

# **KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES January 19, 2018**

**PRESENT**

Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Maxwell,  
Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Candow,  
Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Andrew, CAO  
Phillips, Chief Julia Cecchetto, Inspector Brown and  
Recording Secretary Carla MacDonald.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL  
CALL**

Chairman Gerrard called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

**PRESENTATION IN CAMERA**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded  
by Commissioner Candow at 1:11 pm

**to enter in camera session for the presentation**

**MOTION CARRIED**

A presentation on Outlaw MC gangs was conducted by  
Cst. Scott Morrison & Cpl. Mike Carter. (Council &  
Directors also invited to this part of the meeting.)

It was moved by Commissioner Andrew and seconded by  
Commissioner Mahoney

**to come out of in camera session**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Two additions were made to the agenda under New  
Business for traffic flow in front of the Post Office and  
smoking by law/Cyril White's letter.

It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney and seconded  
by Commissioner Pearl

**that the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
November 3, 2017**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded  
by Commissioner Candow

**that the minutes be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES**

**(a) Radio Encryption – Cost/status**

Chief Cecchetto advised she obtained a price on the encryption costs. Her initial estimate was \$12,000 but was advised the cost would be \$22,000. Therefore, this will be put aside until she has the funds. Chief Cecchetto also advised she has not heard back from the RCMP as to whether we will be allowed on their channel but suspect the answer to be no due to our using Valley Communications and not an OCC. The downside to this is that everyone can hear us. A second option which the Chief has discussed with Jason Bethune is having in car computers. That way, private communication can be done as well as accessing PROS. She has not obtained pricing at this time. There are cell phones in the cars but the members are not using them much, preferring their own, as they are old. Jason is going to look into this as well as linking to PROS.

**(b) Video – Centre Square**

Chief Cecchetto advised she has not done much with this as there didn't appear to be much interest. Tim Hortons and the banks all have video cameras.

**(c) Mentoring plus**

Chief Cecchetto advised this has been given to Cst. Angie McWaid to try to rally her contacts. There is an information meeting at the end of the month.

**(d) Chair**

Chief Cecchetto advised that policy has been created and circulated. She also advised that there is on line training for the spit hood and video training for the chair. Once everyone has been trained, the chair will be put over in cells which should be in approximately a week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Body worn camera costs**

Chief Cecchetto advised we have been doing a pilot project for the past year with one officer per shift wearing a body camera (4 cameras). The company has given us a

price to purchase them of \$17,000 over 5 years. \$8,900 is front end, the rest is maintenance. It was \$44,000 for everyone to have a camera. Chief Cecchetto feels 4 is sufficient and the price not too bad although a bit front end heavy. She also feels the cameras are a safety feature for both the officer and the other party and will give us storage capacity to the cloud. The public's attitude changes when they realize there is a camera. There are privacy issues but there is a feature with an additional cost that can grey out an uninvolved bystander. Chief Cecchetto and the officers support them and she would like to go ahead with the 5-year purchase plan hopefully in April. There may be a price reduction due to already having the 4 cameras.

It was moved by Commissioner Andrew and seconded by Commissioners Candow & Mahoney

**that the costs for the body cameras be included in the upcoming budget for 2018 - 2019**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(b) Money to be forfeited**

Chief Cecchetto advised that she has learned from Debbie Crowell (Finance Director) that we have an account containing \$27,000 that the police department has seized or found or from a variety of things over the past 8 – 9 years. Part of the money should have been turned over to the Province once the court cases were done so this needs to be tracked to see where the money came from. \$16,500 was seized in relation to one large drug seizure case. We will have this forfeited/turned over to the Crown. There is another \$2,600 in relation to a drug seizure so Cst. Burke is checking on this file. The remainder is small amounts here and there which are next to impossible to find out where they came from. This money will go into the Town's general revenue. The Chief advised that going forward, the money will be turned over right away to the Province.

**(c) Major Crime audit – initial results**

Chief Cecchetto advised that we did very well in the audit although we do not have the official results yet. There are two suggestions coming out of it involving training in note taking and statement taking.

**(d) Traffic flow**

Commissioner Maxwell advises traffic from the west end of Town can veer right into left lane and into parking spaces in front of the Post Office posing a hazard. The Chief and Inspector will have a look at it and bring it to Fred Whynot's attention as Traffic Authority.

**(e) Smoking By Law – Cyril White's letter**

It was noted that Council received this letter. Chairman Gerrard read the letter to the Board. CAO Phillips advised that Mayor Snow has replied to Mr. White explaining what the Commission and Council has done and where it came from. Some discussion ensued. The By-law is felt to be a deterrent although sometimes hard to enforce. The Provincial Act is the one used for charges with the fine being \$288. Chief Cecchetto advised that we need to be prepared for when the marihuana act comes into effect. The Province is also looking at revising the Smoke Free Place Act. Sp/Cst. Cunningham, since the November meeting, has issued 3 tickets and some warnings due to the Christmas season. It was suggested that more tickets be issued.

**REPORTS**

**(a) Chief's Report – (attached)**

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report advising December's sick time was better. SOTs and warnings as well as vehicle checks were up but block time was down due to illness and injury mostly. Chief Cecchetto advised that she has an estimate of \$19,000 for heat pumps but they will not work so she will be looking into an efficiency upgrade for lights, thermostats, etc. for next year. There is only \$8,000 in the capitol budget due to the upgrade for the front lobby that was done. She highlighted some crime prevention activities. No submissions to ACIICS had been done in some time so training was provided and 3 submissions have been made. Chief Cecchetto continues to attend the Mental Health working group. She is now also attending Victim Services meetings & has PROS training.

**(b) S/Cst. Cunningham's Report (attached)**

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the report noting that these are December numbers.

**(c) Chair's Report**

Chairman Gerrard advised there will be a letter going out to everyone on the code issue from November next week.

**(d) Financial Report/Budget Projections (attached)**

The Chief advised that the Financial Director has asked that any money that is not going to be used go back to the Town so some money has been given back in a couple of areas including training. We are still over budget in overtime mostly due to injuries and illness. The legal costs are mostly arbitration costs associated to collective bargaining. CAO Philips advised that the Town has an operating reserve for arbitration costs. Regarding Backcheck, the numbers are still down. We are not losing money but we are not making any either. It is the time of year and there is another police agency now doing checks which probably figures into it. Staff goes home early if there is nothing there so that helps with costs.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Cyril White's letter which was discussed under New Business 6(e) Smoking by law.

Council increased the value substantially of the bursary at NEKEC in Nola's memory. There had been some discussion in the past as to what/how to recognize Nola at the department level but nothing has been established. This will be pursued further.

It was moved by Commissioner Candow and seconded by Commissioner Mahoney to go In Camera at 4:00 pm approximately.

**IN CAMERA**

**Personnel Matters**

- (a) Staffing
- (b) Complaint regarding pro-rating of "m" time, stat leave, vacation leave

Came out of in camera at 4:30 pm approximately

**NEXT MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED