

MINUTES of the open portion of the regular meeting of the OAK BAY POLICE BOARD held in Council Chambers of the Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Ave, Oak Bay, BC, on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Board Members:	Nils Jensen, Chair
		Mary Kelly
		Blair Littler
		Brian Rendell
		Wendy Zink
	Acting Police Board Secretary	Debbie Carter
	Chief Constable	Andy Brinton
	Deputy Chief Constable	Ray Bernoties
	Recording Secretary	Laura Lang

CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED and seconded: That the minutes from the open portion of the regular meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board, held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2. Overtime Report – May, 2018

The requirement for overtime callout has dropped a bit from the beginning of the year and Chief Brinton expects that the total overtime costs for 2018 should end up being lower than the previous year.

3. High Visibility Policing – 2018 1st Quarter

There has been an increase in traffic enforcement as a result of requests from the Community received during the process and development of the Strategic Plan. There were 213 provincial traffic tickets issued in the first quarter of 2018 and 111 issued in the first quarter of 2017, which is a 96% increase. There has also been an increase in the number of warnings provided, not just the issuance of tickets. The ultimate goal is to lower the number of collisions.

It is hoped to increase Marine Patrols to at least once/month during the summer months. There is a community of boat owners who anchor off of the marina and they are forming a community association and the police have been working more closely with them.

4. Executive Monthly Update

In addition to the events & topics covered in Chief Brinton's memo, there was discussion around the table regarding the practice of police performing street checks (called carding in other areas of the country) and standards that are being developed to dispel any perceptions of targeting certain groups of society as well as to satisfy the reasonable & probable grounds for conducting such checks. There has been concern raised that certain visible minority groups were being targeted in some of the larger cities. Recent guidelines implemented in Ontario have created standards around this practice. The changes have caused a dramatic drop in the number of checks being conducted and belief among police there that it may be related to recent crime spikes. In BC the Civil Liberties Organization made a formal policy complaint to the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) against Vancouver City Police regarding the practice of street checks. Vancouver PD has provided information as to why and how street checks are conducted, providing rationale for the practice. Statistics from Vancouver PD show that there doesn't appear to be any unfair targeting happening in BC. The BC Chiefs have provided a media release on this topic as a result of the complaint against Vancouver PD. The next step on this issue will be the results of the review by the OPCC, which may dictate some policy development.

Another topic discussed was the upcoming legalization of marijuana and how this will impact the municipality as a whole. Areas discussed were determination of impairment while driving, roadside screening and the requirement for drug recognition training, sales requirements, as well as potential use by members and being "fit for duty". Marijuana use will likely be dealt with in a similar way to alcohol and other substance use. There are roadside screening devices being developed which will indicate the presence of marijuana along with the physical symptoms. The units will be fairly costly compared to the alcohol screening devices - \$5,000/unit as compared to \$1,200/unit.

MOVED and seconded: That all of the departmental reports be received.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

5. Integrated Policing Governance

The Chair wanted to update the Board regarding the Integrated Policing Governance. There has been a fourth meeting this past week. There are two models that the consultant will report on – one is a Mayor's oversight of the Integrated Units and the other is a selected group of politicians. Governance of all units is a complex issue as the current units are all funded quite differently. There is one more meeting planned with the Area Chiefs and then the consultant will provide his report and decision.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded: That the open portion of the meeting be adjourned and that a closed session be convened to discuss personnel issues, which may be dealt with in private under the Police Act.

CARRIED

The open portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Acting Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board

Chair, Oak Bay Police Board