss the police services board budget, share information and listen to their suggestions.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMPLAINTS REPORT (AS OF FEBRUARY 1998)
- Chief's report dated 6 Mar 98

Councillor Legendre noted that only the policy/service complaint is presented with any detailed information and wondered if future complaints reports would be prepared in the same way. Inspector R. Brzozowski indicated the change is intended to adhere to three things: the Board's recently adopted guidelines in relation to the new *Police Services Act*; the criteria for reporting policies and services complaints as defined by Section 61 of the *Police Services Act*; and the position of the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services (OCCPS) who now have responsibility for conduct complaints. He explained the guidelines direct that in cases of policy and service complaints, the report should include information on the nature of the complaint and the outcome. In relation to conduct complaints, staff are only required to provide statistics on a monthly or quarterly basis. However, at the end of the year, the Board will receive a report that identifies trends in relation to the type of complaints, as well as action taken by the Chief and the Service and steps necessary to improve matters.

Councillor Legendre wondered if, in the case of conduct complaints, it would be possible to indicate what kind of conduct was being investigated. Though the councillor acknowledged the report meets the criteria, he guessed the criteria were minimum standards and that the board might wish more information to increase the usefulness of the reports.

Chief Ford cautioned that staff should consult OCCPS before including more information in future reports as conduct complaints are now their jurisdiction. His understanding was that OCCPS would like staff to provide only statistical reports. He offered to arrange for a member of that commission to attend the May Board meeting to discuss the issue in camera. Councillor Legendre questioned the need to hold such a discussion in camera. The Chief felt it would be up to OCCPS to decide if they want to discuss the matter publicly. Councillor Legendre stated he would be prepared to participate in a discussion to indicate the type of information he is seeking. Chair Vice encouraged the councillor to discuss his concerns with Chief Ford.

Member Boudreau was also surprised by the change in the report format. She felt it was important for Board members to know the types of complaints that are filed. Though she was glad to hear the Board would be receiving an annual report identifying trends, she was in favour of getting as much information as possible within the guidelines. Ms. Boudreau noted the conduct complaints were up significantly in this report. Inspector Brzozowski indicated conduct complaints had been consistently on the decrease and could not explain why they increased in February.

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

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5. REDUCE IMPAIRED DRIVING EVERYWHERE
(R.I.D.E.) PROGRAM STATISTICAL REPORT

- Chief's report dated 9 Mar 98

Member Boudreau questioned the reasoning for setting up the program in outlying areas that have less vehicular volume. Staff explained the check sites are moving as the territory is expanding. Sites are being set up to demonstrate a presence in these communities, in addition to the traditional high-volume locations. He added the police do receive traffic and impaired driving complaints from outlying areas, therefore there is a need for the service in those areas.

Councillor Legendre was very happy to see the comments and conclusions about young drivers in particular. He believed the attitudes of young people today are completely different than past generations and that is reflected in the statistics.

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

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6. AWARD OF TENDER FOR UNIFORM CLOTHING

- Director General's report dated 16 Mar 98

Member Baskerville wondered if the recommended suppliers were different from the previous ones. He questioned what assurances the Police Service has that the new uniforms would be of a comparable quality, fit and color to those currently in service. He was concerned that a different supplier might not be able to match the fabric and dye lot, thereby creating a problem matching the new items and the old.

D. Frazer, Director of Finance, explained the Police Service has a very extensive specification process to avoid such errors. She stated the shirt supplier recommended for the contract was actually the sub-contractor who produced the shirts in the first round of tenders. The specifications for the shirts are built around a type of fabric that is only produced by one manufacturer, so the exact same fabric will be used. She added the dye lots are also defined by very exact specifications so it should result in as close to a perfect match as possible. She noted in custom clothing, it's always possible to have a slight variation.

Councillor Legendre noted the recommendation is for a pre-budget commitment. Since the largest portion of the Police Service budget is attributed to compensation, he believed the only opportunity for flexibility is in areas like purchasing. He recalled the Board pre-committed to expenditures at the last meeting, staff are now recommending pre-committing on two more items, and the budget still has to be decided. He hoped there would be no more pre-commitments coming forward as it makes a mockery of trying to set a budget by limiting the options available. He understood the items are pressing but wondered what options would be left in the end.

D. Frazer indicated the lead time required for the tendering and ordering process has made it necessary that the report come forward at this time. She explained the tender went out in November, with bids received from all over Canada. She noted a 25% savings has been realized with this contract because of the extensive tendering process. In addition, there is a 120 day delivery time required for the garments, making it necessary for the Police Service to order as soon as possible to have the garments in time for the summer issue and to outfit transferring OPP officers at the next transition phase. She believed this year's delay in the budget approval has exacerbated the problem of having to request pre-commitments. Councillor Legendre argued if the budget were approved, staff would not need to request a pre-commitment, or would not need to bring forward a report at all if the item had not been approved in the budget. He indicated he would be dissenting on the items.

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board:

- 1. Approve a pre-budget commitment and award the tender for the purchase of uniform shirts in the amount of \$87,388.50 (including all taxes) to Empire Shirt Ltd., Louiseville, Quebec;**
- 2. Approve a pre-budget commitment and conditionally award the tender for the purchase of uniform trousers in the amount of \$157,550.00 (including all taxes) to Royal Business Development Corporation, Ajax, Ontario.**

CARRIED
(J. Legendre dissented)

7. PURCHASE OF A MARINE VESSEL
- Chief's report dated 13 Mar 98

Member Boudreau noted staff are recommending the custom-made aluminum utility craft and wondered if additional items such as a trailer and motor are included in the quoted price. For comparison purposes, she inquired about the prices of the two other options listed in the report.

Inspector R. Lamothe indicated the trailer and motor are included in the quoted price. Option 1 (fiberglass skiff) was priced at approximately \$42,000 and Option 2 (fiberglass cruiser) at approximately \$35,000. The vessels in Options 1 and 2 are fiberglass whereas the recommended vessel is aluminum. For police or commercial use, an aluminum vessel is much more durable. Vessels 1 and 2 are basically manufactured as pleasure crafts and would likely be perceived as such, whereas vessel 3 is specifically built for commercial application. It is constructed with heavy duty aluminum and would certainly be viewed as a working craft.

Member Boudreau noted the OPP vessel is not available for purchase but wondered what its construction is. Inspector Lamothe replied the OPP were patrolling the waterway with a 19½ foot fiberglass boat with an inboard/outboard motor. In response to a further question from member Boudreau, he indicated the OPP vessels are a few years old and are being replaced.

They too are looking into the use of aluminum crafts because of their greater longevity. The hull is guaranteed for 10 years and the vessel has a life expectancy of up to 20 years of police use.

Member Baskerville wondered about the total cost of buying a used vessel, noting the report indicates it would cost up to \$10,000 to upgrade such a boat. Inspector Lamothe explained the report refers to a vessel being disposed of by another Police Service for a very nominal amount. The total cost of refurbishing it was estimated at \$10,000 but the life expectancy would be only 2 to 4 years.

Councillor Legendre understood the rationale for wanting an aluminum boat but was concerned staff are recommending a custom-made vessel which drives up the price. From the prices quoted, it doesn't appear that there is a lot of customizing going into this boat. Staff explained the boats are custom-made in the sense that they are not pre-made and the deck configuration is changed to suit the Police Service's use.

Vice Chair Kreling asked if the Police Service would be putting out a tender for this item. He expressed frustration at the pre-commitment and wondered if the Board really needed to approve it or whether staff could begin the tendering process pending budget approval.

Chief Ford indicated the expenditure is below \$75,000 so the Police Service is only required to obtain bids from 3 suppliers. He noted the police are mandated under provincial legislation to provide security for waterways within their jurisdiction. The Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service will be taking over policing of the waterway in Rideau Township in July and must have a vessel ready and available.

Vice Chair Kreling wondered how long it would take to receive bids once the tender is advertised. Mr. Kanellakos did not believe it would take more than 2 to 3 weeks to get prices from suppliers but the manufacturing would then take up to 12 weeks. Therefore, he stressed the process must be started as soon as possible.

Member Buckingham stressed the Police Service has an obligation to ensure they have a vessel in the water for July. She maintained \$45,000 is not a lot of money in the overall budget and she believed the Board should give staff the authority to proceed. She also noted that any contractor asked to submit a bid who subsequently learned the Board did not wish to proceed would not be pleased.

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board approve a pre-budget commitment of a maximum of \$45,000 (not including taxes) for the purchase of a marine vessel to patrol the Rideau River waterway in Osgoode and Rideau Townships.

CARRIED
(J. Legendre dissented)

8. CUMBERLAND CHANGEOVER UPDATE
- OPP Transition Team's report dated 6 Mar 98

Vice Chair Kreling noted a large portion of the area affected by the Cumberland changeover is in his ward. He took the opportunity to thank the Police Service for all the effort that went into the changeover. There was a great deal of information that flowed from the Police Service to the community associations, the local council and the business owners in the community. He agreed with the observations in the report about it having been a positive experience. Though the OPP provided an excellent service, the Regional Police have provided a high level of visibility and their acceptance has been very positive.

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board receive this report for information and forward a copy of this and other transition materials to the Ontario Civilian Commission on Policing Services for their information.

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9. POST-CHANGEOVER REVIEW - VILLAGE OF ROCKCLIFFE PARK
- OPP Transition Team's report dated 6 Mar 98

Councillor Legendre noted the report is extremely favourable and there is a high degree of satisfaction with the service provided by the Regional Police. As the first community to experience the transition from OPP to Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police, there were a lot of concerns going into the changeover; people were very satisfied with the OPP. Because the Village was able to contract with the OPP, their Council could define exactly the level of service they wanted and could afford. With the introduction of Regional Police, there was a sense of loss of some control, but consultation with the community has been very well handled and the councillor congratulated the staff who made it happen.

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

RECEIVED

10. TRANSITION UPDATE - OSGOODE AND RIDEAU TOWNSHIPS
- OPP Transition Team's report dated 12 Mar 98

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

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11. APPOINTMENT OF COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE
- Board Secretary's report dated 12 Mar 98

Chair Vice recalled member Buckingham's comments at the last meeting about distributing the workload when assigning members to sub-committees. Since Vice Chair Kreling and members Baskerville and Boudreau form the Human Resources Committee, he recommended that Councillor Legendre, member Buckingham and Regional Chair Chiarelli form the Complaints Committee if they are prepared to accept.

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve the appointments of E. Buckingham, B. Chiarelli and J. Legendre to serve on a Complaints Committee.

CARRIED as amended

12. BOARD MEETINGS IN COMMUNITIES
- Board Secretary's report dated 10 Mar 98

Councillor Legendre did not agree with the points raised as disadvantages for option 1 in the report, as he did not see any disadvantages to that option. The fact that a lot of staff have to attend meetings, he believed, showed a presence in the community and therefore was a positive aspect. Chair Vice cautioned there is a cost attached to that. Councillor Legendre argued the same people have to attend meetings at Regional Headquarters and therefore he did not see a difference. The next rationale given refers to the fact that items on the agenda attract speakers from the public or private sector and it may be unfair to expect them to travel across the Region. He noted this would only happen every third month, therefore, if an item is expected to draw this type of interest it should be scheduled for one of the regular meetings. He felt option 1 would establish a better routine whereas option 2 treats the matter of going to the communities as an exception. It adds extra meetings to the Board's schedule and he was concerned that these meetings would have generally less substantial agendas. He noted option 1 fulfills the intent of his request and he therefore moved that the Board adopt option 1.

Member Baskerville recalled this matter was discussed extensively by the Board in 1996 because the previous Board did hold meetings throughout the Region. At the time there was good reason for it, but there were costs involved. In some cases the Board had to transport busloads of staff, hire facilities and equipment, and pay for set-up. At the time of the 1996

discussions, it was decided that regular meetings would be held at Regional Headquarters with meetings to be held off-site on special occasions as requested, or when there was an item of particular concern to a community. He believed option 2, as presented in the report, blends the best of both practices.

Chair Vice noted the low attendance of residents remaining at this meeting whereas when he attended a previous community meeting in Vanier there were still a good number of people present. He believed some of the Board's discussions are just not of interest to the community. He did not think joint meetings such as this one were as valuable as those recommended in option 2. He felt the community get more value from less formal meetings where people are more at ease.

Member Buckingham acknowledged there is a cost associated with going out but felt there is value in it. She believed there is something symbolic about going out to the communities, noting the Durham Regional Police Services Board alternates between the south end and the north end of their region in recognition of the fact that they cover a very large area. Ottawa-Carleton is also a very large geographic area. She pointed out it could be argued that people who want to speak to the Board are inconvenienced by having to travel to Regional Headquarters. She supported holding regular Board meetings in the communities as it could be very educational for Board members. She added should the Board adopt option 2, she would like to use the opportunity of the extra meetings to deal with some of the policy items that the Board does not seem to have an opportunity to discuss at regular meetings.

Moved by J. Legendre

That the Board adopt option 1 (holding regular Board meetings in the community).

LOST

YEAS: E. Buckingham, J. Legendre

NAYS: G. Baskerville, A. Boudreau, H. Kreling, P. Vice

Member Baskerville put forward a motion recommending that the Board approve option 2 as outlined in the report's Annex A.

Member Buckingham moved a friendly amendment to add that these meetings also be used as an opportunity for the Board to discuss policy matters. She did not see the Board necessarily seeking input from the host community, but noted the actual discussion with the community may not be a lengthy one and the rest of the meeting could then focus on a specific policy matter. Member Baskerville accepted the amendment to his motion on the condition that this be done only if appropriate.

Chair Vice agreed the Board should be talking about some of the policy issues that arise but noted the draft calendar recommends meetings in Rideau and Osgoode in May and June. These dates were selected to coincide with the transition into these municipalities. On these

occasions, Chair Vice did not believe people would be concerned about policy issues. He did not disagree with the suggestion but felt it would not be appropriate for meetings at which there was a significant community issue to be discussed. Member Buckingham suggested judgement be used to ensure a two to three hour agenda.

Councillor Legendre referenced the letter from the Mayor of Rideau, saying they would be pleased to host a Board meeting on May 4th. He also referenced the statement in the report that says the Mayor has invited the Board to attend a regular meeting of the Rideau Township Council on that day. He wondered if the suggestion was to have two different meetings one after the other.

The Board Secretary clarified that after receiving Mayor Brooks' letter, she called him to explain the type of community meeting envisioned and that the format envisioned would not be appropriate for a Council meeting. She inquired whether there was a possibility of the Board holding a meeting the second Monday of the month in accordance with the schedule that was being proposed. However, the Mayor was adamant that the Board come as part of the regular Council meeting on May 4th.

The Secretary expressed the hope that the Board would provide some direction for responding to the Mayor. Councillor Legendre did not think the Board would be holding two meetings in Rideau and therefore was disposed to let the Mayor determine the format. Chair Vice did not think it made sense to have the community meeting at the same time as a Council meeting.

Vice Chair Kreling suggested the Board advise Mayor Brooks that it is the Board's desire to have a forum in which residents of the community as well as the councillors have an opportunity to express themselves. He did not believe that could be done effectively in a joint meeting with the municipal Council. Chair Vice asked that the Secretary communicate this to the Mayor, and inquire if another date was possible.

Moved by G. Baskerville

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve a community meeting schedule for 1998-2000 as outlined in the attached Annex A; and that these meetings also be used as an opportunity for the Board to discuss policy matters, time permitting (assuming a 2-3 hour meeting).

CARRIED as amended

13. ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARDS:
ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Board Secretary's report dated 17 Mar 98

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve the attendance of G. Baskerville, A. Boudreau, E. Buckingham, J. Legendre and W. Fedec at the Annual Conference of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, to be held 17-19 April 1998 in Toronto, Ontario.

CARRIED

14. REGULAR REPORT FROM THE CHIEF AND OPP INSPECTOR

- verbal update from Chief B. Ford and Inspector L. Beechey

Inspector L. Beechey referenced the continuing strike at the Corel Centre, now in its second full month, which had been discussed at last month's meeting. He stated he attended an injunction hearing on 20 March but a decision won't be made until 30 March. So far the police have accumulated 2,600 hours of overtime in policing the event. Though it is becoming very costly, the police are not in a position to influence an injunction hearing.

Over the past weekend, members of the Kanata OPP detachment doing surveillance stopped a youth who was involved in car thefts. The arrest cleared up 23 car thefts and 2 break and enters. The OPP are now communicating with Regional Police because the culprit is suspected to be responsible for a number of car thefts in the Nepean area and further charges may be pending.

Chief Ford reported on the increase of activity in the Market area as result of later closing time of bars, particularly the large capacity bars. The police increased staffing during the March break weekends to deal with the situation and this was a fairly successful initiative. The police have been working with the Market BIA, the Rideau Street BIA and bar owners to discuss the issue and come up with a number of initiatives.

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

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ADOPTION OF BY-LAW

15. FALSE ALARM REDUCTION BY-LAW
- Chief's report dated 10 Mar 98

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board adopt the False Alarm Reduction By-law, as amended.

CARRIED
(J. Legendre dissented)

IN CAMERA

CONFIRMATION OF IN CAMERA MINUTES

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board confirm the Minutes of the 23 February 1998 In Camera meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

W. Fedec
Secretary

P. Vice
Chair