



The Corporation of the Village of Point Edward  
**POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

# MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 - 1 p.m. - Point Edward Municipal Office

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**Persons Present:**

Chair Jack Rand, Vice Chair Geary, Mayor Kirkland, Inspector Wessels, Staff Sgt. Chris Martin, Sgt. Tom MacLean, Board Secretary Peggy Cramp

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**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

**Nomination of Officers:**

- **Chair**

P. Cramp requested nominations for the position of Point Edward Police Services Board Chair.

**Resolution #1**

Moved by Board Member Geary

Seconded by Mayor Kirkland

THAT Jack Rand be nominated as Chair of the Point Edward Police Services Board.

J. Rand accepted the nomination. The nominations were closed.

CARRIED.

- **Vice Chair**

Chair Rand requested nominations for the position of Point Edward Police Services Board Vice Chair.

**Resolution #2**

Moved by Mayor Kirkland

Seconded by Chair Rand

THAT Kelly Geary be nominated as Vice Chair of the Point Edward Police Services Board.

K. Geary accepted the nomination. The nominations were closed.

CARRIED.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**3. Delegations:**

Chair Rand welcomed Staff Sgt. Chris Martin to the Board meeting and congratulated him on his promotion.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

- Regular meeting of November 10, 2009

**Resolution #3**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary

Seconded by Mayor Kirkland

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 10, 2009, be adopted.  
CARRIED.

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. Miscellaneous Reports**

- Report from Sgt. Tom MacLean

It was noted that the overtime should be reduced as the same schedule is now in place for the County of Lambton and Village of Point Edward officers. They will now be able to place County officers to fill absences in the Village rather than use overtime.

Veronica Myers is working in the police office three days per week. The other two days are being covered by Cst. Amy O'Keefe.

**Resolution #4**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary

Seconded by Mayor Kirkland

THAT the report from Sgt. Tom MacLean be accepted; and received and filed.  
CARRIED.

**8. Ongoing Business**

- Letter from the Ontario Civilian Police Commission re: 2009 Revisions to the Commission Rules of Practice

**Resolution #5**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary

Seconded by Mayor Kirkland

THAT the Letter from the Ontario Civilian Police Commission re: 2009 Revisions to the Commission Rules of Practice, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

- E-mail from Inspector Wessels re: Mandate for newly formed Safe Streets Unit

Inspector Wessels advised that the Safe Streets Unit is now in place. It is comprised of the former Community Directed Patrol Unit, the Youth Crime Unit, the Property Crime Unit and the Community Drug Action Team member. The program is based on the principle that the offender, once involved with the justice system now becomes accountable to the police and to the community. It more effectively manages the people who are committing the crimes by focusing on repeat offenders and proactively managing these offenders with increased accountability and respect for Court imposed conditions.

They will also maintain a strong visible presence in and around the two Lambton County High Schools in Forest and Petrolia.

Staff Sgt. Martin advised that there are two assigned youth officers who act as liaisons with the schools and assist with youth crime in the schools. There is an increased presence and they have a working relationship with the Vice Principals. Their presence leads to deterrence. The officers are in business attire and assist with lockdown procedures, safe streets, drug issues and other activities.

The Safe Street Unit combines four different areas of policing under one roof in one office. There is a better opportunity for sharing information and they are also located next to the probation/parole office.

Chair Rand asked about the drug issues. Staff Sgt. Martin advised that there is an increasing use of pharmaceutical drugs and it is destroying lives at a faster rate than non-prescription drugs. There is an entire black market that is highly active. They are tackling the drug issue on a greater front by dealing with the offender on a number of different fronts. He feels that Oxycodone is the worse drug now and Crystal Meth is being used less than previous reports. The O.P.P. are continuing to change rapidly to keep up with the times. Drugs often lead to a lot of thefts. They continue to encourage the 'Lock It or Lose It' program.

**Resolution #6**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary  
 Seconded by Mayor Kirkland  
 THAT the report on the Safe Street Unit from Inspector Wessels, be received and filed.  
 CARRIED.

- OAPSB Bulletin – December 2009

It was noted that the Workplace Violence policies are the responsibility of the O.P.P.

**Resolution #7**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary  
 Seconded by Mayor Kirkland  
 THAT the OAPSB Bulletin for December, 2009, be received and filed.  
 CARRIED.

- Estimated 2010 Policing Costs

**Resolution #8**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary

Seconded by Mayor Kirkland

THAT the estimated 2010 policing costs be accepted; and referred to the 2010 budget.  
CARRIED.

**9. Financial Report**

- Period Ending December 31, 2009

**Resolution #9**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary

Seconded by Mayor Kirkland

THAT the Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2009 be approved as printed.  
CARRIED.

**10. New Business**

- Phone System and Communications

Mayor Kirkland expressed concerns with the phone system. Sgt. MacLean advised that there will be new enhancements to the system in the first quarter.

**Resolution #10**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary

Seconded by Mayor Kirkland

THAT Sgt. MacLean obtain prices and options to improve communications as it relates to outdoor access to the inside of the O.P.P. office including the price for window covering, a door bell and outdoor P.A. system.

CARRIED.

- Change of Officers

Chair Rand advised that the transition has been working fine with the new officers. He asked that consideration be given to ensuring that the Sgt. does not change for at least two to three years. Inspector Wessels noted that in this case, it was time for a change. For the betterment of the community, it is best for officers to get to know the people in the community over a period of time.

**11. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2010 at 1 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

**Resolution #11**

Moved by Vice Chair Geary

Seconded by Mayor Kirkland

THAT the Police Services Board meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Chair Jack Rand

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Board Secretary Peggy Cramp