

MINUTES

OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

CHAMPLAIN ROOM

28 APRIL 1997

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair: Mr. P. Vice
Vice Chair: Mr. A. Bouwers
Members: Ms. A. Boudreau, Councillor D. Holmes

REGRETS

Mr. G. Baskerville, Regional Chair P. Clark, Councillor D. Pratt

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC COMPLAINTS REPORT (AS OF MARCH 1997)
- Chief's report dated 10 Apr 97

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

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2. AWARD OF TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF PATROL VEHICLES
- Director General's report dated 23 Apr 97

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve the award of the tender to purchase seventeen police package vehicles to Sterling Ford Sales, Ottawa, in the amount of \$502,024.45, including PST and GST.

CARRIED

3. RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR PARKING CONTROL SERVICES
- Chief's report dated 11 Apr 97

Mr. Jonathon Murray, Murray & Murray Parking Control Services, addressed the Board with regard to a number of issues raised in the Chief's report. He first referenced the findings in the report, stating it is still unclear what it actually costs to perform this type of service. The report uses response to false alarms as a reference point but does not comment on the cost of a parking control service.

Secondly, he stated there did not appear to be any legal difficulties identified in the report aside from how the public might respond. Thirdly, he addressed the issue of municipal support, saying he spoke with four different municipalities. It was his understanding that the municipalities thought this was a good idea and they suggested he present it to the Police Services Board as they were interested in knowing the Board's opinion.

As the cost of the service and the legal implications are still unclear, Mr. Murray requested that the Board consider a Motion to refer the proposal back to staff for further review. He offered his assistance to staff in analyzing the proposal.

Vice Chair Bouwers had no objection to referring the proposal back to staff for further analysis, particularly as the Differential Response Committee is still researching the way police respond to less immediate community concerns, including parking.

The Chief of Police estimated staff could have a report back to the Board for the meeting in June.

Member Holmes asked that the pro's and con's of privatization be included in the report; i.e. what benefits would privatization bring to the public and the police service, and what would be the problems.

Moved by A. Bouwers

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board refer this report back to staff for further review.

CARRIED as amended

4. **SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FIREARM OFFENCES POLICIES**

- Chief's report dated 11 Apr 97

In response to a question from Councillor Holmes, Chief Ford stated the protocols for sexual assault and domestic assault are different. Councillor Holmes suspected the case load percentage of domestic assaults was much higher than sexual assaults, and she inquired when a similar protocol would be developed for domestic assaults. Chief Ford responded that senior staff are currently reviewing one and he expected to distribute it to Board members next month.

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5. **1999 GOODWILL TOUR - OTTAWA-CARLETON POLICE SERVICE CHOIR**

- Chief's report dated 9 Apr 97

In response to a question, Director-General S. Kanellakos stated funds necessary for this expenditure will be charged to the Chief's travel account within his office budget. Mr. Kanellakos noted there is some flexibility within the Airport policing budget, allowing them to re-allocate funds for these types of situations.

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board support this request from the Ottawa-Carleton Police Service Choir for funding of \$2,000 each year leading up to the trip in 1999.

CARRIED

6. **UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS ABOUT PANHANDLERS**

- Board Secretary's memo dated 22 Apr 97

Chair Vice stated one thing police are attempting to do is let people know that the more they donate to panhandlers, the more it encourages them to stay on the street. Some

residents have told him they would like officers to inform those making donations that many panhandlers are receiving welfare. On the positive side, Mr. Vice stated he has received compliments from people who are pleased the problem is being addressed. However he cautioned care must be taken not to simply move the problem from one part of the city to another.

Councillor Holmes noted some callers to her office have indicated they did not appreciate the police telling them they should not be giving panhandlers money. The individuals felt the panhandlers do need the extra money with the reductions in welfare over the past year. She also drew attention to the Committee's position that passive panhandlers are not the problem, and only those demonstrating aggressive behaviour are being targeted. The Councillor commended police on both Bank Street and Elgin Street for their constant work in ensuring panhandlers are not aggressive.

[The following comments were made to the Police Services Board after the meeting had adjourned but are recorded here as they are pertinent to the subject.]

Councillor M. Meilleur stated the problem with panhandlers is worsening in her Ward. Merchants in the market area are concerned about the effect panhandlers are having on their business, and residents are frightened by the aggressive behaviour demonstrated by some of them.

She acknowledged the cooperation of police and was pleased a committee has been formed, but believed more assistance was required. She suggested a greater use of partnerships between police and social service agencies would help by increasing resources and trying to get the word out that people should not make donations to panhandlers.

Councillor Holmes inquired whether police were starting to work on getting the more aggressive panhandlers off the streets, as discussed at the last community committee meeting.

Deputy Chief A. Mackie responded he has spoken with Inspectors Sue O'Sullivan and Sheila Dunlop, and Sergeant Angelo Fiore about this and will be investigating more hard-line enforcement and operational tactics that could be used. He undertook to report back at the next meeting and to continue updating the Board throughout the summer. Chief Ford added they will also be exploring the possibility of partnerships with social agencies.

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7. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION - COMMUNITY POLICE CENTRE - METCALFE
- Planning & Development Approvals Department Commissioner's report
dated 25 Apr 97

Vice Chair Bouwers stated he visited the new location and was able to confirm it was in a more central location and offered better parking and less rent.

Moved by A. Bouwers

That the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services Board authorize a lease with Martin and Violet Rowan for 700 ft² of office space located at 8199 Victoria Street to be used as a Community Police Office, in the Village of Metcalfe at an annual cost of \$ 8,400, excluding GST.

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8. CHANGES TO BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE
- Board Secretary's report dated 3 Apr 97

That the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board approve that:

- 1. The meeting regularly scheduled for 23 June be cancelled and that a meeting be held on Monday, 16 June 1997 instead; and**
- 2. That no meeting be held in the month of August.**

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

Chief Ford reported on the following:

- Constable Yves Richer, a 23-year veteran with the Police Service, passed away while undergoing an operation for an aneurysm. A well-attended funeral was held on 14 Apr 97. Constable Richer was honoured as a hero by two daily newspapers in the Region. Chief Ford expressed his sadness at such a great loss to both the community and the police.
- The Region's third homicide occurred on 17 Apr 97. Jeffrey Beech was stabbed to death and an individual was arrested soon after and charged with his murder.

- With respect to the Rideau Centre shooting, Anthony Chandra was arrested in Winnipeg without incident due to the diligence and hard work of our Major Crime Section, with help from the Winnipeg Police Service.
- Thirty-three new recruits and direct entry officers were sworn-in on 14 Apr 97.
- Inspector Sue O'Sullivan received the Ottawa-Centre Canadian Leadership Award from M.P. Mac Harb on 20 Apr 97 for her efforts as officer in charge of District One in Central Division. The Chief extended congratulations to Inspector O'Sullivan.

OPP A/Inspector M. Hopkins reported that a new liaison officer, Inspector Larry Beechy, will be introduced to the Board at its meeting on 26 May 97. He also noted the Manotick Office will be expanding to take up the second floor of the building they occupy. The lease is short-term.

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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*.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

W. Fedec
Secretary

P. Vice
Chair