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. A. Caslin
Mr. V. Stewart

Ms. D. Reid, Executive Director

NRPS MEMBERS: Chief of Police B. MacCulloch
Deputy Chief B. Flynn, Operational Services
A/Deputy Chief R. Frayne, Support Services
Superintendent B. Ash, Emergency Investigative Services
Superintendent C. White, District Operations
Inspector M. Giannico, Executive Officer to Chief of Police
Inspector M. Woods, Professional Standards
Staff Sergeant S. Clarkson, Investigative Services
Ms. L. Rullo, Finance Manager
D/Sergeant J. Hollingshead, Executive Officer, D/C Support Services

OTHERS: Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Niagara Region
Ms. A. Fishleigh, Public Health, Niagara Region
Ms. J. Johnston, Co-Founders, NAMES
Ms. M. Maxwell, Public Health, Niagara Region
Ms. S. McElhone, Surveillance and Evaluation Manager, Niagara Region
Mr. R. McGuire, Citizen
Ms. L. Panetta, Community Addiction Niagara
Ms. R. Skellet, Public Health, Niagara Region
Ms. S. Tantardini, Co-Founder, NAMES

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

237. Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, November 23, 2017.

   Moved by: K. Gansel
   Seconded by: V. Stewart

   That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, November 23, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

         Carried.

238. Minutes of the Public Finance Committee Meeting held December 7, 2017.

   Moved by: K. Gansel
   Seconded by: V. Stewart

   That the Minutes of the Public Finance Committee Meeting held December 7, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

         Carried.

239. Minutes of the Public Licensing Committee Meeting held Thursday, December 7, 2017.

   Moved by: K. Gansel
   Seconded by: V. Stewart

   That the Minutes of the Public Licensing Committee Meeting held Thursday, December 7, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

         Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

(At the onset of the meeting, Chair Gale reminded those in attendance that the Police Services Board meeting is live-streamed and the video recording of the meeting will be posted on You Tube.)

Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara - On December 1st, the Kristin French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara hosted its Annual Holiday Appreciation Event at the Centre to honour the organization’s numerous donors, volunteers, board members and partners. Member Stewart attended the event on behalf of the Board.

Chief's Christmas & Holiday Breakfast - On December 12th, the Niagara Regional Police Service hosted its Annual Chief's Christmas & Holiday Breakfast in the Community Room at Police Headquarters. The event featured the St. Francis High School Choir with catering services provided by Club Italia. It was well attended by the Board, Service, community partners and members of the public, all of who contributed to raising a total of $3,383 to help brighten the holiday season for five local families in need of community support.

NRPS Recruit Graduation Ceremony - On December 19th, the Service hosted a Swearing-In Ceremony in the Community Room at Police Headquarters for four new NRPS recruits and one currently serving officer hired from Peel Police. Chair Gale attended the event where he had the privilege of meeting the officers and their families.
OAPSB/OACP Zone 4 Meeting - The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police will be holding their Zone 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 9th at 8:00 am. The meeting will be hosted by the Niagara Police Services Board and held at Police Headquarters in the Community Room. All Board members are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Pro-Action Cops & Kids/Victim Services Niagara - Chief's Gala 2018 - On January 19th, ProAction Cops & Kids and Victim Services Niagara will host the Annual Chief's Gala at the Crowne Plaza in Niagara Falls. Victim Services Niagara and ProAction Cops & Kids work in partnership with Niagara Regional Police Service to provide vital community services that build a safer and stronger Niagara Region. This event will provide an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the work of Niagara's local police officers, as well as raise much needed funds to support the services provided by each of the organizations. Chair Gale, Vice Chair Gansel and Member Stewart will be attending the event on behalf of the Board.

Grand Opening of POA Courthouse - Member Barrick advised that he had the privilege of being the Master of Ceremonies at the Grand Opening of the Provincial Offences Courthouse in Welland on December 6th. He acknowledged the Chief's participation at this important event and commended the support of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

UPCOMING PSB MEETINGS

- **Next PSB Committee Meetings** – Thursday, January 11th at 8:30 am in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.
- **Next Board Meeting** – Thursday, January 25th at 8:30 am in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.

REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief's Christmas & Holiday Breakfast - Chief MacCulloch spoke further to the comments made by Chair Gale and emphasized the valuable contributions made by those who attended the Chief's Christmas Breakfast. The funds raised are being offered to five families that were identified through Community Care to help make this holiday season brighter by bringing joy into the lives of the affected children at Christmas.

Chief MacCulloch also took the opportunity to extend his wishes for a happy holiday season and happy New Year to the residents of Niagara Region.

Records Check Update - Chief MacCulloch provided an update on the status of the turnaround time for all record checks which is currently two weeks or less. Central Records has been sustaining this time frame for almost a month now and two weeks or less is the targeted time frame on a go-forward basis. Chief MacCulloch contributed the reduction as a result of the dedication and commitment of the Records and IT staff to improve the process. He recognized Records Manager Gary Holden and Information Management Coordinator Laurie Switzer for their efforts in finding efficiencies to reduce wait times and expressed a sense of pride toward the unified efforts of police staff in finding a solution that better serves our community.

Constable Dale Racine Trivia Night - The Constable Dale Racine trivia night is set for February 2, 2018 at Amici's Banquet Centre in Thorold. All proceeds for this event will be donated to the Dale Racine Educational Bursary. Constable Larry Maney of the SRO Unit is the lead organizer for this year's event. Advertising efforts are underway to ensure that police and community members are aware of details.
Operational Statistics:

For the period November 1 to November 20, 2017:

Robberies
- 6 robberies, 5 cleared; 1 under investigation and 83% clearance rate.

Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 2 fatal collision; 0 life threatening collisions.

For the period January 1 to November 20, 2017:

Marihuana Grow Operations
- Total street value seized $18,403,000.

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

Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 17 fatal collisions during 2017; compared to 20 at 2016 year-end.

Chief MacCulloch spoke to the following collisions that occurred during November:

- **Incident of November 10, 2017** - At 2:15 a.m., the Niagara Regional Police Service responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Biggar Road west of Montrose Road in Niagara Falls. Initial investigation revealed that a 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier was being driven west bound on Biggar Road with four occupants. The driver lost control of his vehicle, left the roadway, and struck a number of smaller trees before the vehicle came to final rest on its roof in the ditch on the north side of Biggar Road. The driver and two occupants suffered minor injuries while a 20-year-old female passenger was pronounced dead at the scene. Uniform officers arrested and charged the driver with Impaired Driving – Cause Death. The Reconstruction Unit attended to continue the investigation.

- **Incident of November 21, 2017** - At approximately 6:05 p.m., police responded to reports of a pedestrian being struck by a motor vehicle on Montrose Road near Kalar Road in Niagara Falls. Initial investigation revealed that there was a single motor vehicle collision where the vehicle left the QEW and ended up on its driver's side in the east ditch of Montrose Road. Shortly after this collision, a vehicle that had been driven south bound on Montrose Road, pulled over and stopped on the west shoulder and the passenger exited this vehicle to render assistance to the occupants of the vehicle in the ditch. As this 48-year-old female passenger was crossing Montrose Road she was struck by a north bound 2016 Nissan Murano that was being driven by a 59-year-old male resident of Niagara Falls. This female pedestrian was taken by ambulance to a local hospital with life threatening injuries. She was then transported to an out of town hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries. The female driver from the first collision suffered minor injuries and the 59-year-old male driver of the Nissan did not suffer any injuries in the collision. The Reconstruction Unit attended to continue the investigation.

Regional Enforcement:

**Plate Reader Alert Leads to Arrest of Wanted Male** - On November 20th, police were conducting enforcement with the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system in Niagara Falls and received an alert for an expired plate permit. Further investigation revealed that the registered owner of the vehicle was wanted by Hamilton Police and Peel Police for several charges including Assault and Utter Death Threats. He was arrested and returned to Hamilton Police to answer to the charges.
Three Males Arrested in Welland Disturbance - On November 21st, at approximately 5:00 am, a 36 year-old male victim was approached by three males in his driveway on Division Street in Welland. A disturbance ensued, with the victim being struck by a golf club to his head by one of the assailants and a pipe by another male suspect. The males fled southbound down the driveway after being alerted by the victim's girlfriend. Emergency Services were notified and the victim was transported to Welland County General Hospital for treatment. He received lacerations about his head area and a fractured cheek bone. Arrested and charged are three males from Welland.

Male Arrested for Thefts from Vehicles in Fort Erie - In late October, the Fort Erie Criminal Investigation Branch investigated several thefts from vehicles in the east end of Fort Erie. As a result of the investigation, a 19 year old man was arrested and charged with two counts of Theft Under $5,000 and two counts of Unauthorized Use of a Credit Card.

Numerous Charges Laid Following Niagara Falls Incident - A total of 28 charges have been laid against three males following an incident in Niagara Falls. On November 21st, at 7:56 pm, police were called to the area of Garner Road and Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls after receiving several reports of a vehicle pursuing another vehicle while one of the occupants was firing what appeared to be a gun. Following an investigation, police located the vehicle and suspects at approximately 10:20 pm in a Niagara Falls parking lot and three males were arrested. Police seized an Air Soft rifle that bore a strong resemblance to a real assault rifle, a prohibited knife, and quantity of Xanax and other prescription pills, as well as currency. Two 16 year old males and one 18 year old male were arrested and charged.

Officer Assaulted During Incident - On November 25th, at approximately 11:20 am, uniform officers from 1 District responded to the area of Pine Street and Albert West in Thorold. Officers were called by a local dentist office after a patient became agitated while receiving treatment. The patient fled the dental office on foot and made utterances of self-harm. The woman was pursued by dental staff fearing for her safety. Officers located the woman in the area of Pine Street and Albert Street in Thorold. While officers attempted to apprehend the woman for her own safety, a violent struggle ensued. The woman spat in an officer's face/eyes. Officers were eventually able to gain control of the woman. The 30 year old woman from Thorold was arrested and will now face the alleged offence of assault police.

Niagara Falls Man Wanted for Shooting Incident – Update - On December 4th, 26 year old Joseph Minty of Niagara Falls attended police headquarters in Niagara Falls and surrendered himself to police. Mr. Minty was wanted on a criminal charge of Attempted Murder, subsequently he was also charged with Pointing a Firearm, Discharge Firearm with Intent to Wound, Endanger Life, Careless Use of a Firearm, Possession of a Restricted or Prohibited Firearm without Holding a License, Possession of a Prohibited or Restricted Firearm with Ammunition, Carry Concealed Weapon and Possession of a Weapon for Dangerous Purpose.

Federal Parolee Facing Numerous Drug Related Charges - On December 5th, a Canada-wide parole warrant was issued for a 30 year St. Catharines man. Members of the Repeat Offenders Parole Enforcement Squad (R.O.P.E) were actively attempting to locate and arrest this male. At approximately 4:30 p.m., Jonathan Whalen was arrested without incident by members of the R.O.P.E squad. During his arrest police located a quantity of suspected Crystal Methamphetamine, Heroin and Fentanyl powder. This investigation was continued by members of the St. Catharines Street Crime Unit. Police applied and were then granted judicial authorization to search the residence belonging to Mr. Whalen. During the search police located a large quantity Crystal Methamphetamine, Heroin, Cocaine, Marijuana and Canadian currency. In total police seized a quantity of Crystal Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Cocaine, Heroin and Marijuana which held an estimated street value of $26,000. Police also seized $4,150 in Canadian currency and two prohibited weapons.

Male Wanted on Canada Wide Warrant in Custody - A 37 year old man is in custody following an assault incident on November 19th in Niagara Falls. Uniform police officers from 2 District and EMS were called to a home in the area of Post Road and Preakness Street at approximately 3:30 am. When officers arrived they found a woman who had been attacked and left with serious injuries. She was transported to hospital for treatment of serious but non-life threatening injuries. Investigation by 2 District Criminal Investigations Branch (CIB) identified a suspect and led to a Canada-wide warrant issued for a 37 year old man. He was arrested in St. Catharines on December 7th, and charged with Aggravated Assault, Overcome Resistance by Choking and Robbery. A 42 year old male was also charged with being an accessory after the fact.
Drug Investigation Results in Two Arrests - Since January 2017, members of 1 and 3 District Street Crime Unit along with the Guns, Gangs, Grow Unit have been conducting an investigation in to drug sales within St. Catharines. The investigation involved the mobile sales of cocaine throughout St. Catharines by two persons, as well as drug sales form their residence. On December 7th, police executed a search warrant at the respective residence and seized a quantity of powder cocaine and crack cocaine with an estimated street value of $5,000. Police also seized proceeds of their drug sales totaling $3,500. A 34 year old male and 28 year old female were arrested and charged with numerous drug and weapons related offences.

Niagara Falls Bank Robbery Results in Arrest - On December 12th, at approximately 2:00 pm, a lone male entered the CIBC at 6345 Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. The disguised male approached a teller and demanded cash. A weapon was not seen nor was one indicated. The male left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. A swift police response resulted in the male being located and subsequently arrested a short distance from the financial institution. Both the money and disguise were recovered. A 29 year old male has been arrested and charged.

Recently Released Convicted Drug Trafficker Arrested Again – During December, members of the St. Catharines Street Crime Unit became aware that a recently released and convicted drug trafficker was once again believed to be responsible for the sale of drugs throughout St. Catharines. Police launched an investigation and on December 13th, they made observations of the male, along with another male who was currently on house arrest, driving to a suspected drug deal. At approximately 4:21 pm, the males were stopped and arrested on Dominion Road in Fort Erie. Police seized a quantity of cocaine with an estimated street value of $1,600 and $3,600 in Canadian currency as a result. A 36 year old male was arrested and charged.

Niagara Falls Male Arrested for Drug Trafficking - In December 2017, members of the Niagara Falls Street Crime Unit conducted an investigation into a male trafficking drugs from his residence in Niagara Falls. On December 13th, police executed a search warrant at the residence and seized a quantity of cocaine, heroin and crystal methamphetamine as well as proceeds of drug sales valued at over $4,000. A 28 year old male was arrested and charged with numerous drug and weapons related offences.

Robbery Suspect Arrested - On December 17th, at approximately 5:37 am, a lone male entered the Avondale Food Store located at 191 Welland Avenue in St. Catharines. The male covered his face with a disguise and armed himself with a knife prior to approaching the store clerk and demanding money. The male received a small amount of Canadian currency from the store clerk and then quickly fled on foot. Officers from 1 District quickly responded to the emergency call. Investigators from 1 District Criminal Investigation Branch were notified of the incident and continued to investigate. At 7:23 am, detectives, uniform patrol officers, and a K9 officer located the male hiding at 86 St. Paul Street and arrested him with his alleged involvement in this robbery. The knife used in the robbery along with the stolen Canadian currency was recovered by the police. A 30 year old male has been arrested and charged.

PRESENTATIONS

255. Presentation by Public Health – Niagara Opioid Usage and Prevention, Issues & Updates
The Board considered a presentation from the Niagara Region Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Andrea Feller, providing an overview of the opioid situation in Niagara Region. She spoke to the opioid situation which is being referred to as a ‘crisis within a crisis’. Niagara Region works in collaboration with stakeholders including doctors, EMS, paramedics, police, nurses, pharmacists, addictions workers, and parents. Dr. Feller addressed the four pillars being prevention, treatment, enforcement and harm reduction, noting that data, education and anti-stigma run through all the pillars. She highlighted maps of Niagara Region which outlines the areas of overdose calls received by EMS where Naloxone was administered in 2017.
Member Barrick questioned the per capita rates in rural areas. Dr. Feller stated that the per capita rate is quite high for rural areas and the opioid statistics are being tracked and will be done over time through the Network.

Chief MacCulloch advised that this is complex issue that will take a collaborative effort from various community partners to address and tackle these issues. He spoke to the NRPS efforts from an investigative and education perspective and indicated that between 2014 - 2016 the majority of investigations involved the diverting of prescription opioids. In 2016, there was a marked influx of powdered opioids (i.e. Fentanyl). Overdoses began climbing and Naloxone kits were being distributed by pharmacies. In 2017, to address the challenges of the opioid presence, the Services’ Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (PAVIS) Unit became the Opioid Enforcement and Education Unit. It currently has three (3) members and works with the NRPS Morality Unit, the Guns, Gangs and Grows Unit, and Street Crime Units. The NRPS also has representation on the Niagara Overdose Prevention Communication Network and the Network is currently putting together a Steering Committee to develop prevention and communication plans.

The NRPS Opioid Enforcement and Education Unit performs many functions and it has assisted with the preparation of the safe handling of powdered opioids to protect members as well as the set up a powdered drug processing room with up-to-date equipment. It has also provided drug lectures and education to students at public school grades, Brock University and Niagara College as well as many community agencies. The Service is currently in the process of completing two additional drug processing rooms located in 1 District (St. Catharines) and 3 District (Welland). In 2017, the Service began equipping and training officers with Naloxone kits. The first phase roll out was to the Specialty Units and the Service is currently reviewing the feasibility as to whether it should be equipping the front-line officers with Naloxone kits. Chief MacCulloch advised that there have been some issues associated with officers deploying Naloxone involving the Special Investigation Unit (SIU). Under the regulations, the SIU is mandated to investigate a police officer who is involved in the death, injury or assault of a citizen, which includes unsuccessful life-saving measures such as using Naloxone. Since April 1, 2017, the Service has undertaken a total of 71 investigations where charges have been laid, 92 individuals have been charged, and that accounts for 158 Criminal Code charges as well as 220 Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) charges. In addition, the Service had 50 seizures of opioids from individuals who were not charged. There have been numerous overdose incidents in Niagara - 34 associated to fentanyl, two deaths associated to carfentanil, four associated to hydromorphone, seven to methadone, one to codeine and six to morphine.

Ms. Sandi Tantardini and Ms. Jennifer Johnston, co-founders of Niagara Area Mom's Ending Stigma (NAMES), were in attendance to talk about their experiences in losing their sons to overdose and the need for more efforts for anti-stigma and sensitivity training in dealing with these tragic situations. Ms. Tantardini expressed concerns with the treatment of overdose victims during initial contact and commented that she fully supports police being exempt from investigation by the SIU when administering Naloxone.

She noted that in some jurisdictions police do not respond to overdose calls unless requested by EMS (i.e. Sault Ste. Marie, Kingston, Vancouver and London), and questioned if NRPS are in support of this position. She spoke to the unsanctioned safe injection site at Moss Park in Toronto, noting there have been over 120 reversals and no incidents of violence due the experience and handling of front-line workers. Ms. Tantardini sits on Niagara’s Safe Injection Site Committee and suggested the focus for a future site location should be in the identified ‘hot spot’ areas. She feels that the diversion of opioids has exasperated this issue and greatly impacted the number of illegal street users and encouraged Niagara to develop a diversion program.

During the question and answer period, Member Stewart spoke to a harm reduction model in Portugal that was featured as part of a CBC news report about the decriminalization of drugs. He questioned different perspectives about what can happen and what we can do to move towards this type of model to be more helpful to those in need and to education the public.
Dr. Feller briefly spoke about the reports from other countries involving decriminalization and the positive impact to anti-stigma. She stated that role modeling is critical to change culture and de-stigmatization as well as mental health. There are community partner courses called 'mental health first aid', and speaker bureaus can be arranged through CMHA and Pathstone. Chief MacCulloch echoed Dr. Feller's comments and agreed with the education process and the importance of having positive role models in young people lives as has been seen through the use of School Resource Officers to make better life choices.

Vice-Chair Gansel asked about the HUB model in Port Colborne and Dr. Feller confirmed that Niagara Public Health is involved as part of that model. Chief MacCulloch clarified that the HUB in Port Colborne is not fully operational at this point as the Service is waiting on some training for the community partners and that will take place in early January 2018.

Member Caslin stated that he will report back following his meeting with the Federal Government on anything the Federal Government is willing to do to participate in the solution to the opioid situation.

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

That the presentation be received;

And further, that the Chief of Police provide a status update to the Board in three (3) months on the work of the Niagara Regional Police and the various Committees with respect to the opioid situation in Niagara Region.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

240. Niagara Regional Police Service Audited Financial Statements – Define Terms of Engagement

At its December 7, 2017 meeting, the Finance Committee considered Service report 303/2017, dated December 4, 2017 providing the Board's Finance Committee with a report to establish the terms of the engagement between Deloitte and the Police Services Board that will determine the basis of the December 31, 2017 year-end audit approach. In addition, a copy of a memo dated December 14, 2017 from Mr. Jason Burgess, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services, Niagara Region, was circulated providing additional information related to audit services as well as a copy of an email from the Board Solicitor providing comment confirming the Board's responsibilities under the Police Services Act.

Moved by: D. Barrick  
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the Board proceed with 'Option 2' as outlined in Service Report 303/2017, specifically that the Terms of Engagement to complete a full audit include all police costs and incorporate the following four statements:

1) Statement of Operations (Schedule of Revenue and Expenditures),  
2) Statement of Financial Position,  
3) Statement of Changes in Net Assets, and  
4) Statement of Cash Flows;

And further, that the Auditor, Deloitte, be asked to attend the Board's Finance Committee in January 2018 to discuss their work plan.

Carried.
CONSENT AGENDA

The Board considered Service report 318/2017 dated November 24, 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.

The Board considered Service report 308/2017 dated December 4, 2017 providing public monthly summaries of the licence applications approved for issuance by the Board at its November 2017 confidential meeting.

243. Quarterly Report - Overtime Activities Incurred by the NRPS – July 1 to September 30, 2017
The Board considered Service report 302/2017 dated November 27, 2017 providing a summary of the Niagara Regional Police Service uniform and civilian overtime hours by activity for the third quarter of each of the last five years from 2013-2017.

244. Annual Reports – Community Patrol - January 1 to December 31, 2016

Vice Chair Gansel asked for additional background of the "Project - ... And Justice For All". Chief MacCulloch will look into this item and provide supplemental information to the Board by email.

The Board considered Service report 305/2017 dated November 15, 2017 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 324-2012.

246. Annual Reports – Persons in Custody - January 1 to December 31, 2016
The Board considered Service report 323/2017 dated November 2, 2017 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 208/225-2000.


248. Annual Reports – Response to Emotionally Disturbed, Mental Illness or Developmental Disability - January 1 to December 31, 2016

Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: D. Barrick

That the information be received.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

249. Durham Police Services Board – Bill 175 – The Safer Ontario Act
The Board considered a copy of correspondence dated December 11, 2017 addressed to the Honourable Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, from Chair Roger Anderson, Durham Police Services Board, advising the provincial government of Durham's views on the legislative amendments that are being proposed through Bill 175, the Safer Ontario Act.
Included with this item was an interim response letter sent from Chair Gale to Chair Anderson sharing concerns with respect to comments about proposed changes that would preclude former police service members from serving on Board that was once the Member’s employer. It was further noted that under the proposed legislation, there is a transition period whereby any affected Board members would be allowed to continue to serve the remainder of their term.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

250. Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) – Membership Agreement – Renewal

The Board considered Service report 320/2017 dated December 6, 2017 requesting the Board approve entering into a renewed membership agreement between the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Canadian Police Knowledge Network (CPKN) for the provisions of online e-delivery services and to officiate the Service’s continued participation in the program.

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

That the Board authorize entering into the renewed membership agreement between the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Canadian Police Knowledge Network, for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018;

And further, that the Board authorize the Chief of Police to act as signatory and execute all required documentation.

Carried.

251. Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) - Reserve Fund Transfer Request

The Board considered Service report 299/2017 dated November 6, 2017 requesting the Board approve a funds transfer from the OPVTA Reserve Account to cover the non-production expenses listed in Appendix “A” of the report in accordance with OPVTA policy and as approved on a case-by-case basis by the OPVTA Executive.

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

That the Board approve a transfer of funds from the OPVTA Reserve Account in the amount of $9,576.75 to cover OPVTA non-production related expenses.

Carried.

252. Special Fund Request – 2017 International Police Hockey Tournament

The Board considered Service report 319/2017 dated November 28, 2017 requesting the Board consider a donation to assist with the $700 entry fee requirement for the police teams that are competing in the 2018 International Police Hockey Tournament being held in Buffalo, New York, USA, on February 22 - 23, 2018. (The Board has approved an annual donation in the amount of $500 since 2006.)

Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: D. Barrick
That the Board approve a donation of $500.00 from the Special Fund to help offset the expenses incurred by the NRPS Male U-35 Hockey Team for participation in the 2018 International Police Hockey Tournament.

Carried.

253. Special Fund Request – Niagara Regional Police Venturers Scouting Company
The Board considered Service report 301/2017 dated December 8, 2017 requesting the Board approve a donation to assist with the operating expenses of the Niagara Regional Police Venturers Scouting program, to which the Service is a sponsoring agency. (Previous Board donations are as follows: 2014 - $1,000; 2015 - $1,250; 2016 - $1,200.)

Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: D. Barrick

That the Board approve a donation of $1,200.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Regional Police Service Venturers Scouting Company.

Carried.

254. Request to Amend 2018 Proposed Meeting Schedule
The Board considered a memo dated December 1, 2017 from Ms. D. Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board, requesting the Board amend its 2018 Meeting Schedule, specifically the month of December 2018.

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

That the Board approve the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Niagara Police Services Board and Committee meetings for the year 2018 as amended.

Carried.

256. OAPSB – Request for Financial Contribution for Legal Analysis of Bill 175
The Board considered correspondence dated December 13, 2017 addressed to Big 12 Chairs from OAPSB Chair Eli El-Chantiry soliciting support to perform a legal analysis of Bill 175 and assist the OAPSB in determining its position on the regulations being proposed through the Safer Ontario Act.

Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the Board contribute $2,000.00 to the OAPSB’s advocacy efforts and legal review of Bill 175, the Safer Ontario Act.

Carried.

257. RMON – Approval of Budget Review Committee (BRC) Recommendation – NRPS 2018 Proposed Operating Budget
The Board considered correspondence dated December 12, 2017 from Frank Fabiano, A/Regional Clerk, RMON, advising of a Budget Review Committee recommendation that was approved by Regional Council at its meeting held December 7, 2017 regarding Council approval of the NRPS 2018 Operating Budget.
Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the information be received.

Carried.

258. Niagara Region – Notice of Council Approval of NRPS User Fees
The Board considered correspondence dated December 12, 2017 from Frank Fabiano, A/Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, advising that Council approved the Board's User Fees By-law to amend charges for certain administrative services being offered to the public by the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the information be received.

Carried.

The Board considered Service report 324/2017 dated December 12, 2017 submitted in accordance to the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 331/2012.

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

That the information be received.

Carried.

260. Police Services Board – Amending Licensing By-law
The Board considered correspondence dated December 15, 2017 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board, providing a "draft" by-law addressing the required amendments to the Board's Licensing By-law as approved by the Licensing Committee, and requesting the Board approve the by-law as appended to the report.

Member Stewart advised that Lyft is now operating in Toronto and he referenced a recent news interview with Uber drivers who are now working for both Lyft and Uber. He requested the Issuer of Licenses look into this matter for further discussion at the next Licensing Committee meeting.

Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: K. Gansel

That the Board approve By-law No. 372-2017, a by-law to amend Licensing By-law No. 361-2016;

And further, that the Chair be authorized to execute the required documentation.

Carried.
IN CAMERA REPORTS

(FOR PUBLIC RELEASE FROM THE NOVEMBER 9, 2017 CONFIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION STEERING COMMITTEE AND NOVEMBER 23, 2017 CONFIDENTIAL MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS)

C.1  NRPS 1 District (St. Catharines) Facility Project – 1 District Options & 911 Back-Up Communications Centre - The Committee considered an email dated November 7, 2017 from Mr. Carmen D'Angelo, Chief Administrative Officer, Niagara Region, providing a memorandum dated October 16, 2017 from Mislav Koren, Project Manager Buildings, Niagara Region, outlining the 1 District design options that have been investigated to-date, including project costs and associated risks as well as a recommendation for moving forward with the 1 District design and 911 Back-Up Communications Centre. The following motion was passed:

"That the Board's Accommodation Steering Committee approve the recommendation to proceed with a modified Option 1C as outlined in the report;

And further, that the approval of the recommendation is subject to a written agreement from the Regional Chief Administrative Officer to put a firm timeline in place on the interim secure and controlled use of the 68 Church Street building as a communications back-up centre;

And further, that the 68 Church Street building will not be used beyond the latter of January 1, 2023 or two (2) years from occupancy of the new 1 District facility;

And further, that the Committee's decision be reported back publicly at the November 23, 2017 Regional Council meeting. Carried."

C.281 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Case Number 15-OCI-274 - Incident 15-98939 - The Board considered Service report C.295/2017 dated November 9, 2017 providing the decision of the Director of the Special Investigations Unit being that the SIU investigation has been completed, the file has been closed and no further action has been contemplated. The following motion was passed:

"That the information be received;
And further, that the Board make the report available to the public. Carried."

C.282 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Case Number 16-OCI-083 - Incident 16-22881 - The Board considered Service report C.294/2017 dated November 9, 2017 providing the decision of the Director of the Special Investigations Unit being that the SIU investigation has been completed, the file has been closed and no further action has been contemplated. The following motion was passed:

"That the information be received;
And further, that the Board make the report available to the public. Carried."

C.283 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Case Number 15-OCI-251 - Incident 15-93188 - The Board considered Service report C.285/2017 dated November 8, 2017 providing the decision of the Director of the Special Investigations Unit being that the SIU investigation has been completed, the file has been closed and no further action has been contemplated. The following motion was passed:

"That the information be received;
And further, that the Board make the report available to the public. Carried."
C.284 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Case Number 15-OVI-255 - Incident 15-94979 - The Board considered Service report C.291/2017 dated November 9, 2017 providing the decision of the Director of the Special Investigations Unit being that the SIU investigation has been completed, the file has been closed and no further action has been contemplated. The following motion was passed:

"That the information be received; And further, that the Board make the report available to the public. Carried."

Moved by: V. Stewart
Seconded by: D. Barrick

That, in accordance with Board direction, the above noted In Camera Reports be reported back publicly for information purposes.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

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Bob Gale, Chair

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Deb Reid, Executive Director