

MINUTES

of the

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

January 23, 2008

The Board continued its meeting of January 23, 2008 in Committee Room A, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario on the above-noted date at 3:30 p.m. in Public Session.

Members Present:

D. Wheeler, Chairman
J. Persechini, Vice-Chairman
B. Fisch, Member
S. Herzog, Member
F. Scarpitti, Member
J. Yu, Member

C. Phillipson, Executive Director
S. Neill, Committee Coordinator

Officers Present:

A. P. La Barge, Chief of Police
B. Herridge, Deputy Chief of Police
E. Jolliffe, Deputy Chief of Police
J. Fraser, Manager of Legal Services
M. Holland, Manager of Financial Services

Corporate Services:

D. Kuzmyk, Senior Counsel

023

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR 2008

In accordance with Section 28 (1) of the *Police Services Act* and Section 3.1 of the Board's Procedure By-law, the Executive Director called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board for 2008.

Moved by Mr. Fisch,

Seconded by Mr. Persechini,

that Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler be nominated as Chairman of the Board for the period January 23, 2008 until the commencement of the first regular meeting of the Board in 2009.

The Executive Director called for further nominations.

Moved by Mr. Scarpitti,

Seconded by Mr. Herzog,

that nominations be closed.

CARRIED

As no further nominations were received, the Executive Director declared Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler as Chairman of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board for the period January 23, 2008 until the commencement of the first regular meeting of the Board in 2009.

Chairman Danny Wheeler thanked the Board for its support in re-electing him. In addressing the citizens of York Region, Chairman Wheeler advised that from 2002 to 2006, York Region had the lowest rate of crimes against persons, property and total Criminal Code Offences when compared to other Greater Toronto Area Police Services. He encouraged citizens to participate in the Board's public meetings where they can hear first-hand the efforts of York Regional Police to keep their neighbourhoods safe. Chairman Wheeler also noted that the five policing priorities identified in a recent community survey - crimes of violence, guns and gangs, traffic safety, crimes against property and drug control and enforcement would be front and centre in the Board's 2008-2010 Business Plan for the York Regional Police.

024 **ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2008**

In accordance with Section 28 (2) of the *Police Services Act* and Section 3.2 of the Board's Procedure By-Law, the Board proceeded with the election of Vice-Chairman for the period of January 23, 2008 until the commencement of the first regular meeting of the Board in 2009.

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2008.

*Moved by Mr. Herzog,
Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,
that Joe Persechini be nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the
period January 23, 2008 until the commencement of the first regular meeting
of the Board in 2009.*

The Chairman called for further nominations.

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Ms Yu,
that nominations be closed.*

CARRIED

As no further nominations were received, the Chairman declared Joe Persechini as Vice-Chairman of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board for the period January 23, 2008 until the commencement of the first regular meeting of the Board in 2009.

Vice-Chairman Joe Persechini advised that he is grateful for the opportunity to serve

the community and to work with the Board, the Chief of Police and the citizens of the York Region in advancing the public safety agenda.

025 **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

No member of the Board declared an interest in any item on the agenda for the Public Session of this meeting.

026 **YORK REGIONAL POLICE PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED 2008 POLICING PRIORITIES AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOARD'S 2008 – 2010 BUSINESS PLAN**

Chief Armand La Barge, Deputy Chief Bruce Herridge and Deputy Chief Eric Jolliffe discussed crime trends facing the York Regional Police: organized crime, drugs and drug-related offences, technology-based crimes, exploitation/violence against women and children, impaired driving, hate crimes, use of weapons and illegal firearms and the threat of terrorism. Chief La Barge advised that York Regional Police will continue to engage citizens in crime prevention programs, increase police visibility in neighbourhoods, enhance support to victims of crime, promote traffic safety and ensure programs meet youth needs throughout York Region. The Board and all present applauded Chief La Barge when he reported that a 2007 community survey indicated a 90.7% overall satisfaction rate with the York Regional Police.

Moved by Mr. Fisch,

Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,

that the presentation by the Chief Armand P. La Barge be received.

CARRIED

027 **INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS, ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE ITEMS**

Moved by Mr. Fisch,

Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,

that the following items be added to the agenda of the Public Session of this meeting:

- a) *Human Resources Report – Recommendations 1 and 2*
- b) *Appointment of New Officers*
- c) *YRT Special Constables*
- d) *Board Commendations for Mr. Paul Sharp, Mr. Serge Proulx and Sgt. Mark Lawrence #231*

CARRIED

028 **Human Resources**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board appoint 5 civilians, pursuant to Section 31(1)(a) of the *Police Services Act*; and
2. That the Board reclassify 27 officers pursuant to the 2006-2008 Uniform Working Agreement.

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,
that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendations one
(1) and two (2) contained therein be adopted.*

CARRIED

Action: Chief of Police

029 **Appointment of New Officers**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board appoint 32 new individuals as Cadets-in-Training, effective December 3, 2007, pursuant to Section 51(1) of the *Police Services Act*.

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,
that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1)
contained therein be adopted.*

CARRIED

Action: Chief of Police

030 **YRT Special Constables**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board appoint the two York Region Transit (YRT) Special Constables identified in this report for a five year period in accordance with Section 52 of the *Police Services Act*.

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,
that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1)
contained therein be adopted.*

CARRIED

Action: Chief of Police

031 **Board Commendations for Mr. Paul Sharp, Mr. Serge Proulx and Sgt. Mark Lawrence #231**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board award Mr. Paul Sharp, Mr. Serge Proulx and Sgt. Mark Lawrence #231 with commendations for their heroic actions during an armed robbery at the Mount Albert TD-Canada Trust Bank that resulted in the arrest of an armed subject.

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,
that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1)
contained therein be adopted.*

CARRIED

Action: Chief of Police

032 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2007**

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Ms Yu,
that the minutes for the Public Session of the meeting held on November 21,
2007 be adopted.*

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

033 **Don Cousens (November 9, 2007) expressing appreciation to the Police Services Board for its financial support toward the Second Annual Community Safety Village Golf Tournament on October 12, 2007.**

The Board had before it a communication dated November 9, 2007 from Don Cousens expressing appreciation to the Police Services Board for its financial support toward the Second Annual Community Safety Village Golf Tournament on October 12, 2007.

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,
that the communication dated November 9, 2007 from Don Cousens be
received.*

CARRIED

034 **Susan LaRosa, Director of Education, York Catholic District School Board (December 19, 2007) providing feedback on the Police Services Board's draft 2008-2010 Business Plan for the York Regional Police.**

The Board had before it a communication dated December 19, 2007 from Susan LaRosa, Director of Education, York Catholic District School Board providing

feedback on the Police Services Board's draft 2008-2010 Business Plan for the York Regional Police.

*Moved by Mr. Scarpitti,
Seconded by Mr. Persechini,
that the communication from Susan LaRosa dated December 19, 2007 be
received.*

CARRIED

- 035 **Tom Appleby, Chair, 2008 Ontario Public Buyers Association 50th Anniversary Committee (January 3, 2008) requesting financial support for the Association's Annual Conference September 24 – 26, 2008 in Richmond Hill.**

The Board had before it a communication dated January 3, 2008 from Tom Appleby, Chair, 2008 Ontario Public Buyers Association 50th Anniversary Committee requesting financial support for the Association's Annual Conference September 24 – 26, 2008 in Richmond Hill.

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Mr. Herzog
that the communication from Tom Appleby dated January 3, 2008 be
received.*

CARRIED

- 036 **Deputy Chief Eric Jolliffe (January 14, 2008) requesting financial support for the York Regional Police Military Tattoo in support of Special Olympics – April 19, 2008.**

The Board had before it a communication dated January 14, 2008 from Deputy Chief Eric Jolliffe requesting financial support for the York Regional Police Military Tattoo in support of Special Olympics – April 19, 2008.

*Moved by Mr. Fisch,
Seconded by Mr. Persechini,
that the communication from Deputy Chief Eric Jolliffe be received; and,
that the Board approve a \$5,000.00 donation (Gold Partner) to the York
Regional Police Military Tattoo in support of the Special Olympics.*

CARRIED

Action: Executive Director

REPORTS OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

- 037 **Financial Statements for the Period Ending November 30, 2007**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board receive the Financial Statements for the 11 month period ending November 30, 2007, pursuant to Police Services Board Policy No. 01/05.

*Moved by Mr. Persechini,
Seconded by Mr. Herzog,
that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1)
contained therein be adopted.*

CARRIED

038 **Quality Assurance Process**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board receive this report pursuant to the draft Quality Assurance Process Board Policy 01/08.

*Moved by Mr. Persechini,
Seconded by Mr. Herzog,
that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1)
contained therein be adopted.*

CARRIED

039 **Annual Property and Evidence Audit**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board receive this report pursuant to the Collection, Preservation and Control of Evidence and Property guidelines contained within the Policing Standards Manual (2000), the Collection, Preservation and Control of Evidence and Property Board Policy 02/00-22 and the Collection, Preservation and Control of Evidence, York Regional Police Procedure LE-020.

*Moved by Mr. Persechini,
Seconded by Mr. Fisch,
that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1)
contained therein be adopted.*

CARRIED

040 **Purchase of 2008 Replacement Police Vehicles**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board authorize the purchase of sixty-two 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police package vehicles, to replace existing vehicles, at the cost not to exceed \$30,488.31 per unit, all taxes included, for a total cost of \$1,890,275.49.

*Moved by Mr. Persechini,
Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,*

that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1) contained therein be adopted.

CARRIED

Action: Chief of Police

041 **Terms of Reference – Regional Road Watch Committee**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board receive this report.

*Moved by Mr. Scarpitti,
Seconded by Mr. Fisch,*

that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1) contained therein be adopted.

CARRIED

042 **Delegation of Authority – Public**

The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board receive this report pursuant to Police Services Board Delegation of Signing Authority – Chief of Police Policy No. 07/04.

*Moved by Mr. Persechini,
Seconded by Mr. Herzog,*

that the Chief of Police Report be received and that recommendation one (1) contained therein be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

043 **Quality Assurance Process**

The Board had before it a Report of the Executive Director recommending:

1. That the Board approve the quality assurance process as outlined in the attached policy document 01/08.

Moved by Mr. Fisch,

Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,

*that the Executive Director's Report be received; and,
that the reporting requirements of the Chief of Police in five Board policies under the Adequacy Standards Regulation be amended to read as follows: Air Support Policing (on an as-needed basis); Child Pornography, Youth Crime, Older and Vulnerable Adult Abuse and Traffic Management, Enforcement and Road Safety (in the York Regional Police Annual Report).*

CARRIED

Action: Executive Director

044 Stakeholder Response to Board Resolution

The Board had before it a Report of the Executive Director recommending:

1. That the Board forward its resolution on *Penalties for Crimes Involving Illicit Drugs* to Regional Council with the request that it endorse and forward the resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for its action.

Moved by Mr. Fisch,

Seconded by Mr. Scarpitti,

*that the Executive Director's Report be received; and,
that the Board request Regional Council to endorse and forward this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for action.*

CARRIED

Action: Executive Director

045 Public Relations Fund

The Board had before it a Report of the Executive Director recommending:

1. That the Board receive this report in accordance with its Public Relations Fund Policy #01/00.
2. That the Board review the use of its Public Relations Fund at its Annual Planning and Priority-Setting Workshop on May 13, 2008.

Moved by Mr. Fisch,

Seconded by Mr. Persechini,

that the Executive Director's Report be received and that recommendations

one (1) and two (2) contained therein be adopted.

CARRIED

Action: Executive Director

046 **By-Law No. 01-08**

The Board had before it By-Law #01-08. The By-Law is necessary to confirm the proceedings of the Board at this meeting.

*Moved by Mr. Herzog,
Seconded by Mr. Persechini,
that By-Law #01-08, being "a By-Law confirming the proceedings of the
Board at this meeting", be introduced, read three (3) times and enacted."*

By-Law #01-08 was read and enacted as follows:

"To confirm the proceedings of the Board at this meeting".

CARRIED

047 **ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Mr. Herzog,
Seconded by Mr. Fisch,
that the meeting be adjourned.*

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Connie Phillipson
Executive Director

Danny Wheeler
Chairman