

OAPSB - Zone 5

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Dear Mr. Wheeler:

At our OAPSB meeting Zone 5 held on June 12, 2007, the following motion was passed Unanimously:

WHEREAS The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) holds an Annual General Meeting and Conference at various municipalities throughout the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Zone 5 membership, it is contended that the length of the training days during the conference may be too long to maintain the enthusiasm and attention of the members attending the plenary sessions and does not allow delegates sufficient time to prepare for the evening events, and, as a result, members are leaving sessions early or not attending end-of-day sessions at all;

AND WHEREAS it has been noted by the Zone 5 membership that there is a lack of participation in the President's Banquet, partially due to delegates and companions leaving the conference early.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards consider amending the format of the Conference to end daily plenary sessions at 3:00 p.m.;
2. The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards consider holding the President's Banquet on Friday evening;
3. The Zone 5 Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to all member Boards of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards for their consideration.

On behalf of Zone 5, I am writing to request the support of your Board for our motion. Owen Sound hosted the Conference this past May and Stratford in our Zone is hosting the Conference in May 2008. We requested this program modification on behalf of Owen Sound prior to the past Conference and we were denied the change.

It is again our strong feeling that attendance at the President's Ball would be enhanced by moving it's timing to the Friday night of the Conference. This would allow the Conference to end at noon on Saturday at the end of the General Meeting. The ceremony of passing the 'Nickel Challenge Award' could take place during or at the conclusion of the General Meeting.

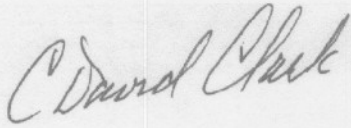
Our members suggest that travel arrangements of Conference delegates could be expedited given Saturday afternoon as travel time and would allow them to be home for the full day on Sunday with friends and families. Our experiences indicate that the travel issue is a significant reason for the reduced attendance at the President's Ball on the Saturday night.

Many of our Conferences start on the Wednesday with social events such as Golf Tournaments. These are excellent initiatives and give our members an early start at networking with OAPSB delegates from across Ontario. Consequently the length of Conferences has been lengthened to 4 days or longer as many participants arrive on Tuesday night in preparation for Wednesday activities.

We propose that closing the Conference at noon on Saturday would reduce the length of the Conference to 3 ½ days and make the President's Ball a focal point of the

Conference activities. Please contact me if you have any questions related to our motion and request for your support.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Clark". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

David Clark, Chairman – Zone 5

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Cc: Kevin Eccles, Zone Director