

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

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Monday, March 19, 2007  
4:01pm  
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 Ken Bond  
Superintendent Paul Morrison  
Superintendent Mike Shea  
Superintendent Bill Stewart  
Inspector Warren Korol  
Inspector Ken Weatherill  
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel  
Rita Lee-Irvine, Manager, Planning  
Sergeant Michael Webber, Media Relations  
Catherine Martin, Corporate Communicator  
Lois Morin, Administrator

Member Morelli called the meeting to order.

**Presentation**

**a) *Member of the Month for January 2007***

Chairman Morelli and Chief Mullan presented the Member of the Month Award for January 2007 to Constable Doug Hall. Thanks to outstanding police work, Constable Hall was critical in locating and apprehending a dangerous suspect which demonstrates Officer Hall's commitment to serving and safeguarding our community.

**b) *Graffiti Prevention Strategy (G.P.S.) (PSB 06-029a)***

Deputy Chief Ken Leendertse provided an update on the graffiti prevention strategy. He then explained that the 2007 Strategic Plan with respect to Graffiti Prevention would be presented at a future meeting of the Board.

**Note:** The Board requested further information with respect to the repercussions for 1<sup>st</sup> offence, 2<sup>nd</sup> offence, number of convictions, cost to a suspect if caught in the act and expansion of the project.

**c) Recognition – Isabel Scozzaro**

Chairman Morelli and Chief Mullan presented Ms. Isabel Scozzaro with a Certificate of Recognition for the many volunteer hours she has provided to the Hamilton Police Service.

**(Item 2)****Declarations of Interest**

Chairman Morelli declared an interest in Information Item 11.e - Correspondence from Mr. Bernard Parsons, Secretary, Community Coalition Against Racism requesting the Police Services Board to review their correspondence and determine if it is appropriate for Mr. Morelli to remain a member and chair of the Board.

**(Item 3)****Adoption of Minutes –February 19, 2007**

Moved by: Member Cimba  
Seconded by: Member Eisenberger

The minutes of the meeting held Monday, February 19, 2007 were adopted as printed.

**Carried.****(Item 4)****Robert Land Community Policing Centre (CPC)**

As recommended by Chief Mullan in Report PSB 07-002 dated March 9, 2007, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Eisenberger  
Seconded by: Member Whitehead

**PSB 07-002**

- a) That the Board approve the opening of the Robert Land Community Policing Centre (CPC).
- b) That the Board authorize the spending of \$2,000.00 to purchase office equipment, i.e. computer, fax and copier for the new Community Policing Centre.
- c) That the Board charge the 2007 budgeted \$2,000.00 to account 376208-53131.

**Carried.****(Item 5)****Reward for Information: Unsolved Missing Person – Billy Mason**

As recommended by Chief Mullan in Report PSB 06-098a dated March 9, 2007, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chairman Nimigan  
Seconded by: Member Cimba

**PSB 06-098a**

- a) That the Board accepts a \$4,132.00 donation from family and friends of William (Billy) Mason to augment the already established \$5,000.00 Reward, by depositing the donation directly into the Police Reward Reserve Account #081859.
- b) That the Board further augments the Reward money by an additional \$868.00, by authorizing an increase in the Reward money to \$10,000.00.

- c) That funds be transferred from the Special Events Reserve Account #081803 to the Police Reward Reserve Account #081859, in the amount of \$868.00.
- d) That the offered Reward money be taken from Police Reward Reserve Account #081859.

**Carried.**

**(Item 6)**

**Request to Hire Six  
(6) Recruits for the  
May Intake at the  
Ontario Police  
College**

As recommended by Chief Mullan in Report PSB 07-034 dated March 9, 2007, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chairman Nimigan  
Seconded by: Member Cimba

That the Board approve the pre-hiring of six (6) new recruits for the May 2007 OPC Class.

**PSB 07-034**

**Carried.**

**(Item 7)**

**Restructuring  
Proposal: Civilian  
Drug Control Clerk  
Position to Sworn  
Drug Control  
Officer**

As recommended by Chief Mullan in Report PSB 07-017a dated March 12, 2007, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Pearson  
Seconded by: Member Whitehead

That the Board approve that the Civilian Drug Control Clerk position be eliminated and that a new *Sworn Drug Control Officer* position be created.

**PSB 07-017a**

**Carried.**

**(Item 8)**

**Ontario Illegal  
Gambling  
Enforcement Unit  
(O.I.G.E.U.):  
Secondment  
Agreement**

As recommended by Chief Mullan in Report PSB 99-117d dated March 8, 2007, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Di Gregorio  
Seconded by: Member Cimba

- a) That the Board enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, operating as the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), by which one (1) officer of the Hamilton Police Service is seconded to the OPP for the purpose of participation in the Ontario Illegal Gambling Enforcement Unit (O.I.G.E.U.) under the direction of the OPP for a period of two (2) years, commencing on April 1, 2007.

**PSB 99-117d**

- b) That the Chair for the Board be authorized and directed to enter into said Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Hamilton Police Service Legal Counsel.

**Carried.**

**(Item 9)**

**Computer Aided  
Dispatch (CAD)  
Hardware Upgrade**

As recommended by Chief Mullan the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Eisenberger  
Seconded by: Member Di Gregorio

That the report be received as circulated.

**PSB 06-113a****Carried.****(Item 10)**

Member Morelli was excused from the meeting. Vice Chairman Nimigan took over as Chair.

**Information Items**

The Board approved the following recommendation:

Moved by: Member Cimba  
Seconded by: Member Pearson

The Board receive the reports / correspondence as circulated.

- a) Police Officers, Population and Calls for Service Information (PSB 07-023)
- b) Youth Crime 10 Year Analysis (PSB 07-043)
- c) 2007 ViCLAS Audit Results (PSB 07-036)
- d) Inquest Touching the Death of Abdirhman Ali Abdi (PSB 07-033)
- e) Correspondence from Mr. Bernard Parsons, Secretary, Community Coalition Against Racism (CCAR) requesting the Police Services Board to review their correspondence and determine if it is appropriate for Mr. Morelli to remain a member and chair of the Board.

**NOTE:** Vice Chairman Nimigan established that at the meeting of the Board held on February 19, 2007, concerns outlined within the correspondence received from Mr. Parsons, Secretary, Community Coalition Against Racism (CCAR) were raised by Chairman Morelli, who, at that time urged the Board to seek outside legal counsel for advice with respect to dealing with these issues. As a result of Chairman Morelli's request the Board has sought legal counsel and is awaiting their advice, after which, a response will be forwarded to the attention of Mr. Bernard Parsons, Secretary, CCAR.

- f) Correspondence from Alexandra Rawlings, A.M.C.T., Coordinator, Advisory Committees to Mr. Bruce Pearson informing him of his appointment to serve on the Hamilton Police Service Board for a term commencing on February 15, 2007 and to expire with the current term of Council or until a successor is appointed by Council.

- g) Correspondence from the Honourable Dr. Marie Bountrogianni, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs & Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal expressing thanks to Chief Mullan for participating in the recent Stakeholders meeting.
- h) Correspondence from MaryLynn West-Moynes, President, Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology expressing their thanks to Chief Mullan for providing a copy of the new Business Plan – 2007 – 2009: Excellence in Policing.
- i) Correspondence from Hasanat Ahmad Syed, CEO, Human Rights and Race Relations Centre with respect to the Hamilton Police Service being awarded the Gold medal for outstanding work in the area of diversity and combating Racism.
- j) Correspondence from Peter Rosser, Executive Director, CYO Celebrity Dinner to Chief Mullan expressing their thanks to Chief Mullan for being a special guest.
- k) Correspondence from Corrado Ciapanna, Superintendent of Education, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic Schools thanking Chief Mullan for agreeing to be a guest speaker at the Annual Catholic School Council Breakfast.
- l) Correspondence from the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care thanking Chief Mullan for his commitment to the Hamilton Community Care Access Centre.
- m) Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Police Services Board providing Notice of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007.
- n) Media Release from the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board announcing that the Board has extended the term of Chief of York Regional Police Armand La Barge for two years.
- o) Correspondence from Wendy Fedec, Executive Director, Ottawa Police Services Board announcing the New Chief of Police.

**Carried.**

**(Item 11)**

### **Other Business**

On behalf of the Board Vice Chairman Nimigan stated that the Board is aware that the members of the Hamilton Police Service have been undergoing difficult times. He further expressed the respect and pride that the Board has for the members of the Hamilton Police Service, reminding members they should be proud of the work that they do each and every day in this community.

Chairman Morelli was invited back into the meeting.

**Gilbank Investigation**

Chief Mullan clarified that approximately one (1) year ago he received information from the Gilbank Homicide Investigator that a member of the service had leaked information. He immediately called for an investigation to be launched and contacted the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to investigate. After the investigation, Chief Mullan was advised that the allegations were unsubstantiated. If new evidence comes to light another investigation will be immediately requested.

Chief Mullan outlined that the OPP had carriage of the investigation explaining that they have the authority to release the investigative report following processes outlined in the *Municipal Of Freedom Of Information And Protection Of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA)*.

**Lack of Justice of the Peace**

Member Eisenberger brought forward the issue with respect to the shortage of Justice of the Peace. Chairman Morelli stated that the Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) are aware of the issue and continue to bring it to the attention of Minister Bryant.

**Hamilton Police Service Legal Account**

Member Whitehead requested that year end totals for all legal account services be prepared to show specific details including the name(s) of Legal Counsel, amount(s) billed and paid to each.

**Update on the Dhinsa Matter**

Chief Mullan updated the Board on the status of Officer Dhinsa and the judicial review which has been filed on behalf of the Hamilton Police Services Board and Chief Mullan.

**Women of Distinction Award Nominees**

Chairman Morelli congratulated the following persons who have been nominated for the Women of Distinction Award: Nancy Di Gregorio in the category of Mentoring and Education, Joanne Engelhardt in the category of Politics and Public Affairs and Jessie Stoneman for Lifetime Achievement.

**Member of the Board**

Chairman Morelli welcomed the new Citizen Appointment, Member Bruce Pearson to the Board reflecting that he will be a great addition.

**Upcoming Events**

Chairman Morelli highlighted the upcoming International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

**Condolences**

On behalf of the Board condolences were expressed to Vice Chairman Nimigan at the lost of his wife – Barb Nimigan and to the Antonello Family at their loss of father and husband – Carlo Antonello.

**(Item 12)**

**Adjournment**

Moved by: Member Nimigan  
Seconded by: Member Whitehead

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting then adjourned at 5:08pm.

**Carried.**

**(Item 13)**

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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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