

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

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Monday, December 17, 2007  
4:03pm  
Board Room  
Hamilton Central Station

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Bernie Morelli, Chairman  
Mark Nimigan, Vice Chairman  
Karen Cimba  
Nancy Di Gregorio  
Fred Eisenberger  
Bruce Pearson  
Terry Whitehead

Absent with regrets: None

Also Present: Chief Brian Mullan  
Deputy Chief Ken Leendertse  
Deputy Chief Eric Girt  
Superintendent Paul Morrison  
Superintendent Bill Stewart  
Inspector Vince DeMascio  
Inspector Warren Korol  
Inspector Ken Weatherill  
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel  
Rosemarie Auld, Manager, Human Resources  
Ted Mason, Chief Accountant  
Rita Lee-Irvine, Manager, Research & Planning  
Sergeant Terri-lynn Collings, Media Relations  
Catherine Martin, Corporate Communicator  
Lois Morin, Administrator

Chairman Morelli called the meeting to order.

**Presentation**

***P.R.I.D.E. Award***

One of the values of the Hamilton Police Service is, "Providing Quality Service". This commitment to service excellence is an important part of an organizations journey towards being recognized by our community as one of the Best Police Services in this nation.

There are occasions when members of this Service go above and beyond the normal expectations of our citizens. These are not acts of courage in the face of extreme danger, but they are special acts of compassion, support and quality service that are worthy of recognition.

Chief Mullan presented the P.R.I.D.E. ("**P**eople **R**eally **I**nterested in **D**elivering **E**xcellence") Award to Constable John Pauls and Staff Sergeant Scott Rastin of Hamilton were recognized for the formation of the Hamilton Police Running Team. They served this organization with PRIDE. They are *PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN DELIVERING EXCELLENCE*.

**(Item 2)**

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**(Item 3)****Adoption of Minutes – November 19, 2007**Moved by: Member Whitehead  
Seconded by: Member Pearson

The Minutes of the Public portion of the Police Services Board meeting held Monday, November 19, 2007 were adopted as printed.

**Carried.****(Item 4)****Blood Alcohol Concentration Reduction**

As recommended by Chief Mullan in Report PSB 07-125 dated December 10, 2007, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Whitehead  
Seconded by: Member Pearson**PSB 07-125**

That the Board support the advocacy position of the City of Hamilton to amend Section 253(b) of the *Criminal Code* to reduce the legal blood alcohol concentration from 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood to 50 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood, while operating or having care or control of a motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft.

**Carried.****(Item 5)****Hamilton Police Taser Overview**

Deputy Chief Leendertse provided a presentation to the Board with respect to the Use of Tasers.

After discussion the Board approved the following:

**PSB 07-122**Moved by: Member Whitehead  
Seconded by: Member Di Gregorio

That the Board receive the report as printed.

**Carried.**

**NOTE: Members of the Board requested a copy of the Hamilton Police Service Use of Force Policy.**

**(Item 6)****Excessive Vehicle Noise**

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chairman Nimigan  
Seconded by: Member Cimba**PSB 07-124**

That the Board receive the report as printed and a copy be forwarded to the City of Hamilton Council for their information.

**Carried.****(Item 7)**

**Quality of Life Calls-  
for Service Update**

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Eisenberger  
Seconded by: Vice Chairman Nimigan

**PSB 07-119**

The Board receive the report as printed.

**Carried.**

**(Item 8)**

**Information Items**

The Board approved the following recommendation:

Moved by: Vice Chairman Nimigan  
Seconded by: Member Cimba

The Board receive the reports / correspondence as circulated.

- a) Heavy Truck Route Violations (PSB 07-111)
- b) Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) Restructuring (PSB 07-082)
- c) Clearance Rates (PSB 07-121)
- d) Audit Course (PSB 07-123)
- e) Police Auction Sale (PSB 07-120)
- f) Correspondence to Ms. Janis Lankester, Cayuga Administration Office from Vice Chairman Nimigan with respect to the Framework for Review of Policing Delivery.
- g) Council Follow-up notice from Ida Bedioui, City Clerk's Division with respect to the City Council Meeting of November 28, 2007.
- h) Correspondence from Mr. Larry A. Iggulden, C.A., Chair, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board with respect to the Explosive Disposal Unit Alliance, Niagara Regional Police Service and Hamilton Police Service.
- i) Correspondence from the International Village, its Members and Board of Management expressing sincere Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.
- j) Correspondence from Al Ersser, Associate Dean, Business and Human Resources Management, Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology thanking Chief Mullan for his participation and contribution as a member of the Business Advisory Committee.

- k) E-mail from Jennifer Lanzon, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Police Boards with respect to:
- o Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) Ministers Responsible for Justice and Public Safety Meetings in Winnipeg – Bulletin 96
  - o New Legislation introduced to Amend Criminal Code of Firearms Act and to Amend the Youth Criminal Justice Act – Bill C-24 & Bill C-25
  - o Joint letter sent to Minister Day from Canadian Police Association, Canadian Association of Chief's of Police and the Canadian Association of Police Boards

**Carried.**

**(Item 9)**

## **Other Business**

### ***Downtown Hamilton Revitalization***

Vice Chairman Nimigan brought to the attention of the Board his concern with respect to Downtown Hamilton Revitalization outlining that he believes that the Board and the Service could assist in this initiative.

After discussion the Board requested a report with respect to projects and initiatives that are and have been completed to revitalize the downtown core.

### ***Media Release – Taser Complaint***

Member Whitehead brought to the attention of the Board a media release which referred to allegations of misuse of a taser. Chief Mullan explained that they had attempted to contact the sender of the media release and have not yet heard back and further, if a public complaint is filed the Service would actively and aggressively investigate.

### ***Wireless CCTV Program***

Deputy Leendertse provided an update with respect to the Wireless CCTV Program which has been launched in the Waterdown area. He further mentioned that once the technology has been tested that a report would be presented to the Board with the plan of expanding it throughout the city.

### ***2007 YMCA Peace Medal***

Chairman Morelli congratulated Member Di Gregorio on receiving the 2007 YMCA Peace Medal.

**Hamilton Police Service Good News**

Chairman Morelli on behalf of the Board expressed appreciation and congratulated members of the service, volunteers, crime stoppers, media and our partners on their commitment to the community through their many activities which include the Annual It's a Kids Christmas, fundraising, assisting with breakfast programs, community holiday food drives, toys for CityKidz along with many other initiatives.

**Annual Christmas Eve Carol Sing and Badge Presentation**

Chairman Morelli invited everyone to attend the Annual Christmas Carol Sing and badge presentation scheduled for Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:45am, Central Station Lobby.

**(Item 10)**

**Adjournment**

Moved by: Member Pearson  
Seconded by: Member Di Gregorio

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting then adjourned at 5:50pm.

**Carried.**

**(Item 11)**

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The Board then met in camera to discuss matters of a private and confidential nature.

Taken as read and approved

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Lois Morin  
Administrator

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Bernie Morelli, Chairman  
Police Services Board

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