

M I N U T E S  
CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING  
(REGULAR)

Council Chambers  
Civic Centre

Tues. August 25, 2009  
Time: 10:15 A. M.

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**PRESENT:**

Motion

Mr. Uly Bondy, Chair  
Mrs. Pat Belanger, Vice Chair  
Mayor Randy Hope  
Councillor Bryon Fluker  
Mr. Reg Farquharson  
Chief Dennis Poole  
Deputy Chief Clare Wiersma  
Mr. Gary Weir, Administrative Asst.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared

3. **Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2009**

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Councillor Fluker

**“MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2009.”**

Carried.

4. **Reports from Chief Poole:**

- 4.1 **Presentation: “Chatham-Kent: A Welcoming Community” –  
Community/Police Relations Const. Bernie Louwerse and Ms. Teresa  
Fysh (Cultural Coalition of Chatham-Kent)**

Chief Poole advised that a presentation on the Chatham-Kent: A Welcoming Community” will be made today. This brochure was prepared through collaboration in the past year between the Police Service and the Cultural Coalition of Chatham-Kent in concert with some other community partners. The project was spearheaded by Teresa Fysh of the Cultural Coalition. Because Ms. Fysh was scheduled for another important meeting this morning, Cst. Louwerse will be making the presentation.

Ms. Fysh was introduced to the Board as well.

Cst. Louwerse and Chief Poole gave an overview of the brochure.

The brochure was originally designed for new Canadians, however, when it was completed it was found to be a very valuable document for all of the citizens of Chatham-Kent.

The Mayor commented that this is an excellent booklet and that he hopes that all the committees that welcome new comers to our community will take this book and provide it in any language they are associated with so that everyone can understand the contents. He complimented the Cultural Coalition, Cst. Louwerse and others who have been involved in this process.

The booklet will be made available in each Police Service Centre, City Hall and Public Library branches.

Councillor Fluker requested that they might be made available at the High Schools as well.

Chair Bondy reiterated the Mayor's comments that the booklet is very impressive and agrees that it should be made available to most of our citizens. He thanked Constable Louwerse, Ms. Fysh and committee for a wonderful job on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Councillor Fluker and seconded by Mrs. Belanger,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT DATED AUGUST 13, 2009.”**

#944

Carried.

4.2 “Men's March” for the C-K Women's Centre – Sept. 13

On September 13, 2009 the C-K Women's Centre will be holding “The Men's March” to stop violence against women. A request that the Board provide corporate sponsorship to indicate its support of the Chatham-Kent Women's Centre and the Police Services dedication to domestic violence issues and partnership with the Centre be made by providing a \$1,000 donation to the cause.

Moved by Councillor Fluker and seconded by Mrs. Belanger,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE MEN'S MARCH FOR THE CHATHAM-KENT WOMEN'S CENTRE AND AUTHORIZE A DONATION OF \$1,000.00 TO THE CHATHAM-KENT WOMEN'S CENTRE FROM THE AUCTION ACCOUNT.”**

#945

Carried.

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4.3 New Hire – ComCentre

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

**“MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF PART-TIME ECO MR. BROCK BECHARD AS A FULL TIME ECO EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2009.”**

#946

Carried.

4.4 Resignation – Appointment

Moved by Councillor Fluker and seconded by Mayor Hope,

**“MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CONSTABLE T. WOLTING FROM A CONSTABLE POSITION AND APPOINT HIM AS A SPECIAL CONSTABLE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS, LEVEL IV, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2009.”**

#947

Carried.

The Chair extended best wishes to Mr. Wolting on behalf of the Board on his new position.

4.5 Request for Support – East Side Pride

Moved by Mrs. Belanger and seconded by Councillor Fluker,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND AUTHORIZE A DONATION OF \$500.00 TO EAST SIDE PRIDE FROM THE AUCTION ACCOUNT.”**

#948

Carried.

4.6 Recognition of Sgt. Gary Conn – Canadian Police/Fire Games

On July 5 – 12 the Canadian Law Enforcement and Fire Games were held in Kingston, Ontario. This is an annual event held across Canada.

Sgt. Conn of this Service again competed (on his own time) in the Police Combat Pistol Competition where there were 121 registered participants. Sgt. Conn received a silver medal, placing second in the competition.

Chair Bondy congratulated Sgt. Conn on behalf of the Board.

4.7 Disposition of Stored ComCentre Furniture

The ComCentre was reconfigured in early 2008 and updated to relevant standards. As a result a number of older and used consoles were dismantled and stored. It is anticipated that this furniture will likely be unsuitable to utilize them in a back-up ComCentre in concert with the Municipality. There is a substantial rental fee for storage which could be used toward a backup ComCentre.

Mrs. Belanger enquired if there might be any community organizations that may be able to use this type of furniture.

Chief Poole commented that they could put an ad in the local media to indicate that this furniture is available, however it is very specialized furniture and well used, so there will be a very small market it may attract.

The Mayor suggested that one call out be made to see if there is any interest in the furniture before it is disposed of.

Moved by Mrs. Belanger and seconded by Mayor Hope,

**“MOTION TO DISPOSE OF THE REDUNDANT COMCENTRE FURNITURE FOLLOWING ONE CALL FOR INTEREST IN THE LOCAL MEDIA.”**

#949

Carried.

4.8 Business Plan

4.9 2008 Annual Report

Chief Poole advised that 4.8 and 4.9 are update reports for the Board’s information.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Councillor Fluker,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE 4.8 AND 4.9 FOR INFORMATION.”**

#950

Carried.

5. Reports from D/Chief Wiersma:

5.1 Q2 ComCentre Stats

Moved by Mrs. Belanger and seconded by Councillor Fluker

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE Q2 COMCENTRE STATS DATED JULY 28, 2009.”**

#951

Carried.

5.2 Recognition of Summer Students and Youth in Policing Grant Program

Deputy Chief Wiersma took this opportunity to recognize some summer students.

Under the Summer Student Subsidy Program two students were employed, Lindsay Deboer and Megan Smith.

Under the Youth in Policing Initiative an eight week summer employment opportunity for three youths in our community to develop skills relevant to possible future career in policing. The three students were Shauna Campbell, Adam Hopson and Kailey Munroe.

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

**“MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT DATED AUGUST 18, 2009.”**

#952

Carried.

6. Acknowledgment letters

Moved by Mayor Hope and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTERS.”**

#953

Carried.

7. Correspondence from CEA Battery Zone advising Pelican Products has recommended them as the preferred distributors to take their place.

Moved by Mr. Farquharson and seconded by Mayor Hope

**“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION.”**

#954

Carried.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Wallaceburg Service Centre. The open meeting will commence at 6:30 P. M.

9. **Non-Agenda Items**

9.1 **Amber Alert System**

Mayor Hope commented on recent news developments on the issue of Amber Alert System. He wondered if Chatham-Kent has been notified of any changes coming in connection with the Amber Alert system.

Chief Poole advised that this is administered by the OPP and the final report has been concluded and a new document and a new guideline with respect to Amber Alert will be coming out soon.

9.2 **Olympic Torch and Security Issues**

The Mayor enquired if we could work with the local committee on the Olympic Torch with regard to security issues, especially with people who are carrying the torch or involved in the torch process.

The Chief advised that he has received correspondence on this issue and they will see what they can do to work in partnership with the municipality to assist in any way.

9.3 **Fall Seminar – Ontario Association of Police Services Board on October 22 -23**

The Chair advised that if anyone is interested in attending this seminar they should let the office know. It is hoped that at least three members will be attending.

10. **Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Hope,

“**MOTION TO ADJOURN.**”

Carried.

Time: 11:25 A. M.