

MINUTES

OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

CHAMPLAIN ROOM

24 MARCH 1997

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

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

REGRETS

Regional Chair P. Clark

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board confirm the Minutes of the 24 February 1997 meeting.

CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Holmes took the opportunity to mention a letter she had received commending Sergeant Clark McDow for the support he provided to a victim of spousal abuse and stalking. She stated she has received numerous comments from the community about this particular officer and the good work he does, and she wished to ensure all Board members received the letter.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

MR. GUETTA

- Board Secretary's memo dated 19 Mar 97 and attached letter from Mr. Guetta dated 17 Mar 97

Mr. Guetta distributed copies of his presentation to members of the Board, which is held on file with the Board Secretary. Mr. Guetta made a number of allegations of fraud and mis-spending by various public bodies, and then asked for a response from certain Board members and Chief Ford.

After hearing Mr. Guetta's allegations, Chair Vice stated that as a Board member he was not accepting any of Mr. Guetta's claims as they were not within the Board's mandate, nor would any member be responding to them. He explained the Board has no jurisdiction over the matters cited and suggested Mr. Guetta make his claims to a Crown Attorney or the Minister of Justice, or to the Judicial Council in the case of complaints against judges.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC COMPLAINTS REPORT (AS OF FEBRUARY 1997)
- Chief's report dated 19 Mar 97

Member Baskerville identified a typographical error on page 11, public complaint # 237-96, which indicates the date of complaint was prior to the date of the incident. He asked staff to make the appropriate correction.

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

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2. OPP PUBLIC COMPLAINTS REPORT (AS OF 31 JANUARY 1997)
- A/Inspector's report dated 17 Mar 97

Member Baskerville noted the two complaints appear to be incomplete in that both are missing a "conclusion" and "date of completion".

Inspector Hopkins acknowledged a clerical error had been made in submitting the report and offered to have it clarified for the next meeting.

In light of this, Chair Vice suggested that acceptance of the report be deferred until the next meeting.

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3. 1997 POLICE & COMMUNITY AWARDS CEREMONIES
- Chief's report dated 14 Mar 97

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4. CONTRACT FOR POLICING SERVICES OTTAWA
MACDONALD CARTIER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
- Chief's report dated 17 Mar 97

Moved by A. Bouwers

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve the negotiation and execution of a contract for the provision of policing and canine explosive detection services with the Macdonald Cartier International Airport Authority, on a full cost recovery basis.

CARRIED

5. RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS RE: POLICE TELEPHONE SYSTEM
- Chief's report dated 12 Mar 97

Mr. J. Sankey, the individual who made the suggestions regarding the telephone system, addressed the Board. He thanked the Chief of Police for his excellent response and noted a change has already been made so that callers are asked a question that demands a response from touch-tone phone users; if a response is not made, the call is immediately transferred to an operator. He stated the system is now entirely adequate.

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6. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS' ANNUAL MEETING
- Board Secretary's report dated 19 Mar 97

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve the following three Resolutions and agree to forward them to the Canadian Association of Police Boards for consideration at its 1997 Annual Meeting and Conference in June:

a) SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

WHEREAS the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board continues to be very concerned about the vulnerability of children, especially those preyed upon by adults who sexually abuse them;

WHEREAS the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board recognizes that the sexual exploitation of children represents a pervasive and predatory criminal activity resulting in the systematic destruction of many young lives and futures; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board believes that Canadian society often remains unaware of the extent of this very serious public safety issue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board forward this resolution to the Canadian Association of Police Boards requesting that it:

- 1. Communicate to the Federal Minister of Justice the critical need for a National Strategy to enhance awareness about the victimization of children who are sexually exploited; and**
- 2. Communicate to the Federal Minister of Justice the need to allocate the necessary resources, specialized training, technology, and public education initiatives to ensure optimum protection for children.**

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b) CAR-JACKINGS

WHEREAS the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board has taken note of an alarming trend throughout Canada of criminals stealing motor vehicles by use of violence or threats of violence to the occupants of those vehicles;

WHEREAS robberies of this nature generally involve weapons and a high degree of risk to the personal safety of drivers and passengers;

WHEREAS the victims of these crimes tend to be members of more vulnerable groups, particularly women;

WHEREAS Canadians have an expectation of and a right to safety within their motor vehicles, just as they have within their own homes; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board believes that it is necessary for the Government of Canada to declare that this crime has been identified as a significant problem and will be dealt with as such;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board forward this Resolution to the Canadian Association of Police Boards requesting that it recommend to the Minister of Justice that legislation be enacted providing that upon conviction for a robbery involving a motor vehicle, in addition to the sentence imposed, an additional consecutive mandatory minimum period of incarceration will apply.

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c) HOME INVASION ROBBERIES

WHEREAS home invasion robberies are particularly traumatic and terrifying crimes, generally involving weapons, threats, and a high degree of personal violence;

WHEREAS there is a need for the Canadian public to feel safe and secure within the sanctity of their own homes;

WHEREAS offences of violence which strike at the right of members of the public to the security of their own homes and to freedom from intrusion therein must be treated with utmost seriousness; and

WHEREAS the Alberta Court of Appeal in the case of

R. v. Matwiy has ruled that the starting point in considering a a sentence for a home invasion robbery should be eight years imprisonment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board forward this resolution to the Canadian Association of Police Boards requesting that it recommend to the Minister of Justice that legislation be enacted providing a minimum mandatory penalty of eight years for robbery committed within a private dwelling house.

CARRIED

7. THANK YOU LETTER FROM MINISTER OF JUSTICE RE: YOUTH JUSTICE
- Letter from the Honourable A. Rock, Minister of Justice

Chair Vice commented that Chief Ford had invited him to attend the meeting between Justice Minister A. Rock and officers from the Youth Section of the Police Service. He wished to publicly note how proud he was of the officers, both for the excellent job they do and for the way they were able to discuss issues with Mr. Rock. The Minister also stated how impressed he was with the officers during a brief conversation with Chair Vice after the meeting.

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8. REGULAR REPORT FROM THE CHIEF AND OPP INSPECTOR
- verbal update from Chief B. Ford and A/Inspector M. Hopkins

Chief Ford reported that the Region unfortunately had its first murder on March 15, 1997. The body of the victim, Angela Tong, was found behind the Embassy West Hotel following a tip from a caller in Toronto. Mr. Steven Bugden was subsequently arrested and investigation is ongoing.

Police are still very actively looking for two suspects in connection with a shooting at the Rideau Centre. The incident has generated a lot of radio and newspaper discussion. Police are investigating gangs in Ottawa-Carleton and will be taking an appropriate operational response to ensure they do not become a bigger problem.

The Chief reported that the Province's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) cleared Constable Sandra Buckley in a record eight days of any wrong-doing in the shooting death of an individual who was attacking a fellow officer. In taking the action she did,

Constable Buckley was credited with saving the life of another officer. Chief Ford publicly commended her for the action she took, and the bravery and calmness with which she handled the situation. Constable Buckley's name will be submitted to the Awards Nominating Committee to ensure she receives appropriate recognition for her actions.

Inspector Hopkins reported that a replacement for the position vacated by Inspector Vic Burns will be announced on April 8th and should be available for the next meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

W. Fedec
Secretary

P. Vice
Chair