

**To:** Police Board Members  
**From:** George Morano  
**Date:** September 8, 2008  
**Re:** **Security Cameras - Trenton**

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During an earlier meeting of the Orillia PSB, a query was brought forward as to use of a closed circuit camera surveillance system for the City of Orillia. As a result, on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Terry Wright, Detachment Commander, Don MacNeil, Chairman of the OPSB and George Morano OPSB member departed for Trenton Ontario. The purpose of the visit was to review the recently installed Quinte West closed circuit security surveillance system in their community. It was noted that as well as the 9 cameras installed in strategic locations in their downtown area, which included various parks, the detachment also monitored a camera head installed in the neighboring community of Frankfort approximately 10 miles away.

On our arrival, the Detachment Commander, his technical officer and the Manager of Scott's Security Systems explained the technical, operational and monitoring principals of the system. This was followed with a walking tour of the downtown area. During the tour we found that camera heads were installed in strategic locations allowing them to effectively provide the most efficient coverage while blending into the various posted downtown locations.

I for one found this mission very educational and am especially pleased with the clarity of the pictures on the monitoring screen in both the Police Headquarters and in the store front office downtown. During the demonstration we were not only able to focus in on numerous activities in the downtown core, parks, etc, but as was demonstrated was able to successfully enlarge a vehicle's license plate which included the plate's expiry date tag.

I certainly would recommend that the PSB pursue this project. As we all are familiar with the cry to have a police officer on every corner, it is my opinion, that by installing this system here in Orillia we can have the equivalent of 10, 12 or more eyes watching over our downtown core, the water front, skate board park, etc for the price of just one police officer.

However, in my opinion, one actually has to see the system in action to appreciate, its effectiveness. Therefore, should the PSB decide to pursue this project we should set at least a half a day aside for the demonstration. We should invite to this presentation, City Council, the Downtown Management, the Chamber of Commerce and, of course, the City Manager. Joe Scott, of Scott's Security stated that he would be pleased to make a presentation to Orillia. The Detachment Commander also indicated that he would be pleased to attend just to give his perspective as to the systems worth to their community.