



The following *draft* Minutes of the special public telephone poll of the Toronto Police Services Board held on October 27, 2003 are subject to adoption at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**THIS IS THE MINUTE OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC TELEPHONE POLL OF THE
TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2003**

**#P303. DONATION – POLICE HORSE: GRAND PRIZE AWARDED TO
THE TORONTO POLICE SERVICE – MOUNTED UNIT**

On Friday, October 24, 2003 the Board members were provided with copies via e-mail of the following report, dated October 20, 2003, from Julian Fantino, Chief of Police:

Subject: DONATION: GRAND PRIZE FOR THE NATIONAL POLICE
EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION 2003 AWARDED TO THE TORONTO
POLICE SERVICE EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

1. The Board accept the donation of the grand prize award of a trained police horse from the Police Mounts of Camelot, Washington, Kentucky, valued at approximately \$10,000.00 (US) including taxes
2. The Acting Chair be authorized to sign an Agreement of Purchase and Bill of Sale subject to approval by City of Toronto Legal as to form.

Background:

On October 11 – 12, 2003, members of the Mounted Unit travelled to Lexington, Kentucky to compete in the 2003 National Police Equestrian Competition. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Mounted Police hosted this year's annual event which was held at the Kentucky Horse Park. The event attracted over one hundred (100) police entrants from across North America.

Members of our team consisted of Sergeant Dennis Grummett (84), Constables Ronald Gilbert (6384), Greg Ladner (4051) and Harold Williamson (732). These officers represented our Service well and performed exceptionally taking home seven (7) award ribbons in total. The competition consisted of several categories including; equitation, obstacle course and uniform.

Our team achieved the following awards:

- 1st Equitation and Obstacle (Combined) - Constable Greg Ladner
- 2nd Team Event - Sergeant Dennis Grummett and Constable Ronald Gilbert
- 2nd Obstacle Course - Constable Greg Ladner
- 3rd Uniform Class - Constable Harold Williamson
- 6th Equitation - Constable Ronald Gilbert
- 9th Equitation - Constable Greg Ladner

In addition, our team was also awarded the Team Department Award for having the best-combined scores in the Obstacle and Equitation classes. As a result, our team is to receive the grand prize of a three (3) year-old grey gelding named, "Blue Moon" a Percheron/Thoroughbred cross-trained police horse. He was selected as one of Lexington's finest police horses and he will be delivered to the Toronto Police Service Mounted Unit in the near future.

Ms. Dian Cecil, President of Police Mounts of Camelot, P.O. Box 65, Mt. Washington, Kentucky 40047 donated "Blue Moon" as the grand prize for the event. Police Mounts of Camelot is a company that specializes in selective breeding and training of horses for policing needs.

There will be no additional costs to the Service associated to the delivery and acceptance of the horse. As a result of the level of training already received by this horse, further training will be minimal and can easily be accommodated by the Mounted Unit training staff.

All appropriate checks in relation to the donor have been completed and there is nothing on file to indicate that this donation should not be accepted. "Blue Moon" has been ridden by a trainer of the Mounted Unit and meets the required specifications for a Service horse.

Police Mounts of Camelot has requested that the Board sign an Agreement of Purchase and Bill of Sale in the amount of \$1.00. The purpose of this agreement is to indemnify Police Mounts of Camelot against any further actions regarding this horse.

This donation is consistent with Service Procedure 18-08, governing donations.

Deputy Chief Michael Boyd, Policing Support Command will be in attendance to respond to any questions, if required.

On October 27, 2003 a quorum of the Board approved the foregoing report via telephone poll.

The following Board members participated in the telephone poll:

Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Acting Chair
Mr. A. Milliken Heisey, Q.C.
Mayor Mel Lastman, Member
Mr. Allan Leach, Member
Councillor Frances Nunziata, Member

Gloria Lindsay Luby
Acting Chair