

To: GVTA Police Board

From: Carol Lee, Board Secretary

Date: September 5, 2006

**Subject: Board Attendance at Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference**

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*Staff Recommendation:*

That the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Police Board authorizes Chair Lorne Zapotichny's attendance at the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference from October 2 to 5, 2006 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to request Board approval for the Chair to attend the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**BACKGROUND**

Founded in 1997, the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) is a national organization of individuals and agencies involved in the oversight of police officers in Canada. The mission of CACOLE is to advance the concept, principles and application of civilian oversight of law enforcement throughout Canada and abroad.

**DISCUSSION**

The Board Chair has indicated his interest in attending the 2006 CACOLE Conference to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia from October 2 to 5, 2006. Pertinent topics include addresses by international speakers on "What are the Basic Necessities Needed to Develop an Oversight Agency" and "Defeating Terrorism without Violating Rights and Freedoms". The conference will also focus on oversight models already in existence worldwide, mediation and alternative dispute resolution. A copy of the conference brochure is attached as Appendix A.

# Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement



## Conference 2006

# CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT – STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE

Conference registration: *starts Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 – 6 pm*

Professional Development: *Monday October 2 at 8:30 am to Wednesday October 4 at 4:30 pm*

International Oversight Meeting: *Thursday, October 5 from 9:30 am – 12 noon*

CACOLE Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers: *Thursday, October 5 from 12:30 – 3 pm*

*Conference Location: Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown. Conference rate is \$149.00 CDN per night.*

1128 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6E 4R5 Canada  
Phone: 1 604 684 1128 Fax: 1 604 298 1128 Toll-Free: 800 207 4150

Delegates and speakers are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Conference Code: CACOLE

### Conference Registration Fee Schedule

CACOLE Members - \$500 Canadian (Membership Reward)

Non-Members - \$550 Canadian

After September 8, 2006, Late Registration fee will be - \$600 Canadian

Students registered in full time studies at a secondary or post-secondary institution - \$250.00 (before September 8, 2006)

We regret that we do NOT accept credit cards.

Please send your registration form and payment in Canadian Funds to: Luauna Selman, CACOLE Conference Coordinator, c/o CACOLE CONFERENCE 2006, Box 48941, 595 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V7X 1A8

Note: Please email [conference@cacole.ca](mailto:conference@cacole.ca) if you require a receipt *in advance* of requisitioning payment for your registration.

Professional development sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. each day. Attire is business casual (\* see Note below)

**Monday, October 2, 2006**

*Conference Opening - Welcome & Introductions*

Dirk Ryneveld, QC, President, CACOLE; Police Complaints Commissioner, BC  
His Worship, Sam Sullivan, Mayor of Vancouver and Chair of the Vancouver Police Board  
The Honourable Wally Oppal, Attorney General for British Columbia

*Perspectives On Models Of Civilian Oversight:*

Moderator: Dirk Ryneveld, QC, Police Complaint Commissioner, BC  
Paul Kennedy, Chair, Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (CPC), Ottawa, Ontario  
Robert Mitchell, QC, Chair, Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission

*Reviews of Complaints Processes in Saskatchewan and Alberta:*

Moderator: Donna Shelley, QC, Chair, Law Enforcement Review Board (Alberta)  
The Honourable Doug Moen, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General, Saskatchewan Justice  
Patricia Tolppanen, BPA, LLB. CMC, Executive Director, Calgary Police Commission  
Kimberly Armstrong, LLB, i/c, Professional Standards, Edmonton Police Service

*Top 10 Challenges Facing Professional Standards Sections within Canadian Law Enforcement Agencies:*

Kimberly Armstrong, LLB, i/c, Professional Standards, Edmonton Police Service

*Update on Recommendations for British Columbia Police Act Reform*

Moderator: Kevin Begg, Assistant Deputy Minister & Director of Police Services, Policing & Community Safety Branch, BC  
Former British Columbia Court of Appeal Justice Josiah Wood, QC

*The Overseen – The Military Police Experience:*

Moderator: Johanne Gauthier, General Counsel and Secretary, Military Police Complaints Commission  
Deputy Provost Marshal, Professional Standards. Lt. Col Tim Grubb

*Opening Reception - A Celebration of the 2010 Olympics & the City of Vancouver*

His Worship, Sam Sullivan, Mayor of Vancouver will be hosting a reception for all CACOLE delegates and special guests at the Pan Pacific Hotel. This promises to be an enjoyable evening complete with refreshments and the opportunity to network with both our national and international colleagues. Please plan on attending this reception before heading out on your own to explore the wonderful sights and sounds that Vancouver has to offer.

**\* NOTE: for the reception, please wear business attire or dress uniform**

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

*International Oversight Network Steering Committee: Update*

Moderator: Dirk Ryneveld, QC, President, CACOLE, British Columbia Police Complaints Commissioner

John Wadham, Deputy Chair, Independent Police Complaints Commission (England & Wales)

Martin Kreutner, Co-Chair, European Partners Against Corruption (EPAC)

*Minimum Standards for Civilian Oversight & Adaptable Models:*

Moderator: Al Hutchinson, Oversight Commissioner for Policing Reform/Northern Ireland

Nuala O'Loan, Police Ombudsman Northern Ireland

Dr. Denison Jayasooria, Executive Director, Yayasan Strategik Social (Member of Royal Police Commission), Malaysia

*Update on Oversight in Developing Countries*

*ALTUS - The Police Station Visit Project:*

Femke Hofstee, European Director, Altus Global Alliance

*Engaging Effectively With Minority/Ethnic Groups*

*Outreach Programs*

*Building links with the Muslim Community in the UK:*

Barbara Attard, Independent Police Auditor, San Jose, CA

Eduardo Diaz, PhD, Director, Miami-Dade Independent Review Panel, Miami, Florida

Nuala O'Loan, Police Ombudsman Northern Ireland

John Wadham, Deputy Chair, Independent Police Complaints Commission (England & Wales)

*The Forum for Preventing Deaths in Custody - A Report on an initiative linking the police, prisons and psychiatric hospitals with oversight bodies:*

Moderator: Jean Beeler, QC, Weldon McInnis (Past President CACOLE, Past VP IACOLE)

Stephen Shaw, Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales

Hospitality

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

*Accessibility, Trust & Communications Issues Relating to First Nations:*

Moderator: George Wright, Commissioner, Law Enforcement Review Agency (Manitoba)

*The Social Context of Police Use of Force: An Analysis of Data from Ontario's Special Investigations Unit:*

Moderator: Joseph Martino, Counsel, Special Investigations Unit (Ontario)

Scot Wortley, PhD, Associate Professor, Centre of Criminology, University of Toronto

*Police Response to Persons with Mental Illnesses:*

Claude Simard, Commissaire à la déontologie policière

Building Capacity: Mental Health and Police Project in British Columbia – Lessons Learned, Lessons to be Shared - Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, BC

*Complaints Against the Police - Survey of Police Association Perspectives:*

Moderator: Robert Mitchell, QC, Chair, Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission

David Griffin, Executive Officer, The Canadian Professional Police Association (CPPA)

Perspectives on systemic problems complainants encounter and suggestions for better accommodating their needs, A. Cameron Ward, LLB, Vancouver, BC

*Mediation, Alternate Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice:*

Moderator: Garry Mumford Director (retired), Nova Scotia Police Commission

Lisa DeLong, LLB, Masters Degree in Law candidate, Dalhousie University

Gerry McNeilly, LLB, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid Manitoba

*Communities, Civilian Oversight and the Search for Balance:*

Moderator: Lorraine Roche, Manager, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Police Complaint Commission

Joanne St. Lewis, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section

HOSPITALITY

Thursday, October 5, 2006

International Oversight Initiative (8:30 – 10:30)

Status report on the establishment of an international network for police oversight and monitoring bodies; Inaugural meeting

Official Conference Closing – 10:30 am

CACOLE Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers (2:00 – 3:30 pm)

- Business arising from the last meeting
- Issues and answers
- Election of Officers
- Proposals for location of 2007 CACOLE Conference
- Other business