



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2020

VIA TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Regional Police Services Board commenced at 8:33 am.

ROLL CALL

PSB MEMBERS:

- Mr. K. Gansel, Chair
- Mr. B. Steele, Vice Chair
- Mr. H. D'Angela
- Mr. D. Eke
- Mr. B. Gale
- Mr. K. Gibson
- Ms. T. McKendrick

Ms. D. Reid, Executive Director
Ms. D. Cichocki, Executive Assistant

NRPS MEMBERS:

- Chief of Police B. MacCulloch
- Deputy Chief B. Flynn, Operational Support
- Deputy Chief B. Fordy, Support Services
- Superintendent D. Meade, Executive Services
- Superintendent C. White, District Operations
- Superintendent R. Frayne, Operational Support
- A/Superintendent J. Leigh, Emergency & Investigative Services
- Mr. A. Askoul, Director of Information and Technology
- Insp. D. Masotti, Executive Officer, Chief of Police
- D/Sergeant N. Dave, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Police
- Ms. S. Sabourin, Media Relations Specialist

OTHERS: Mr. C. Herapath, Police Services Advisor, Ministry of the Solicitor General

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

73. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, April 23, 2020.

Moved by: H. D'Angela
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, April 23, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Teleconference Meeting Advisement - Police Service Board Chair Ken Gansel welcomed all participants to the Teleconference Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board. He stated that the Board believes holding its monthly meeting this way and at this time, is the appropriate and responsible approach to the current circumstances as government, public authorities and members of the public all work together to address the unique and difficult challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Chair Gansel thanked everyone for joining the Board's tele-meeting and he recognized the Niagara Region residents, members of the media, and Niagara Regional Police staff who were listening online for their support and staying connected.

Chair Gansel said these are unprecedented times that we are living through and the daily updates from the Prime Minister and the Premier are stark reminders about our current reality. As the pandemic continues to evolve, he took the opportunity to thank Chief MacCulloch, his Executive Leadership Team, and the Uniform and Civilian Members of the Niagara Regional Police Service, who continue to work around the clock to keep Niagara's residents safe. These women and men are working under difficult circumstances, with rules and processes that are changing daily.

It is also critically important that the Board is able to continue with its governance and oversight work. While members can't meet in person as we normally do, these difficult times require us to think differently about how we will conduct our business. This Board is doing the best it can and is thankful to everyone that has worked to get the Board to this point. This is the second public tele-meeting and a lot of measures have been taken to ensure that the meeting runs smoothly.

Tribute to Indigenous Lands – Although this meeting is taking place on the phone, the Board acknowledges the land on which the tele-meeting is held, is the traditional territory of First Nations peoples. In particular the Board recognizes and thanks the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, for their stewardship of these lands over the millennia as well as the First Nations peoples in Canada for their ongoing and important roles in caretaking of the lands beneath our feet whenever we stand on Turtle Island.

Welcome To Ministry Policing Services Advisor - On behalf of the Board, Chair Gansel welcomed Chris Herapath to the meeting. Chris is with the Ministry of the Solicitor General and he serves as a Policing Services Advisor to Police Boards in Ontario. On January 1, 2020, Chris was assigned by the Ministry to Zone 4 Police Boards and he participated in the tele-meeting as part of his regular visits to Police Boards across the Province.

Canadian Association of Police Governance – Webinar Session - On May 12th, the Board participated in the CAPG Webinar entitled, "Human Trafficking in Canada: What Police Governance Authorities Need to Know". The CAPG offers monthly webinars as an educational resource to keep boards and police executives apprised of issues currently impacting the policing community.

OAPSB 2020 Annual General Meeting – Zoom Virtual Webinar - On May 29th at 3:00 pm, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards will hold its 2020 Annual General Meeting by Zoom Virtual Webinar. Board Members interested in participating in the AGM webinar are asked to confirm with Board staff.

1 District Facility Project - The Board was pleased to hear the recent report from the Region that the NRPS 1 District construction project was able to remobilize following the recent announcement from the Provincial Government that construction can resume and essential workplaces limits have been lifted. Member Eke is Chair of the Board's Accommodation Steering Committee and he will attend the next Joint Region and Police Facilities Steering Committee meeting scheduled for June 2nd.

Upcoming PSB Meetings

- **Next PSB Committee Meeting** – Thursday, June 11th at 8:30 am.
- **Next Regular Monthly Board Meeting** – Thursday, June 25th at 8:30 am.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Continuing COVID-19 Situation - Chief MacCulloch provided an update on the COVID-19 situation. Given the continuing spectre of the looming pandemic, the Service will continue to manage and evolve with the situation as it pertains to the Niagara Region and the impact on all Niagara Regional Police Service members. The Government of Ontario recently extended the State of Emergency until June 2, 2020 and there is a continual easing of some of the restrictions imposed as a result of the enactment of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA), which was enacted over two months ago. This includes retail stores being allowed to re-open in a modified manner with curbside pickup and delivery, and the opening of hardware stores and garden centres with specific measures in effect to ensure the continued practice of physical distancing. Other areas of the economy opening up with restrictions include golf courses, marinas, and businesses that board animals. Even with the re-opening of certain establishments and people returning to the workplace, life is far from back to “normal” and the Province and Public Health authorities continue to stress physical distancing, frequent handwashing and staying at home when ill. The Niagara Regional Police Service continues to encourage its members to observe these safety measures, both in the workplace, as well as in their personal lives when off-duty.

The Pandemic Business Continuity Committee continues to meet regularly to adapt needed methods in the ever changing reality that COVID-19 has presented. The Committee is now turning its focus on developing a comprehensive strategy on how to return members safely back to the workplace who have been working remotely from home. The Service will be vigilant and methodical in its approach to ensure the safety of all members while remaining flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances based on a combination of government and public health direction and what is transpiring in the community and in the workplace.

As part of the measured approach, once the Government of Ontario’s State of Emergency has been lifted, there will be a 30 day delay in police staff returning to the workplace in order to monitor the experiences of other public and private sector workplaces in the community. Members will be advised of any changes that are being implemented as decisions are made regarding this strategy. The Service is also remaining alive to the three stage approach to recovery as established by the Government of Ontario and will adjust and adapt to the various considerations accordingly as police personnel transition through the different stages. The Service is currently in Stage 1, which was implemented this week, and will modify accordingly as to when Stages 2 and 3 are implemented.

The Service continues working with the Region and local municipalities for guidance through these evolving times. Police also participate in the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). Included within this mutual cooperation framework, members of the Service have at times assisted municipal by-law officers in ensuring the compliance of Emergency Orders through education and in some cases through being present when necessary enforcement action has been taken for offences committed. The Niagara Regional Police Service to date has itself issued two Provincial Offences Act notices for failing to comply with Emergency Orders and has received 406 COVID-19 specific calls for service related to EMCPA Emergency Orders. Included in these calls for service, 106 involved the education and/or warnings by officers and 120 were forwarded to respective municipal by-law officers for further action. Chief MacCulloch thanked all the municipalities, and in particular their enforcement personnel, who continue to manage and deal with the various evolving Emergency Orders and respond to the various issues and concerns identified within their communities.

The Service continues to maintain an adequate supply of N95 masks, surgical masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and wipes. This supply of PPE’s and the supply chains continues to be monitored and assessed to ensure the Service is well positioned for any future possibilities.

As previously mentioned during last month’s Board meeting, the Service has a redeployment strategy in place should the Service be impacted by sworn members becoming ill or required to stay home due to self-isolation or quarantine. This has meant the redeployment of officers from certain specialty units to work shifts concurrent with various frontline personnel to allow for quick redeployment if required. As of this date, the NRPS has no confirmed cases of COVID-19 affecting any personnel. In regard to absenteeism, the Service continues to do well with these numbers. As of May 19th, the Service’s

absenteeism rate is 25 members out of the workplace due to COVID-19 related reasons, two of which are frontline uniform members, being 0.6% of our total frontline uniform strength, absent due to COVID-19 related issues. Since the start of the pandemic's impact on the Niagara Region in March, the Service has been able to maintain adequate staffing levels and resultantly has not had to cancel any scheduled time off of members.

The Service continues to have members working from home who have been issued necessary technical equipment such as laptops. Although these numbers are subject to demand and may very well fluctuate, there are currently 78 members of the Service, predominantly civilian however some sworn staff as well, working from home at this time. Another 181 members are currently involved in various shift rotations sometimes working from home and sometimes attending the workplace when required. The Service continues to utilize the Mobile Support Unit (MSU) which was created in response to the COVID-19 situation. The MSU is able to respond to lower priority calls for service by way of making contact with complainants by phone or by other similar means. This alleviates call volume pressures on our frontline officers and minimizing unnecessary physical interaction between officers and members of the public when appropriate, keeping with the spirit of physical distancing during these difficult times.

Initially, when the first EMCPA Emergency Orders were enacted on March 17, 2020, the Niagara Regional Police Service experienced a drop in volume of calls for service. Since then, calls for service volume has steadily increased, and for the most part is now back to pre-pandemic levels or higher. Further, there has and continues to be COVID-19 related calls for service, however there has been no significant deviation of calls for service in respect of geographical area as it pertains to any vulnerable group or any serious breaches of the peace related to the pandemic.

To date, since the COVID-19 situation started to impact Niagara Region and the Service, Chief MacCulloch has issued 38 update mass email messages to ensure members of our Service have the most current information. Messaging to members has also included virtual Town Hall meetings where personnel have the ability to pose questions to the Chief of Police. Board members are also provided with the updates to ensure the Board is aware of all the developments as it pertains to the NRPS operating in the era of COVID-19.

Chief MacCulloch spoke to the continued cooperation and concern on the part of the Niagara Regional Police Association and Senior Officers' Association through these unprecedented times. An NRPA representative continues to sit on the Niagara Regional Police Service Pandemic Business Continuity Committee as police navigate through the various issues and Emergency Orders. The Associations continue to show flexibility in the application of the Collective Agreements, which include staggered start times for tours of duty and the temporary cessation of required two person patrol vehicles, with some exceptions as it pertains to recruit constables, all in order to practice proper physical distancing. The Service will continue to work within the boundaries of any Collective Agreements through these COVID-19 times and will continue to work collaboratively with the Niagara Region Police Association and Senior Officers Association.

The Service continues to see a shift in communication among members as more meetings and personnel interactions are being conducted by virtual means in order to maintain physical separation and minimize contact among members. This is in addition to the internal measures that continue to be taken to ensure cleanliness and the regular disinfection of Service workspace.

Chief MacCulloch once again offered a heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Niagara Regional Police Service Pandemic Business Continuity Committee who first met on March 12th to address the anticipated arrival of the COVID-19 virus to our Region and its impact. He also extended his heartfelt thanks to all other members of the Service who in their own way continue to contribute through this pandemic to ensure the safety of all members and in serving the community as the public continues to look to the Service for reassurance in continuing to keeping our communities safe. The NRPS as a Service and the citizens we serve still have a long road ahead and we must all be diligent and patient with the realities of life today of which includes fear of illness, isolation from our extended families and physical distancing just to name a few. The path to getting back to normal as best we can will be a slow and careful process.

SIU Case Closure – Incident of August 24, 2019 - A Niagara Regional Police Service officer was conducting speed enforcement on Regional Road 65 in the Township of West Lincoln when a motorcycle passed him travelling westbound on Regional Road 65 registering a speed of 167 kilometres an hour. The motorcycle continued westbound and as it approached Abingdon Road, West Lincoln, another Niagara Regional Police officer in this area attempted to flag down the motorcycle. The motorcyclist seeing this, slowed down, conducted a U-turn and then fled eastbound on Regional Road 65 back in the direction of where the initial NRPS officer recorded the excessive rate of speed. The motorcyclist while passing the initial NRPS officer's marked police vehicle which was now on the roadway, made contact with the vehicle causing the male operator to fall from the motorcycle. The motorcycle operator received medical attention as a result of the collision and it was determined that he suffered a separated shoulder and fractured finger. Given the injury, the SIU was notified and invoked their mandate to investigate. One NRPS officer was designated as a Subject Officer by the SIU and one NRPS officer was designated as a Witness Officer by the SIU.

On April 30, 2020, our Service received notification from SIU Director Joseph Martino. In his closure letter he advised that the Subject Officer safely positioned his vehicle ahead of the motorcycle's path of travel in order to deter the continued flight from police and effect apprehension of the motorcycle operator. Furthermore, the SIU has concluded in their investigation that there are no grounds for criminal charges against any officer and no concerns were expressed by the SIU Director in his notification letter.

Operational Statistics:

Attempted Homicides

- 0 for this reporting period.

Homicides

- 0 for this reporting period with a total of 2 for 2020 to-date compared to year-end totals of 7 in 2019, 2 in 2018, 3 in 2017 and 1 in 2016.

Welland Man Arrested for Homicide Incident of Sunday November 17, 2019 – Officers from 3 District responded to a report of a disturbance in the area of Lincoln Street and Coventry Road in the City of Welland. A 50 year old man from Welland who had been involved in the disturbance died in hospital the following day. Since November 2019, detectives from the Homicide Unit have been investigating the circumstances of the death. On May 12, 2020, detectives from the NRPS Homicide Unit arrested and charged a 55 year old Welland male with 2nd degree murder. Due to circumstances of this investigation, this matter was not initially confirmed as a homicide. However as a result of information gleaned since that time, this matter is now a confirmed homicide and an arrest was made accordingly. Resultantly, where previous reports to the Board have indicated that there were 6 homicides in 2019, there is now in fact 7 confirmed homicides for 2019.

Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) (MTO Reportable)

- 0 for this reporting period with a total of 3 for 2020 to date compared to year-end totals of 13 in 2019, 13 in 2018, 16 in 2017 and 16 in 2016.

Life threatening Motor Vehicle Collision (MVC) (MTO Reportable)

- 1 for this reporting period.

Serious Injury MVC Incident of April 27, 2020 - Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Dunn Street and Drummond Road in the City of Niagara Falls. Investigation determined that a 70 year old male was operating a GMC pick-up truck northbound on Drummond Road and proceeded through a red light at the intersection with Dunn Street. Also at this time, a 61 year old male was operating a Kawasaki motorcycle eastbound on Dunn Street through the intersection at Drummond Road when it was involved in a collision with the pick-up truck. The operator of the motorcycle was seriously injured and transported to an out of town hospital with injuries that were considered to be life threatening. The driver of the pick-up truck was not physically injured. The injuries to the motorcycle operator were eventually downgraded from life threatening and the male is at home continuing to recover. The driver and sole occupant of the pick-up truck has been charged with Careless Driving as per the Highway Traffic Act.

Enforcement Initiatives

Human Trafficking Investigation Leads to the Arrest of a Toronto Area Woman - In March of 2020, detectives from the Niagara Regional Police Service Human Trafficking Unit commenced an investigation after reviewing internet based advertising. As a result of that investigation detectives formed grounds that a female Mexican national in her twenties was a victim of human trafficking. The offences are alleged to have occurred on March 1 and March 2, 2020, in the City of Niagara Falls. On April 24, 2020, the suspect was located and arrested by Toronto Police at the request of NRPS detectives. A 22 year old woman of no fixed address is facing numerous Human Trafficking related charges.

Public Concerns of Off Road Motor Vehicles in Welland and Port Colborne - Each spring the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) receives an influx of off road motor vehicle complaints. This year the concerns from members of the public have started earlier and with a higher frequency. Many Welland and Port Colborne residents have expressed concerns over excessive noise, property damage and a lack of concern for public safety by some riders. Officers from the Welland and Port Colborne offices of the NRPS along with members of the Traffic Enforcement Unit have begun conducting regular patrols throughout the Welland and Port Colborne areas to address complaints related to off road motor vehicle infractions. The Niagara Regional Police Service would like to remind all riders of off road motor vehicles to operate safely and within the confines of the law while being respectful to others within the community.

Vice Chair Steele, who also serves as the Mayor of Port Colborne, advised that the City of Port Colborne is also receiving an influx of complaints relating to ATV's. Complaints received by the City of Port Colborne are being forwarded to the Staff Sergeant in charge of 6 District. Vice Chair Steele advised that discussions are being had with police, the St. Lawrence Seaway and GO Railways for solutions specific to the concerns being realized in Port Colborne. He requested that a more concerted effort be made and that an enhanced police presence be afforded to the City of Port Colborne given that the issue continues to escalate. Chief MacCulloch advised that the solution to the concerns being raised involves many stakeholders. The NRPS will continue to work with the City of Port Colborne and its community stakeholders. Chief MacCulloch also advised that the influx in complaints can be deemed as unintended consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, many individuals are out of work and with having more free time on their hands are resorting to ATV recreational activities. Vice Chair Steele supported the comments made by Chief MacCulloch and further supported the implementation of protocols to address the concerns.

Welland Man Charged following Altercation with Officers - On May 10, 2020, 3 District uniform officers were called to the area of Niagara Street and 6th Street in the City of Welland regarding a suspected impaired driver. When officers arrived they located a male in the driver's seat of a parked vehicle. While officers were placing him under arrest, he became combative and an altercation ensued during which a Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) was deployed. The male as well as an officer were transported to hospital with minor injuries where they were treated and released. The 39 year old male is facing charges in relation to the assault including attempting to disarm the officers involved.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

74. Quarterly Report - Overtime Activities Incurred by the NRPS – January 1 to March 31, 2020

The Board considered Service report dated May 6, 2020 providing a five-year uniform and civilian quarterly trend analysis specific to the policing activities/issues that impact overtime.

75. **Quarterly Report – Special Fund Administration – January 1 to March 31, 2020**
The Board considered Service report dated April 14, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 376-2018.
76. **Annual Report – Accessibility Standards for Customer Service - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 20, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 366-2017.
77. **Annual Report – Body Armour Equipment - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated May 1, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 311-2011.
78. **Annual Report – Citizen Rewards - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 16, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 327-2012.
79. **Annual Report – Disclosure of Secondary Employment - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 30, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 284-2008.
80. **Annual Report – Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 27, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 213-2000.
81. **Annual Report – Explosives - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 27, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 246-2000.
82. **Annual Report – Firearms Training - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated May 1, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 221-2000.
83. **Annual Report – Fraud and False Pretence Investigations – January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 24, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 230-2000.
- Chair Gansel encouraged members of the public to visit the Niagara Regional Police Service website at www.niagarapolice.ca for information pertaining to fraud protection and some of the common known scams that occur by means of telephone, text message, email and door-to-door solicitations. The NRPS website also provides easy access to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre collects information on fraud and identity theft and provides information on past and current scams affecting Canadians. In addition to contacting the Niagara Regional Police Service, victims of fraud can also contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre to report crimes through the information provided at their site.
84. **Annual Report – Management of Police Records - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 29, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 291-2009.
85. **Annual Report – Marine Unit - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 14, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 227-2000.
86. **Annual Report – Marked General Patrol Vehicles - January 1 to December 31, 2019**
The Board considered Service report dated April 20, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 257-2003.

87. Annual Report – Missing Persons - January 1 to December 31, 2019

The Board considered Service report dated April 27, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 294-2010.

88. Annual Report - Persons in Custody – January 1 to December 31, 2019

The Board considered Service report dated April 30, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 208/225-2000.

89. Annual Report – Police Uniforms - January 1 to December 31, 2019

The Board considered Service report dated April 29, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 259-2003.

90. Annual Report – Suspect Apprehension Pursuits - January 1 to December 31, 2019

The Board considered Service report dated May 1, 2020 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 338-2013.

Moved by: D. Eke
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the information be received.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

91. NRPS Financial Variance Overview – Year Ending March 31, 2020

The Board considered Service report dated May 7, 2020 providing an analysis of the 2020 first quarter financial operating results for the Service and the Board, along with the projected year-end forecast based on current indicators to include the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board questioned the status of the 40 new officer hires and any foreseeable impact that it will have on overtime. Specific to the hiring of the said officers, Chief MacCulloch reminded that the hiring of those officers was deferred to July 2020; therefore the Service has yet to realize any impact on overtime relating to an increase in officer complement. In regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chief MacCulloch advised that currently police services across the province are awaiting direction from the Ministry of the Solicitor General with regards to the Ontario Police College and that there are talks of a recruit class commencing sometime in June. However, at this time, the Service does not have any confirmation as to when the next recruit intake will take place.

Moved by: K. Gibson
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the information be received.

Carried.

92. Records Management System (RMS) – Annual Maintenance/Support Renewal – June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021

The Board considered Service report dated April 29, 2020 requesting approval of payment for continuation of the Records Management System annual maintenance and support services being provided to the Niagara Regional Police Service by Versaterm as indicated in the attached invoice and included in the 2020 Technology Services Operating Budget.

Moved by: T. McKendrick
Seconded by: H. D'Angela

That the Board approve payment of Invoice No. 2004-053 in the amount \$184,780.90, including HST (net of rebates), to Versaterm for continuation of the maintenance/support services being provided for the Service's Records Management System (RMS).

Carried.

93. Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) - Annual Maintenance/Support Renewal – March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021

The Board considered Service report dated April 29, 2020 requesting approval of payment for continuation of the Computer Aided Dispatch annual maintenance and support services being provided to the Niagara Regional Police Service by Versaterm as indicated in the attached invoice and included in the 2020 Technology Services Operating Budget.

Moved by: D. Eke
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board approve payment of Invoice No. 2003-029 in the amount \$258,657.64, including HST (net of rebates), to Versaterm for continuation of the maintenance/support services being provided for the Service's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System.

Carried.

SPECIAL FUND REQUESTS

With respect to the Special Fund Requests noted below, this will clarify that the Board has a discretionary pool of funds, which it uses for grants and donations. Disbursements from the fund are in accordance with guidelines provided in the Police Services Act, and also with Board policy. Section 132(2) of the Police Services Act establishes that the Niagara Police Services Board has the sole authority for spending the proceeds from the sale of property which lawfully comes into the possession of the police service. The Act stipulates that "the Chief of Police may cause the property to be sold, and the Board may use the proceeds for any purpose that it considers in the public interest." These funds do not form part of the police operating budget and are separate from the Regional tax base.

94. Special Fund Request – Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB)

The Board considered memo dated May 1, 2020 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board, providing a copy of the correspondence received from the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards confirming cancellation of the OAPSB 2020 Spring Conference and the request for Police Services Boards to continue sponsorship for the virtual Annual General Meeting being held on May 29, 2020.

Moved by: D. Eke
Seconded by: B. Gale

That the Board continue its sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Special Fund to the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) in support of its 2020 virtual Annual General Meeting.

Carried.

95. Special Fund Request – Niagara Regional Police Service Chief's Honour Guard

The Board considered Service report dated May 8, 2020 requesting approval to purchase three ceremonial swords and the required accessories to accommodate the use of one sword by the Niagara Regional Police Service Chief's Honour Guard and the display of the additional two swords to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Service. *(This is a first time funding request from the Niagara Regional Police Service Chief's Honour Guard.)*

Moved by: B. Gale
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board authorize a donation in amount of \$4,690.26 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Regional Police Service Chief's Honour Guard to assist with the purchase of three ceremonial swords and the required accessories to accommodate the use/display of each sword.

Carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

IN CAMERA REPORTS

(FOR PUBLIC RELEASE FROM THE APRIL 23, 2020 CONFIDENTIAL MEETING)

96. Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Public Reporting – The following reports were provided to the Board at its April 23, 2020 Confidential Board Meeting and were approved for public release:

- C.75 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) - Case Number 19-OCI-072**
- C.76 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) - Case Number 19-OCI-039**
- C.77 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) - Case Number 19-OCI-030**
- C.78 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) - Case Number 18-OCI-327**

Moved by: H. D'Angela
Seconded by: B. Steele

That, in accordance with Board direction, the above noted In Camera Reports be received for public information.

Carried.

97. Information Sharing Protocol in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Public Reporting – Report C.89 was approved by the Board at its April 23, 2020 Caucus Board Meeting about an Information Sharing Protocol with the Chief of Police to ensure the Board continues to fulfill its statutory responsibilities to facilitate timely and informed decision-making in the context of the pandemic.

Moved by: B. Steele
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That, in accordance with Board direction, the above noted Information Sharing Protocol is reported back for public information.

Carried.

- 98. Board By-law 385-2020 – Disclosure of COVID-19 Status Information Public Reporting -** Report C.90 was approved by the Board at its April 23, 2020 Caucus Board Meeting, being a By-law to establish policy for the disclosure of COVID-19 status information in compliance with the direction and recommendations by the Ministry of the Solicitor General through its All Chiefs/Chairs Memorandums on this Regulation.

Moved by: H. D'Angela
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That, in accordance with Board direction, the above noted Board By-law is reported back for public information.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

Kenneth A.W. Gansel, Chair

Deb Reid, Executive Director