

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, February 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Exemplary Service Award to Constable Manuel Montero

Chief Constable Brinton presented the twenty (20) year exemplary service medal and certificate to Constable Manuel Montero. Sergeant Rob Smith who has also reached twenty years of service was unable to attend.

Constable Montero started with the Oak Bay Police Department on September 1, 2017 after almost 20 years of service with the London Police Service in Ontario. Chief Brinton spoke to the board regarding Constable Montero's career accomplishments with the London Police Service as well as his service with the Canadian Military Reserves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. MOVED and seconded: That the minutes from the open portion of the regular meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board, held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. Overtime Report – January, 2018

There are continued patrol vacancies due to long term absences, although the short term absences have reduced, contrary to the numbers on the report.

4. Chief Constable's Year-End Report

Discussion held and clarification provided on various topics covered in the Chief's year end report.

The Chair spoke to the unique level of community involvement that the Oak Bay Police Department has in comparison to other area police departments and how much it is appreciated by the residents of the community. Discussion held regarding traffic issues in Oak Bay and the visibility of the Oak Bay members conducting enforcement.

The department's activity on social media has increased dramatically, with Deputy Chief Bernoties being instrumental in getting the department on Facebook and increasing a presence on Twitter. A lot of positive feedback was received in regards to the interactive dialogue that took place on the "Oak Bay Local" Facebook page.

The Chief advises that the first quarterly report on the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan will be made available to the Board in April. As part of the strategic planning process, the entire department was involved in an employee engagement process that will be followed up on in 2018 over two more sessions.

In addition to the crime statistics provided in the report, Deputy Chief Bernoties spoke regarding the spikes in crime in several areas as a result of the tent/camping protest that took place in November, 2017. Other areas have not experienced the same type of spike in criminal activity when the tents were in their area. The crime rates were higher for that three-week window than they were for the same period in the past three years. The increased activity does appear to be localized to the areas surrounding the campers. There were also numerous people stopped and checked who were enroute to the camp protest. The group was able to be kept to a reasonable size by regular attendance and visibility of the police officers. The Board was very positive of the handling of this situation by the police department.

Regarding training, Bias-Free Policing will be provincially mandated training for all members in 2018.

Questions were raised and clarification offered regarding the Police Act and the process required when complaints are received.

Chief Brinton will attend a strategic planning session with other police executive in Vancouver regarding E-Comm and PRIME in anticipation of the new integrated dispatch/call centre, which is on target for start up in early 2019.

Both the Chief and Deputy are involved with numerous groups and committees within the larger policing community, including the BC Chiefs and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Brinton is on the Victim of Crime Committee with the CAPC and the Crime Prevention Committee with the BCACP. Deputy Chief Bernoties is on the executive of the BCACP as Past President and is

the co-chair on the Ethics in Policing Committee as well as the Response to Mental Health Committee through BCACP and also on the CACP Ethics Committee. Chief Brinton spoke to the importance of Oak Bay being involved at a higher level to keep up to date with what is currently happening and have a voice at the table to avoid being drawn into costly processes and projects that would not directly benefit Oak Bay.

There is a standing Drug Committee that is involved in the marihuana legalization process which consists of senior executives in drug sections from the RCMP. Police Services attended the most recent BCACP meeting with information about how the process is expected to roll out. There will be no “lounges” for consumption and there will not be any marihuana sales in the same location as alcohol sales. The only option on the table is a stand-along dispensary.

5. Support Services Report

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

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

6. 2018 Police Board Meetings & Conferences

MOVED and seconded: That the May Police Board meeting be kept on the 22nd, but the start time be moved to 4:00 p.m., to accommodate the Committee of the Whole meeting that starts at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

The September meeting will remain on the 25th as the UBCM Conference will be held earlier in the month.

7. BC Association of Police Boards 2018 Resolutions

In addition to the agenda attachments for this item, a handout that was received late was provided to the Board at the meeting.

MOVED and seconded: That the correspondence from the BCAPB on the agenda be received

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded: That the handout item be placed on the March agenda to allow for further discussion and clarification.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED that the open portion of the meeting be adjourned.

The open portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Recording Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board

Chair, Oak Bay Police Board