

MINUTES

OTTAWA-CARLETON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

CHAMPLAIN ROOM

27 OCTOBER 1997

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair: Mr. P. Vice
Vice Chair: Mr. A. Bouwers
Members: Mr. G. Baskerville, Ms. A. Boudreau, Regional Chair P. Clark,
Councillor D. Holmes, Councillor H. Kreling

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board confirm the Minutes of the 22 September 1997 meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

TOWING CONTRACTS

Bill MacKay, Gloucester Towing thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He felt the biggest problem with the towing contract was the lack of input from the industry. He did not blame the police as they wouldn't have known who to contact. Mr. MacKay indicated that by the time the next contract is tendered, there will be an association in place to represent approximately 90% of the towing companies in Ottawa-Carleton. He re-iterated that the towing industry wants to be involved in the preparation of the next contract. He feared there would be abuses under the newly awarded contract. Mr. MacKay asked for the Board's support in starting the dialogue with Police, adding the industry is prepared to have a committee in place to meet with the Police at their convenience. He noted that under the current contract, all three towing companies are within the greenbelt and that this will also affect the dealerships, bodyshops and mechanics in outlying areas.

Dan Dion, Dan's Towing also thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He indicated that though the contract stipulates it can be terminated at any time, he is not asking the Board to cancel it. He asked that the contract be modified to exclude rural areas until the next contract is tendered when the towing industry could be involved. He noted the contracts in urban areas had been extended twice and asked for the same consideration.

Chair Vice supported the idea of the towing industry establishing an association to represent them in the future. He stressed the Board has not had any discussions or made any decisions regarding future contracts.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. NATIONAL CAPITAL ALLIANCE ON RACE RELATIONS PRESENTATION
- Board Secretary's report dated 20 Oct 97

Anne Clarke, Executive Director, National Capital Alliance on Race Relations (NCARR) introduced NCARR representatives and described the content of the information package distributed to Board members.

Ruben Friedman, President, stated NCARR is a non-profit, community based umbrella organization whose mandate is to improve understanding, respect and communication between ethnic groups, institutions and the public. NCARR's primary strengths are the promotion of equality and the combating of racism. Mr. Friedman indicated one of the best examples of community partnership is the Police Minority Youth Program. The Program is closely monitored by an NCARR Co-ordinator who acts as a liaison between the students, their supervisors and the police employment co-ordinator. In the summer of 1995, NCARR introduced a series of workshops as part of the training for participating students. The workshops focused on alternative dispute resolution, anger and stress management, understanding the work of the bias crimes unit, race and the justice system and the changing culture of policing. Mr. Friedman believed everyone benefits from this program because it helps break down barriers between ethno-racial youths and the police. Approximately 10% of the program's youth participants have chosen careers in policing. NCARR's goal is to continue the partnership with the police; they are therefore requesting that the Board consider including a budget line item to finance the salaries of future participants.

Councillor Holmes agreed the Police Minority Youth Program has been a great success. She wondered if NCARR considered it its mandate to monitor how well the Police Service reflects the community in terms of employment equity.

Henry Pau, Employment Equity Chair, indicated NCARR has concentrated its employment equity efforts on the federal public service because of limited resources and the fact that the federal government is the single largest employer in the National Capital area.

Vice Chair Bouwers moved the Board receive the report and direct staff to review the financial cost and feasibility of NCARR's request.

Chair Vice wished to confirm the amount of money being requested. Mr. Friedman indicated the cost would be \$3,000 to \$4,000 per student for a total of approximately \$12,000.

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

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2. PUBLIC COMPLAINTS REPORT (AS OF SEPTEMBER 1997)
- Chief's report dated 15 Oct 97

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

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3. AWARD OF TENDER FOR POLICE VEHICLES
- Chief's report dated 21 Oct 97

Member Baskerville noted the report indicates that only the Chevrolet Lumina was considered in this tender and he wondered why other models had not been considered. He also requested clarification on the lease versus buy option and how the purchase would be financed. Deputy Chief Mackie explained that because Ford is discontinuing the LTD it was felt this could cause problems for replacement in the future. The Lumina is being offered as a new police package.

D. Frazer, Director of Financial Services, re-iterated the market is shrinking in terms of police packages. The department felt this was a perfect opportunity to test other package options. She stated the Lumina was tested and meets the provincial guidelines for a medium size police vehicle. It has been upgraded to a V6, 3.8L engine, and meets all the power requirements for a police vehicle. With respect to the lease versus buy financing, she assumed the Region would finance the purchase on the Police Services' behalf and the debt would be repaid over a three-year period. She explained the differences between the two options, noting the purchase option provides a salvage value in that it allows the possibility of selling the vehicles after three years.

Councillor Kreling questioned the benefits of buying versus leasing in terms of warranties. D. Frazer indicated the warranties are comparable however, buying has an advantage in case of vehicle damage.

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board award the tender for the purchase of nine police package vehicles to Belisle Automobiles Inc., Ottawa, for an amount of \$271,221.75, including taxes.

CARRIED

4. AWARD OF CONTRACT: FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION LAB
- Chief's report dated 22 Oct 97

Regional Chair Clark thought that the Regional Police had taken over policing from the RCMP in some areas in exchange for the use of their forensic lab and wondered why staff are now proposing to build a facility at 474 Elgin Street. Deputy Chief Mackie explained the laboratory at the Canadian Police College performs a different function than the existing one at 474 Elgin Street. The laboratory at 474 Elgin is used for day-to-day operations such as finger-printing, forensic investigations of motor scenes, vehicle recoveries and break and enters. There are presently health and safety concerns with respect to some of the chemicals used. Only specialized identification requests such as DNA and firearms testing are sent to the RCMP forensic lab. Chair Vice clarified the two laboratories perform different functions.

Member Baskerville inquired about the funds being transferred from another account to pay for this project. He wanted reassurance this was not being done at the expense of other functions. D. Frazer assured the Board the funds from the other account were true savings.

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve:

- 1. the award of contract for the construction of the Ottawa-Carleton Police Service's new Forensic Identification Laboratory to Garvey Construction Limited, Gloucester, in the amount of \$1,109,590.00, including a contingency allowance and taxes;**
- 2. the transfer of funds in the amount of \$171,000.00 from Capital Project 972-23801.**

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5. UNIFORM COMPLEMENT INCREASE
- OPP Inspector L. Beechey's report dated 20 Oct 97

Inspector Beechey stated his report was prepared in response to the Board's earlier request for a workload assessment. The assessment was done in accordance with OPP Contract Policing guidelines, and the figures are those that would have been included in any regular policing contract at this time. The assessment concludes that six officers should be added to the Kanata staffing complement and one to Goulbourn Township.

If the request is supported by the Board, Inspector Beechey stated he will proceed to ask the OPP Contract Policing to attach a monetary figure to the complement increase.

Chair Vice noted all members of the Board had received a copy of a memorandum from Regional Councillor A. Munter requesting the Board's support for the additional officers.

In response to a question from Member Baskerville, Inspector Beechey estimated the new positions would have a financial impact of approximately \$530,000 on the 1998 budget.

Regional Chair Clark noted that prior to amalgamation, Kanata had a fairly high vacancy rate yet the City did not increase the complement during its five year contract with the OPP, probably due to limited resources. Since the Region assumed responsibility for policing, staffing levels have improved. He referenced the high level of new activity in the area with the Corel Centre, the expanding high tech industry, and a steadily increasing population, and believed the demands of new growth must be met.

While he acknowledged the 1998 budget deliberations would not be easy, he felt the Inspector's request was supportable and believed there must be adequate resources to handle the problems. At the same time, he recognized the need to balance demand for police services with available dollars. He moved that the report be approved.

Moved by P. Clark

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board support the request for seven (7) additional constable positions for the O.P.P. jurisdiction within the Ottawa-Carleton Region.

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6. ENDORSEMENT OF CAPB RESOLUTIONS ON CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND PROSTITUTION

- Board Secretary's report dated 20 Oct 97

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board endorse the Canadian Association of Police Boards' resolutions on child sexual exploitation and prostitution and forward its endorsement to the Solicitor General of Canada and the Minister of Justice.

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7. CAPB RESPONSE TO NATIONAL POLICE SERVICES CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

- Board Secretary's report dated 22 Oct 97

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board receive the Canadian Association of Police Boards' response to the Solicitor General Canada's National Police Services Consultation Document for information.

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8. REGULAR REPORT FROM THE CHIEF AND OPP INSPECTOR

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

Inspector L. Beechey reported that on 26 September, 53 OPP Officers had their heads shaved at the Corel Centre to raise money for Cancer. They were successful in raising \$35,000. Approximately 40 of the officers were from the Ottawa-Carleton Region.

Deputy Chief Mackie reported on the following:

- The tragic sudden death, on 8 October, of Mr. Eric Bunkis, Executive Director of the Crime Prevention Council of Ottawa, is a significant loss to both the community and the Police Service.
- The Police Memorial Service was held on 28 September on Parliament Hill to pay tribute to fallen police and correctional officers. The event was attended by representatives from across Canada and the United States. Over 160 members from Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police took part in the parade along with the pipe and drum band and choir.
- Four male suspects known as the Hammer Gang were recently arrested and 25 charges were laid in connection with 18 robberies committed between 26 September and 19 October. The suspects used hammers and knives as weapons.
- The Police Youth Mentoring Program held its closing ceremony on 21 October at the Odawa Native Friendship Centre. Certificates were presented to the protégés by the Executive and plans to expand the program are in place.
- The Commercial Crime Prevention Seminar, which is a semi-annual event, took place on 2 October. The seminar is a result of a partnership between the Crime Prevention Council of Ottawa, Canada Trust and the Regional Police and provides an opportunity for the exchange of information between the Police, community and local businesses.
- The Police Service's United Way campaign officially closed last week. The original goal was to raise \$35,000 and to date, \$43,000 has been raised through payroll pledges and events such as a fashion show and penny challenge.

- Crime Prevention Week kicks off 2 November. The Police Service is hosting various public information activities and the Police Youth Centre Charity Auction is being held on 5 November.

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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*.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

W. Fedec
Secretary

Chair Vice
Chair