CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board commenced at 8:34 am.

ROLL CALL

PSB MEMBERS: Mr. B. Gale, Chair
Mr. K. Gansel, Vice Chair
Mr. D. Barrick
Mr. T. Bonham
Mr. A. Caslin
Mr. B. Marshall
Mr. V. Stewart
Ms. D. Reid, Executive Director
Ms. D. Cichocki, Executive Assistant

NRPS MEMBERS: A/Chief of Police B. MacCulloch
A/Deputy Chief B. Flynn, Support Services
Mr. A. Askoul, Director of Information and Technology
Ms. L. Blood, A/Director of Business Services
Inspector D. Meade, Professional Development
Inspector J. McCaffery, 2 District
A/Staff Sergeant M. Di Egidio, 8 District
Detective Sergeant C. Labaune, By-Law Enforcement, Issuer of Licences
Constable E. Lindsay, By-Law Enforcement

OTHERS: Mr. D. Joyner, Mayor, West Lincoln
Mr. T. Bell, Councillor, West Lincoln
Mr. D. Bylsma, Councillor, West Lincoln
M. C. Ganann, Councillor, West Lincoln
Ms. M. Jobe, General Manager, Rexall Pharmacy
Mr. W. Juchniewicz, Member, Hamilton Police Services Board
Mr. R. McGuire, Citizen
Mr. D. Sprague, Policing Services Advisor, Operations Unit,
       Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

103. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, April 27, 2017.

   Moved by: T. Bonham  
   Seconded by: D. Barrick

   That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, April 27, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

   Carried.

104. Minutes of the Administration and Licensing Committee Meeting held Thursday, May 11, 2017.

   Moved by: T. Bonham  
   Seconded by: D. Barrick

   That the Minutes of the Administration and Licensing Committee Meeting held Thursday, May 11, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

   Carried.

105. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday, May 11, 2017.

   Moved by: T. Bonham  
   Seconded by: D. Barrick

   That the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday, May 11, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

   Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Moment of Silence – Chair Gale requested meeting participants to join in a moment of silence to pay respect to those who lost their lives in the recent terrorist attack in Manchester, England on May 19th. He advised that words cannot express the tremendous grief experienced across the world over this tragedy and on behalf to the Board and the Service; he extended deepest sympathy to the victims, their families and friends.

Special Thank You to West Lincoln Mayor & Council – Chair Gale thanked West Lincoln Mayor Doug Joyner, Council and staff for hosting the Board’s May meeting in their Town’s Council Chambers. He took the opportunity to recognize Mayor Doug Joyner and Town Councillors Bell, Blysma and Ganann who were in attendance.

He advised that the Board decided to change the location of its Board meeting in an effort to promote community awareness of the role of the Board and to stay in touch with community concerns over policing issues by holding at least two public interest/community engagement meetings a year in our local municipalities and stated looking forward to visiting the City of Welland on November 23rd as well as other parts of the Region in future years.
He also welcomed any citizens in attendance and advised that following today's presentations, the meeting will be open to community members for general comments or questions and advised that anyone wishing to make additional comments or submissions may also contact the Board by mail, email, or telephone.

**Hamilton Police Services Board Member** – Chair Gale welcomed Walt Juchniewicz to the meeting who was in attendance as part of his own initiative to visit other police boards. Mr. Juchniewicz is a Member of the Hamilton Police Services Board and was appointed by Hamilton City Council in 2013 as their 'citizen appointee' to the Board.

**Police Chief and Senior Members Recognized by Governor General** - The Board was pleased to announce that the Governor General of Canada will be recognizing Chief Jeff McGuire, Acting Superintendent Cindy White and Civilian Manager Jamie Saunders for their career long contributions to policing. The investiture and ceremony will take place today at 11:00 am at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. Chief McGuire is receiving the Order of Merit at the higher-status of "Officer" level and Acting Superintendent White and Civilian Manager Saunders are receiving their insignia at the "Member" level. On behalf of the Board, Board Chair Gale offered congratulations for their commitment and dedication to policing services and to for being recognized with this outstanding honour.

**New Niagara Parks Police Chief** - Superintendent Mark McMullen – Chair Gale congratulated Superintendent McMullen on his recent appointment by the Niagara Parks Commission to be the next Chief of Police for the Niagara Park Police. Superintendent McMullen addressed the Board to say that he looks forward to the new challenges that lie ahead when he assumes this position on June 5th.

**Mobile Device Identifier Technology** - At the April 27th Board meeting, the Board raised several questions with respect to the Niagara Regional Police usage of cellphone surveillance devices in investigations. At that time, the Chief indicated that he would prepare a report for consideration at the May 25th Board meeting to respond to the Board's questions. The Chief has advised that he will report to the Board at the June 29th Board meeting. The report will be provided in confidence to the Board to consider first before its public release. It is anticipated that a public report will be made at the July 27th Board meeting.

**NRPS Recruit Swearing-In Ceremony** - On April 27th, the Service hosted a Recruit Swearing-In Ceremony at Police Headquarters to welcome four new recruits to the Niagara Regional Police Service. Chair Gale, Vice-Chair Gansel and Members Marshall and Stewart attended the ceremony on behalf of the Board.

**Pathstone Mental Health Foundation – Annual Hope Award Gala** - On May 12th, Vice-Chair Gansel attended the Pathstone Mental Health Foundation Annual Hope Award Gala on behalf of the Board in recognition of the community partnership with the organization and the NRPS gold-level sponsorship.

**Police Week** - May 14th – 20th is Police Week in Ontario, an annual event dedicated to promoting crime prevention and awareness of police services throughout the Province. This year's provincial theme was "Working Together for Safer Communities" and the Niagara Regional Police Service hosted various events throughout the Region including a child car seat clinic, a forensic identification session, a Safety Village event, Specialty Unit displays and police district community BBQs. Member Stewart who represented the Board at a variety of events held during the week spoke to the importance of these community events that promote police interactions with members of the Niagara community.

**Niagara On The Lake Community Safety Open House** - On behalf of NOTL Council and the NOTL Community Safety Committee, Lord Mayor Pat Darte has extended his appreciation to the Niagara Regional Police Service for their participation and assistance with their first NOTL Community Safety Open House. A special thank you goes out to Chief Jeff McGuire, Inspector Jim McCaffery and Constable Gina Allen for their time and effort as well as to Vice-Chair Gansel for his hard work in putting the event together.
Vice Chair Gansel advised that the open house resulted from a joint undertaking between the Niagara Regional Police Service, the Niagara Parks Police and the NOTL Community Safety Committee. It was held at the NOTL Community Centre and was well represented by local community members, media representatives, the Niagara Parks Police, the Niagara Regional Police Service and two of their police service dogs.

The event took place at the NOTL Community Centre and was organized with the full support of Town Council and the Lord Mayor. Featured events included presentations and live demonstrations on a variety of community and police oriented initiatives and programs that are offered to educate and safeguard the members of the local community.

In closing, Vice Chair Gansel advised that the main message is to get involved in Community Safety and to work diligently with your local city/town council to form a community safety committee to make policing in your community a joint undertaking between the citizens and the police because the police cannot do it alone. (Information on the NOTL Community Safety Committee can be accessed at www.facebook.com/Notlsafetycommittee)

NRPS Auxiliary Recruit Graduation Ceremony - On May 15th, Chair Gale and Members Marshall and Stewart attended an Auxiliary Recruit Graduation hosted by the Niagara Regional Police Service to welcome 15 new Auxiliary Officers.

NRPS Annual Awards Ceremony - On May 16th, the Police Services Board, the Niagara Regional Police Service, and the Senior Officers' Association, hosted the Annual Awards Ceremony at Club Italia in Niagara Falls. The event recognized outstanding Service Members and fellow citizens who have demonstrated excellence or made invaluable contributions to the Niagara community along with Service retirees and long-standing employees for their commitment to the Service. Chair Gale, Vice-Chair Gansel, Members Marshall, Stewart and Board staff attended the event on behalf of the Board.

OACP/OAPSB Zone 4 Meeting - On May 19th, Chair Gale, Vice-Chair Gansel, Member Stewart and the Board's Executive Director attended the quarterly OAPSB Zone 4 meeting hosted by the Brant County OPP. There was a special presentation on the fentanyl and opioid crisis as well as updates from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services on various policing issues. As part of the Ministry update, Police Boards were advised that the Ministry has been working hard to address filling vacancies for Provincial Board member appointments across the Province.

The Ministry indicated that one of the biggest challenges they have is getting a pool of qualified candidates and Police Boards were asked to encourage candidates in the community to apply for Police Board appointments. Chair Gale was pleased to say that the Niagara Police Board has been proactive in this regard and has called for greater equity and diversity in the public appointment process. The Board has had enquiries from women and visible minorities who are interested in becoming Police Board Members. These individuals were referred to the Ministry and MPP Bradley's office for more information on the public appointments process and it has become known that people have contacted the Premier's office and submitted applications to serve on the Board for future appointments. Also, at its meeting last month, the Board publicly encouraged qualified members from diverse communities to apply.

Canada's Motorcycle Ride for Dad Kick-Off BBQ - On May 23rd, the Service hosted the charity Motorcycle Ride for Dad Media Kick-off BBQ at Police Headquarters in Niagara Falls. Proceeds raised at the event go directly to Prostate cancer research and to assist with raising awareness on the importance of early detection. Vice-Chair Gansel, Members Caslin, Stewart, and Board staff attended the BBQ. Niagara Chapter's official Ride for Dad will take place on June 17th. NRPS motorcycle officers will escort riders from the Royal Canadian Legion in Niagara-on-the-Lake to Club Italia in Niagara Falls. Vice-Chair Gansel will also be participating in the official motorcycle ride.
RMON/NRPS Joint Facilities Steering Committee Meeting - On May 23rd, Vice Chair Gansel attended the Joint Regional/Police Facilities Steering Committee meeting for discussion on police facility matters. Vice Chair Gansel regularly attends these monthly meetings in his role as Chair of the Board’s Accommodations Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25th.

Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre - Annual General Meeting - On May 24th, Member Stewart represented the Board at the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre’s Annual General Meeting held in St. Catharines.

Member Stewart spoke to value of programs offered through the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre advising that Niagara’s Centre was the first dedicated stand-alone CAC of its kind in Canada. It is currently known throughout the Province and is often modeled by agencies looking to develop a child-focused and trauma-informed leading practice approach to the investigation and treatment of child abuse.

Special Olympics Reception & Opening Ceremony - On June 12th, the Special Olympics organizing team is hosting an Honoured Guest Reception and Opening Ceremony at Brock University. The ceremony will kick start the 2017 Provincial School Championships in Niagara Region that will see over 800 school-based athletes from across the Province participating in this year’s Special Olympics. Chair Gale, Members Marshall and Stewart and the Board’s Executive Director will be attending the event on behalf of the Board.

OAPSB Spring Conference & AGM - The OAPSB will be hosting its 2017 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting from June 21st to 24th at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood. This year’s conference theme is “Preparing for the New Police Services Act” and the program features a variety of special guest speakers, educational sessions, board training and networking opportunities. Chair Gale, Vice Chair Gansel, Members Marshall and Stewart and the Board’s Executive Director will be attending on behalf of the Board and Service.

Upcoming PSB Meetings

- **Next PSB Committee Meetings** – Thursday, June 15th at 8:30 am in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.
- **Next Board Meeting** – Thursday, June 29th at 8:30 am in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

For the period April 1 to April 30, 2017:

*Marihuana Grow Operations*
  - Estimated street value seized $639,000.

*Robberies*
  - 11 robberies, 4 cleared and 7 remain under investigation.

For the period January 1 to May 21, 2017:

*Homicides*
  - 2 homicides during 2017 compared to 1 in 2016; 6 in 2015; 3 in 2014 and 6 in 2013.

*Motor Vehicle Collision*
  - 5 fatal collisions during 2017 compared to 20 at 2016 year-end; and 17 at 2015 year-end.
• 5 combined deaths during 2017 compared to 21 at 2016 year-end; and 18 at 2015 year-end.
• 2 life threatening injury collisions during 2017 compared to 24 at 2016 year-end; and 21 at 2015 year-end.

A/Chief MacCulloch advised that motor vehicle collision statistics are reflecting favourable declines from previous years in all three areas; however, he did caution the statistical numbers currently being reported for 2017 are early year statistics and will be subject to increases throughout the remainder of the year.

A/Chief spoke to the following collisions that occurred in May:

• **Incident of April 13, 2017** - Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision on Kalar Road near Mount Carmel Boulevard in Niagara Falls. Initial investigation revealed that a passerby contacted police upon noticing a 2006 Cadillac motor vehicle upside down in a farmer's field. Prior to this collision this vehicle was being operated northbound on Kalar Road by a 54 year old male driver, when it left the roadway and struck a number of trees on the east side of Kalar road. The vehicle continued into the farmer's field where it rolled a number of times before coming to final rest. The driver, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle and resident of Welland, was located in the vehicle and he suffered fatal injuries in this collision.

• **Incident of April 10, 2017** - Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision on Netherby Road at Crowland Avenue in Niagara Falls. Initial investigation revealed that a 2009 Dodge Journey motor vehicle was being operated eastbound on Netherby Road when the 42 year old female driver, left the roadway and struck a hydro pole. The vehicle continued across Crowland Avenue and into a farmer's field where it rolled a number of times before coming to final rest right side up. The driver who is a resident of Fort Erie was extricated from the vehicle before she was flown to an out of town hospital with life threatening injuries. There were two other passengers in this vehicle, a 39 year old male from Port Colborne and a 23 year old male from Welland. These passengers suffered serious injuries and were transported to hospital by ambulance. Charges of Impaired and Dangerous Driving are pending a complete investigation.

Enforcement Initiatives:

**Male arrested for Fort Erie Break and Enter** - On March 23rd, two suspects broke into a cargo trailer parked behind 31 Jarvis Street in Fort Erie. The suspects stole a quantity of personal items valued at approximately $500. The Fort Erie Detective Office obtained video surveillance from the area and identified a suspect and vehicle involved in the incident. On April 18th, 48 year old Eric Hagen of Fort Erie was arrested and charged.

**Manning Street Drug Warrant Executed** - Since January of 2017 members of the 1 District Street Crime Unit have been investigating a male regarding his involvement in the sale of crystal methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine in St. Catharines. During the course of the investigation, police made observations that were consistent with an individual who was operating a drug trafficking operation from his residence. On April 19th, police executed a search warrant at a Manning Street address and arrested two individuals for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking. In total, police seized a quantity of crystal methamphetamine and heroin which held an estimated street value of $12,000.

**Drug Arrest at Niagara Falls Hotel** - On April 20th, members of the St. Catharines Street Crime Unit was investigating an unrelated matter at a local hotel in Niagara Falls. During this time, police observed a suspected drug transaction take place by a tenant of this hotel. An investigation into this male revealed that he was on a recognizance for Drug Trafficking charges in Niagara and had conditions not to be in the Region of Niagara.
Furthermore, police believed this male was breaching other conditions of his recognizance. Police applied for and were granted a warrant to enter his hotel room for the purpose of arresting this male for breaching his recognizance.

While inside his hotel room, police observed suspected heroin and other drug trafficking indicators. Police then applied for a Controlled Drugs and Substance Act search warrant that lead to the recovery of a large quantity of heroin, crystal methamphetamine and Canadian currency inside the hotel room. As a result of this investigation, police seized $26,000 worth of heroin and crystal methamphetamine and $11,460 in Canadian Currency.

Niagara Falls Male Arrested for Mischief - On April 24th, police responded to a complaint of a male causing damage at a local place of worship in Niagara Falls. Police attended and arrested the male for causing approximately $15,000 damage at the property.

Male Arrested in Port Colborne for Assault - On May 2nd, police were called to the East Village of Port Colborne for an armed person. Investigation at the scene revealed that a Mitchell Street resident had attacked three other males at a residence after a confrontation regarding the ownership of a television occurred. None of the three males received major injuries; however their car was severely damaged by the accused with the sword. Charged is 21 year old Tyler Wilson of Port Colborne.

NRPS Arrests Three Males for Robbery - On May 8th, police received a 911 call that the IDA Pharmacy on King Street in Lincoln was being robbed. Uniform officers from the 8 District – Grimsby office responded to the call. Officers received information that three male suspects were armed (one with a firearm, one with an axe), and had fled the scene with narcotics in a stolen 2007 Toyota Yaris. Uniform officers spotted the stolen car and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The stolen Toyota refused to stop and lead officers in a pursuit. Officers deployed a stop stick which deflated two of the Toyota's tires. The suspects trying to evade the pursuing officers drove into a field and then fled on foot in the area of Twenty Mile Road and Mountain Road. The responding officers were able to locate and arrest all three males. The weapons and the stolen narcotics were all recovered.

Member Barrick reference recent media articles announcing new technology that can stop high speed police chases. He questioned if the Service has given any consideration into the matter to determine if it would be a viable option for the Niagara Regional Police Service. A/Chief MacCulloch is aware of the development of the GPS tracking technology; however was not able to advise if the Service is considering implementing this new technology at this time.

NRPS Arrest St. Catharines Man for Threats - On May 10th, staff members from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in St. Catharines contacted the Niagara Regional Police Service regarding a threat to a student. Uniform officers from the 1 District – St. Catharines responded to the school. The school staff implemented a lockdown to ensure the safety of the students and staff on the property, while the NRPS conducted the investigation.

Officers learned that a 20 year old St. Catharines man had been in the area of the school and had made a threat towards a student that involved a weapon. The location of the male was not known by officers. As such, two other schools in the area implemented a hold and secure procedure. The NRPS tasked considerable resources to try and locate the male including uniform officers, detectives, K9 Unit, Emergency Task Unit (ETU), Marine Unit, UAV, and the Erie County Sheriff's Helicopter.

At approximately 11:52 am the male was located north of Lakeshore Road in the area of Niagara Street. He was arrested without incident. An imitation weapon was seized from him at the time of his arrest. Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School remained in lock down until approximately 12:30 pm so officers of the ETU could conduct a safety sweep of the school. Hayden Ross Walsh has been arrested and charged.
Arrest Made in Cruise Fraud Investigation - In February 2017, the Niagara Regional Police Central Fraud Unit began an extensive investigation after receiving complaints about cruises that were being offered by a Ridgeway resident. Over 140 complainants alleged that Karen Gushue, also known as Karen Robinson and Karen Hannis, solicited funds between August 2016 and February 2017 for multiple cruises that were either never booked or were not as advertised. As a result of that investigation, on May 9th, investigators arrested 48 year old Karen Gushue from Ridgeway.

Commercial Break and Enter Investigation Leads to Arrest - From January to May 2017, police have been investigating six commercial Break and Enter and Thefts. These investigations were actively investigated by members of the St. Catharines Street Crime Unit. Police believed that the same individual was responsible for all of the entries. After the last reported break and enter on May 9th, it was discovered that three firearms were reported stolen from this entry. As a result of the investigation, police were able to identify the suspect and have arrested a 37 year old St. Catharines resident.

PRESENTATIONS

106. NRPS 8 District - Local Community Safety Issues
The Board considered a presentation from Detective Sergeant Mark Di Egidio, Criminal Investigations Branch, 8 District, providing information on the Niagara Regional Police Service's front line and investigative services provided to the residents of 8 District which includes the Town of Grimsby, Township of West Lincoln and the Township of Lincoln.

Detective Sergeant Di Egidio spoke to the roles and responsibilities of the officers assigned to 8 District, which include targeting community-based concerns as well as addressing a wide variety of calls for service, including priority response to active in-progress incidents. Police respond to calls for service for break and enters, robberies/theft, motor vehicle collisions, domestic situations, mental health related issues, etc. They work collectively with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, the Grimsby Fire Department and Public Health to complete compliance on local liquor license establishments. As well, they routinely provide assistance to other policing agencies and emergency services responders.

Detective Sergeant Di Egidio advised that 8 District calls for service per officer indicate that the number of calls that police field annually as a ratio is fairly low particularly in comparison to Districts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. District 8 is positioned fourth overall with 285 calls for service per officer, while District 1 is positioned first with 463 calls for service per officer and District 5 positioned sixth with 223 calls for service per officer. He stated that the geography and demographics of 8 District do present challenges in both traffic and criminal enforcement areas. The area is unique in acreage and landscape and with over 30% of the Region's area comprising the 8 District policing zone, officers are more widely dispersed. The District is positioned first in the ratio by area with 17.24 square kilometer per officer compared to St. Catharines positioned sixth at 1.53 square kilometer per officer.

Traffic complaints remain a constant concern in 8 District due to the expansive road network comprising more than 1,154 kilometers of roadways. To effectively address these concerns the District Commander initiated a Traffic Management Team in the latter part of 2016. The team consists of representation from the NRPS and traffic engineers from the Region and three municipalities who work collectively to discuss, enforce, utilize and monitor traffic concerns. Front line officers have also implemented targeted programs to address unique traffic concerns for transport trucks and ATVs.

Another aspect related to geography is that Niagara borders Hamilton and Haldimand-Norfolk. Many of the criminal offences that occur in the area are committed by residents from these two municipalities making intelligence and investigative efforts more complicated and time consuming than other police districts.
Also, due to the vast size of Niagara’s patrol area and the neighbouring factor, incidents often result in multi-jurisdictional investigations. Niagara has always and continues to maintain an excellent working relationship with OPP detectives assigned to property crime in the Haldimand-Norfolk detachment and the B.E.A.R unit based out of Hamilton. This willingness to collectively work together has mutually benefited all services involved and further solidifies the policing community.

Open dialogue with these neighboring policing agencies has been essential on various levels of policing and has been vital to the identification and arrests of accused parties responsible for numerous Criminal Code offences.

Detective Sergeant Di Egidio advised that 8 District has experienced a tremendous amount of growth and will continue to grow for many foreseeable years. The 2016 census records the numbers for this part of the Region to be 65,601 but the explosive growth this area is undergoing with the imminent addition of several thousand new units means that the calls for service and traffic issues will also increase. This growth will impact all emergency responders and will require a collective cohesive approach to meet those challenges. From 2016 to 2021 District 8 has been and remains to be being positioned first in the ratio by population for each officer. It is projected that by 2021 the ratio by population for each officer will be at 2,301 compared to Fort Erie which is positioned sixth at 993.

In closing, Detective Sergeant Di Egidio advised that officers assigned to 8 District work diligently with the community to ensure all concerns are addressed promptly and that feedback is provided that outlines police findings or reactive measures implemented to address each concern. Uniform officers within 8 District have utilized ATV’s, police mountain bikes and radar units to address identified concerns and allow for quantitative collection of enforcement. Enhanced policing efforts will continue to be advocated by the senior police staff assigned to 8 District and efforts will remain focused on targeting citizen complaints through the implementation of targeted initiatives, operational plans and by working closely with all community stakeholders. The officers of 8 District will also continue to participate in local community events to keep the community safe and to foster strong ties with the residents they serve.

Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: B. Marshall

That the presentation be received.

Carried.

107. NRPS Police Response Times/Greater Police Presence

The Board considered a presentation from Mrs. Marta Jobe, General Manager, Rexall Pharmacy, who spoke to a violent robbery that occurred at her place of employment and a bank robbery that occurred nearby. Mrs. Jobe advised that the staff members of Rexall Pharmacy have been left shaken by the event and that her reason for addressing the Board and the Service is to express the need for increased policing in Smithville to achieve a greater police presence. Although Mrs. Jobe initially expressed a concern with police response times, she concluded as having no such issue with the response time. To publicly clarify any misleading references that may have been made to the police response time for the Rexall Pharmacy incident, A/Chief MacCulloch confirmed the response time as being 3 minutes and 13 seconds.

Chair Gale directed that the Service take the necessary action to follow-up with Mrs. Jobe in order to ensure that her concerns are addressed appropriately. A/Chief MacCulloch advised that he will refer the matter to Staff Sergeant Tim Carter and request that he contact Mrs. Jobe.
Chair Gale also directed that the Board’s Executive Director contact Mrs. Jobe following the meeting to provide his contact information and he requested Mrs. Jobe to reach out to him in one month to inform of the action taken by the Service to address the concerns raised today. He also requested that the Service provide a report at the next Board meeting with details on the response times of the Rexall Pharmacy and CIBC Bank robbery incidents.

In addition, Chair Gale asked that a meeting be arranged with Mayor Joyner, Vice Chair Gansel and the appropriate Service staff following the Board’s consideration of the Service report on response times to these incidents for discussion on the various issues raised.

Councillor Bell addressed the Board stating that police need to be more visible in the community. He stated that there needs to be a greater police presence and suggested that officers need to walk the beat or attend the satellite office in Smithville to improve public safety. He requested the Board and Service consider hiring more police officers as part of its 2018 budget and look at the use of community satellite offices.

Mayor Joyner addressed the Board for discussion specific to response times, enhancing police presence and the reliability of police radio coverage throughout the 8 District patrol zones. He expressed concern with the geographical layout of the area and its impact on the time lines for police travel when having to respond to a call and supported that serious consideration needs to be given to increasing the number of uniform patrol officers assigned to 8 District and the West Lincoln area.

With respect to the police radio coverage, Police staff confirmed that radio testing was extensive when it implemented the new radio system which verified that there are no issues whatsoever with coverage in any area within Niagara Region.

In closing, Mayor Joyner advised that in West Lincoln there are many different names for the same roadways, which creates confusion when emergency responders are dispatched to a local address. He committed to the Board and Service that he will be addressing this issue to ensure that all roadways in West Lincoln are identified with one name and one street number (i.e. Regional Road #65).

Moved by: B. Marshall
Seconded by: V. Stewart

That the presentation be received.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

CONSENT AGENDA

108. Kathleen Wynne – Premier of Ontario - Niagara Regional Police Services Board Appointments

The Board considered a letter dated May 10, 2017 from Ontario Premier Wynne extending appreciation of being advised of the Board’s resolution regarding greater equality and diversity in the public appointment process for Niagara Police Board Members and advising of the action taken to further address the matter.
109. **Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre – Burgoyne Bridge Replacement Project Forensic Audit**

The Board considered a letter dated March 15, 2017 from MP Vance Badawey, Niagara Centre, extending his appreciation of being apprised of the direction taken by the Niagara Police Services Board regarding the Burgoyne Bridge Replacement Project Forensic Audit.

110. **Quarterly Report – Overtime Activities Incurred by the NRPS**

The Board considered Service report 143/2017 dated May 2, 2017 providing a summary of the Niagara Regional Police Service's budget versus actual uniform salaries and overtime expenditures for the years 2013-2017.

The Board requested further details on the increased overtime listed for major investigations and administrative matters such as Association business and training/special events. It was also requested that future overtime reports include civilian overtime activity and that the overtime report should outline and tie into any vacancies and backfilling issues.

A/Chief MacCulloch advised that the Service reviews and monitors overtime on a regular basis at the supervisory and Executive levels. This issue is a key discussion item at weekly Senior Management Team meetings and will be discussed further at a Senior Management Team meeting being held on May 26th.

111. **Monthly Report – Special Fund Administration – March 1 to March 31, 2017**

The Board considered Service report 131/2017 dated May 3, 2017 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in By-law 320-2012 to provide monthly summaries of the transactions for the Niagara Regional Police Special Fund.

112. **Monthly Report – Licence Application Approvals – April 2017 –**

The Board considered Service report 135/2017 dated May 8, 2017 providing public monthly summaries of the licence applications approved for issuance by the Board at its April 2017 confidential meeting.

113. **Annual Report – Acoustic Hailing Devices - January 1 to December 31, 2016**

The Board considered Service report 142/2017 dated May 10, 2017 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 335-2013.

114. **Annual Report – Fraud & False Pretence Investigation - January 1 to December 31, 2016**

The Board considered Service report 136/2017 dated April 12, 2017 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 230-2000.

115. **Annual Report – Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse - January 1 to December 31, 2016**

The Board considered Service report 137/2017 dated April 12, 2017 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 213-2000.

116. **Annual Report – Crisis Negotiation - January 1 to December 31, 2016**

The Board considered Service report 139/2017 dated April 10, 2017 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 245-2000.

Moved by: V. Stewart

Seconded by: T. Bonham

That the information be received.

Carried.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

117. Doug Joyner, Mayor of the Township of West Lincoln - Request for Information on Local Public Transportation Services

The Board considered Service report 149/2017 dated May 16, 2017 providing information to address an issue raised by Mayor Joyner, Township of West Lincoln, on the current status of the taxi/paratransit services available in West Lincoln.

Detective Sergeant Labaune advised that the Board established a regional taxi quota system and the current taxi plate quota for West Lincoln is one taxi plate and one paratransit plate. The taxi plate is owned and operated by Coventry Connections and the paratransit plate had not been previously purchased. In 2016, the Board began a pilot project to regionalize all taxi plates. This allows taxicabs to cross municipal borders and by-passes the original quota system to limit taxicabs to remain within a municipal boundary. He indicated that the pilot project appears to be working well.

With respect to the level of service in West Lincoln, Detective Sergeant Labaune contacted Coventry Connections and they reported that their taxi service in West Lincoln is not overly busy. Most are 'account calls' that are scheduled and the majority of calls are during the day with very little business at night. They also reported that regionalization has improved their ability to provide service during the day and have had no reported issues about lack of service.

The paratransit calls are solely 'account based' calls and the only report issue are for a small amount of medical appointments which often go to Hamilton or Toronto and these call can take hours before they can respond to the next call. However, this situation has been alleviated by having the ability to send another paratransit taxi from a different part of the Region.

Member Marshall asked whether or not Uber provides any paratransit transportation services in Niagara and if so, how many paratransit vehicles/drivers are in operation. Detective Sergeant Labaune said he doesn't think that Uber operates any accessible taxi services in Niagara but he will confirm with Uber and report back to the Board.

Chair Gale advised that the Board will be conducting a complete review of the Licencing By-law quotas and the use of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) in July 2017, at which time the Board will revisit the issues raised for further discussion and consideration.

Moved by: B. Marshall
Seconded by: T. Bonham

That the information be received.

Carried.

118. NRPS 2018 Budget Timetable and Operating/Capital Budget Preparation

The Board considered Service report 144/2017 dated May 12, 2017 requesting the Board approve the timelines for completion and preparation of the Operating and Capital Budgets as outlined in the report in a manner consistent with the budget strategy for Regional departments.
Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: B. Marshall

That the Board approves the following:

1. The timelines for completion and preparation of the Operating and Capital Budgets as outlined in the report;

2. The preparation of the Operating and Capital Budgets for the Police Service utilizing a process that is parallel but separate from that of Regional Departments;

3. Communicate formally to the Region with regards to the schedule of budget deliberation meetings and budget preparation approach for the Police Service and Board.

Carried.

119. RIDE Program – Grant Application - Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
The Board considered Service report 141/2017 dated May 11, 2017 requesting the Board approve an application to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the Service’s participation in the RIDE Grant Program for the fiscal year 2017-2018. (The item was pre-approved by the Board on May 15, 2017 and is before the Board for ratification.)

Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: V. Stewart

That the Board authorize the submission of the Grant Application to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for consideration of the Niagara Regional Police Service’s participation in the Ministry’s RIDE Grant Program for period of April 1, 2017 through to March 19, 2018;

And further, that the Board Chair be authorized to execute the Grant Application and return same to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Carried.

120. Records Management System (RMS) – Annual Maintenance and Support Renewal
The Board considered Service report 133/2017 dated May 8, 2017 requesting the Board approve payment of Versaterm’s yearly maintenance/support renewal costs for the RMS as included in the 2018 IT Operations System and Applications Operating Budget to maintain an up-to-date system through the current software versions supported by companies supplying the associated licenses.

Moved by: A. Caslin
Seconded by: K. Gansel

That the Board approve payment of Invoice No. 1704-049 in the amount $182,059.83, including HST (net of rebates), to Versaterm Inc. for yearly maintenance/support renewals for the Service's Records Management System (RMS) during the period of June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.

Carried.
121. **Special Fund Request – Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)**

The Board considered a memo dated May 3, 2017 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board, providing a request from the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) to support the CAPG’s 28th Annual Meeting and Conference being held from July 13–16, 2017 in Montreal, Quebec. *(Previous Board donations are as follows: 2002-$2,000, 2003-2006 - Gift items/raffle prizes; 2007-2016-$1,000 each year).*

Moved by: T. Bonham  
Seconded by: B. Marshall

That the Board authorize a donation at the Bronze Sponsor Level in the amount of $1,000.00 from the Special Fund to the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) in support of its Annual Meeting and Conference.  

**Carried.**

122. **Special Fund Request – Special Olympics Provincial School Championships – Athletes and Volunteers**

The Board considered Service report 146/2017 dated May 11, 2017 requesting a donation to assist with the purchase of NRPS lapel pins for inclusion in gift bags that are being offered to the athletes and volunteers participating in the Special Olympics Provincial School Championships being held at Brock University from June 12-14, 2017.

Moved by: T. Bonham  
Seconded by: B. Marshall

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of $1,000.00 from the Special Fund for the purchase of NRPS Lapel Pins being offered to the athletes and volunteers participating in the Special Olympics Provincial School Championships.  

**Carried.**

123. **Special Fund Donation – Inaugural Chief’s Gala - ProAction Cops & Kids and Victim Services Niagara**

The Board considered a memo dated May 10, 2017 from Ms. Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board, providing correspondence sent on behalf of ProAction Cops & Kids and Victim Services Niagara to include an invitation for Board members to attend the 2nd Annual Niagara Region Inaugural Chief’s Gala, and a sponsorship package for Board consideration of funding support to various programs designed to assist youth and victims of crime. *(Previous Board donation is as follow: 2016-$2,500).*

Moved by: T. Bonham  
Seconded by: B. Marshall

That the Board authorize a donation at the Silver Sponsor Level in the amount of $2,500.00 from the Special Fund to the ProAction Cops & Kids and Victim Services Niagara Inaugural Chief’s Gala.  

**Carried.**

124. **Special Fund Request – Joe MacDonald Memorial Basketball Tournament**

The Board considered Service report 134/2017 dated April 25, 2017 requesting a donation to assist with registration and accommodation fees incurred by Service members participating in the Annual Joe MacDonald Memorial Basketball Tournament being held from May 5-7, 2017 in Sudbury, Ontario.
(Previous Board donations are as follow: 2013-$500; 2015 - $500; 2016-$300).

Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: B. Marshall

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of $500.00 from the Special Fund to support Service members participating in the Joe MacDonald Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Carried.

125. Special Fund Donation Request – NRPA Charity Golf Tournament

The Board considered correspondence dated May 4, 2017 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board, providing the Board with a copy of the notice received from Patrick McGilly and Andrew Gordon, Tournament Co-Chairs, NRPA Charity Golf Tournament, requesting a donation to the 11th Annual Chip It for Charity Golf Tournament. (Previous Board donations are as follow: 2007-$150, 2008-2014-$300, 2015-2016-$250).

Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: B. Marshall

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of $250.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Region Police Association Chip It for Charity Golf Tournament.

Carried.

IN CAMERA REPORTS

(FOR PUBLIC RELEASE FROM THE APRIL 27, 2017 CONFIDENTIAL MEETING)

C.102 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Case Number 15-OCI-166 - Incident 15-61188

The Board considered Service report C.114/2017 dated April 10, 2017 providing the decision of the Director of the Special Investigations Unit being that the investigation by the SIU has been completed, the file has been closed and no further action is contemplated.

C.103 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Case Number 15-OVI-176 - Incident 15-66222

The Board considered Service report C.115/2017 dated April 7, 2017 providing the decision of the Director of the Special Investigations Unit being that beyond holding the involved officer responsible for the collision, he expressed no concerns with the officer’s conduct or with the response of the Niagara Regional Police Service in this incident.

C.105 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Case Number 15-OCD-234 - Incident 15-87576

The Board considered Service report C.117/2017 dated April 11, 2017 providing the decision of the Acting Director of the Special Investigations Unit being that the investigation by the SIU has been completed, the file has been closed and no further action is contemplated.

C.106 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Case Number 15-OCI-197 - Incident 15-75294

The Board considered Service report C.119/2017 dated April 10, 2017 providing the decision of the Acting Director of the Special Investigations Unit being that there were no reasonable grounds to charge the subject officer with a criminal offence in relation to the arrest and injury of the suspect individual.
Moved by: B. Marshall
Seconded by: V. Stewart

That, in accordance with the Board’s direction at the April 27, 2017 Confidential Meeting, the above-noted reports be reported back on the Public Agenda for information purposes.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

Bob Gale, Chair

Deb Reid, Executive Director