



TOWN OF KENTVILLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

354 Main Street, Kentville Town Hall

April 26, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Commissioner Jaimie Peerless, Commissioner Virginia Brooke, Commissioner Craig Gerrard, Commissioner Gillian Yorke (chair).

Staff present: Chief Jim Butler, Deputy Chief Marty Smith, Recording Secretary Jennifer West

Regrets:

Commissioner Samantha Hamilton

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Addition: in camera.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerrard and Commissioner Brooke that the agenda of April 26, 2023 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Peerless and Commissioner Gerrard that the minutes of the meeting held on March 29, 2023 be approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Peerless and Commissioner Gerrard that the minutes of the in camera meeting held on February 24, 2023 be approved.

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4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

Approved, May 19, 2023

5. CHIEFS REPORTS

Chief Butler reviewed his reports. Discussion of mental health calls, policy and provincial protocol and challenges. How to measure success? Change call and response model, change culture, continue to work with partners, but it takes time. KPS receives very few complaints and that is one measure of success.

Chief Butler reviewed the financial report, which showed a deficit. This was partially caused by payout of stat time.

See reports for more information

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Board Manual Work Plan

Commissioner Yorke reviewed the purpose and goal of the draft policy manual. Commissioner Brooke expressed concerns about goals and work plan for the two year term for this board of commissioners.

Commissioner Yorke suggests that the Board meet without staff, to discuss a workplan for the Board with short term, mid term and long term goals. Members voted to meet on May 9th.

(b) Board Strategic Plan

Members discussed first focusing on the work plan and engagement event before tackling the strategic plan.

7. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Symbols on Uniforms

Chief Butler presented the policy on uniforms, and a new section which addresses patches and symbols. This policy could be a KPS policy or a board policy. Members discussed flags, which some suggested should only represent the province and the country. Members want to put a time limit on discussion on this issue, knowing that any decision the Board makes will leave some people unsettled. The three groups which have human rights protection and historic conflicts with police, should have a symbol which shows support for those groups.

Commissioner Gillian Yorke left the meeting at 2pm for a family emergency. Commissioner Brooke took over as chair of the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Jaimie Peerless and Commissioner Craig Gerrard

That the Kentville Board of Police Commissioners postpone a decision on the matter of symbols on uniforms until the next meeting.

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(b) Public Engagement Meeting

Staff gave an update on the logistics of the meeting, and members discussed resources for the meeting and consistent messaging and language for this event.

(c) Education

Staff gave an update on upcoming education opportunities for staff and members.

(d) Board Manual

No discussion on this matter. Issues were addressed earlier in the meeting.

8. Public Comments

Tracy Clements, Portal Outreach Cultural Coordinator

Interested in meeting with the Chief to talk about symbols and other issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerrard and Commissioner Jaimie Peerless

That the Kentville Board of Police Commissioners move into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to discuss, it was moved that the meeting adjourn at 3:07 pm.