

**KINGSTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
POLICY ON INVESTIGATIVE REWARDS**

The following motion was passed by the Kingston Police Services Board on July 20, 2006, as Resolution No. 06-44.

It was moved by Mayor Rosen and seconded by Mrs Henriksen that, with respect to the memorandum dated July 13, 2006, from Chief Closs on investigative rewards, the Kingston Police Services Board approve in principle the offering of rewards when reasonable; funding, when required, from the Board's contingency fund; and the participation of the Board as outlined in the memorandum, including being consulted as to a just apportionment of the set amount if two or more individuals were being recommended to receive a reward with respect to the same investigation.



MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members, Police Services Board
From: W.J. Closs, Chief of Police
Date: 2006-07-13
Re: Investigative Rewards

We are in the process of drafting a general order to provide a process whereby a reward may be posted and paid to individuals who supply information that leads to the arrest and prosecution of a suspect for an unsolved murder or an unsolved death caused by other deliberate unlawful acts (such as a fatal hit and run) or who supply evidence that supplements other serious criminal investigations as approved by the Chief of Police.

From our research, it appears that few Ontario police services have a specific written order dealing with rewards; even fewer include a role for their respective police services board. We would like to include the Board as part of our process for two reasons:

- any monies must be contained within an approved Board budget; and
- accountability.

Generally, the process would include a request from an investigator to the Chief of Police (through the chain of command) to offer a reward. This request would include a synopsis of the crime and justification for offering a reward. If approved, the offer would normally remain in effect for one year from the date of issuance, with any extensions subject to further approval.

The proposed role for the Police Services Board would include that the Chief of Police must ensure that the Board is advised prior to any public dissemination, i.e., circulation of posters, etc., as well as being advised prior to an actual payment. In addition, if two or more individuals were being recommended to receive a reward with respect to the same investigation, the Chief of Police would first consult with the Board as to a just apportionment of the set amount.

A few years ago, the Police Services Board created a contingency fund for unforeseen operational issues. Since we never know when we could find ourselves paying out a reward, I would suggest that any payments in this respect be charged to the contingency fund.

I am therefore asking the Board to approve:

- in principle the offering of rewards when reasonable;
- funding, when required, from the Board's contingency fund; and
- the participation of the Board as outlined above.

Should you approve this proposal, I anticipate a discussion on the issuance of a reward offer during your Board meeting in October 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W.J. Closs". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

W.J. Closs
Chief of Police