

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

February 8, 2019

PRESENT

Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Maxwell,
Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Candow,
Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Andrew,
Commissioner Walker, Chief Cecchetto, Inspector
Brown, Mayor Snow and Recording Secretary Dawn
Fitch.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL
CALL**

Chairman Gerrard called the meeting to order at 12:00
pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Cecchetto added encrypted radios under New
Business 6(b)

It was moved by Commissioner Andrew and seconded by
Commissioner Candow

that the agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Maxwell arrived at 12:07 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 16th, 2018**

It was moved by Commissioner Walker and seconded by
Commissioner Pearl

that the minutes be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

(a) Sergeant's Routine

Chief Cecchetto advised 8 applied, 7 wrote the exam, and
4 passed and were interviewed by the Chief, Inspector
Brown and Inspector Lane from Halifax Regional PS. 1
didn't pass, Marty Smith & Mike Goss were promoted
and Kevin Pick is currently acting sergeant as someone
else is off work. The list stands for 2 years. Some
discussion ensued on the process.

(b) Police Commission Town Citizen Appointee

Chairman Gerrard advised there is a vacancy. There was some discussion on whether the Board should have 5 members or remain at 7 members. It would be 2 councillors, 2 Town and 1 Dept. of Justice appointees or 3, 3 and 1. The Dept. of Justice appointee is for non-bias reasons. There was a vote with the majority wanting to reduce to 5 with 1 no. More research will be done, and it will be brought back.

Mayor Snow arrived at 12:35 pm

(c) UN Policing

Chief Cecchetto advised there has been no answer as to whether the insurance coverage has been changed. 3 members have shown interest.

(d) Speed Signs & limits

Chief Cecchetto advised that she was informed that you couldn't blanket reduce speeds, but the CAO or Town Traffic Authority can apply for some streets. The Chief will speak to CAO Phillips. She has priced the digital portable speed signs at \$3200 each. Chief Cecchetto will put this into capitol for 2 movable signs and extra brackets. They are capable under 100 kms, are 11" and have a stealth mode. Regular speed sign requests have to be done by the Town Traffic Authority. Several streets have been monitored for speeding by police.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Conference in September

The conference is September 18 – 20 at the Old Orchard Inn and is being co-hosted by Kentville and Annapolis Royal. There will be golf on Wednesday, Thursday a gala dinner and they hope to have a day, maybe Friday, set aside for Commission members.

(b) Encrypted Radios

Chief Cecchetto advised that the price has probably gone up from last year which was \$22,000. Some discussion ensued as it is a fairly urgent matter, cost, possibly \$25,000 involved, whether the RCMP will allow us on their channel even if encrypted. Bridgewater has been approached for a price for their dispatch service. An outline has been received but not a price yet. Smaller

police departments do not have encrypted radios with the exception of one or two that may have 1 encrypted radio. It appears our original agreement was for encrypted radios and we may have paid for that but they are not encrypted. Our current dispatch service does not have access to PROS and never will. There is a need to solve the dispatch issue first. We need to determine how big the safety issue is. The officers need to know what they are getting into before they get there. We are the only police agency that does not have access to PROS 24/7. Chief Cecchetto will follow up.

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report advising she had surgery in early January and was off until this week. The sick time hours are increasing again. Vehicle checks are dropping probably due to weather, we may have a new female auxiliary, there has been some training but not as much as last year. Calls for service are down but she is not sure why. The new Charger is in, most like it. It was ordered in June/July and delivered in January. A 2018 was ordered but by the time it got through the system we got a 2019 for the same price. The SUV needs to be replaced and it will be ordered before June. There is a posting out for a term position. Chief Cecchetto has been invited by Compassion to Action involving Holocaust survivors and the Jewish Community. She is one of 20 people across Canada invited to attend to go to Germany, Poland and Israel in July which involves visits to concentration camps and speaking to public figures to prevent another holocaust. There is a bursary but also a \$3,500 cost which will be partially supported by the Town and the remainder by the Chief. It appears that cell access at the new RCMP building is going ahead. The price is near what we are paying now. The Chief feels that this is better than our current manner. The cells are old and need renovating and our current guards have no training. Some discussion ensued on parking with Sp/Cst Cunningham being off work and doing more block time.

(b) Sp/Cst. Cunningham's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto advised that Glenn is still not back full time so his numbers are down. He is working 3 6 hour days. He got struck again by a car while crossing on a

crosswalk, worked Monday and was off the rest of the week. There are parking issues, but there are no cannabis issues.

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised he has no report.

(d) Financial Report/Budget (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report noting that we should be at 83 1/3% on spending and remuneration is at 86%.. The Cst. Overtime is at 127%. The Sgt's Overtime is down so the Finance Director moved \$14,000 to Csts. A lot of training was done this year. Street Crime (Chris Burke) gets lots of overtime both doing overtime shift replacement for us and overtime with Street Crime. Heating is over as the upgrades were just done in November/December. Vehicle Operations & Maintenance is close but hopefully will not be over or by much. Capitol came in a little under budget but what is not included is the \$2800 it cost to decal plus the new equipment for the new vehicle. We should still come in under budget. Chief Cecchetto advised that for capitol this year she will be putting in for a new roof which has been leaking, speed signs, new vehicle and painting of the building. The latter is building maintenance, not capitol.

A gift was presented by Chairman Gerrard on behalf of the Commission to Commissioner Candow in thanks for his service and time for the past 4 years.

IN CAMERA

At 1:30 pm went in camera on a staffing matter

Came out of in camera at 2 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.