

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES JUNE 8, 2018

PRESENT

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL
CALL**

Chairman Gerrard called the meeting to order at 12:05
pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded
by Commissioner Andrew

that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Don Spicer and Roger Merrick provided an overview on
their division, Public Safety & Security (Policing
Services) and how they support policing in the province.
Some examples being function audits of police agencies
such as major crime, sexual assaults, domestic violence.
This division also looks after the RCMP contract.
Programs developed are the Safer Communities Act,
Cyber Scam/Bullying, Outlaw motorcycle gang
awareness, Private Security licensing, Firearms
Registration, Opioids Strategy/naloxone.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 16, 2018**

It was moved by Commissioner Candow and seconded by
Commissioner Maxwell

that the minutes be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

(a) Body Worn Cameras

Chief Cecchetto advised the cameras were rolled out a
week before Apple Blossom. She advised we have 6 for
users and one for the administrator. They are not on for

24 hours so there is no storage costs/issue. The Service is currently developing a policy after checking other police departments' policies and meeting with the Crown. All is positive, and the camera quality is great. The hope is to have more guilty pleas and reduce court time. The officer is required to tell the person that they are being recorded. Some discussion ensued.

(b) Bike Patrol

Chief Cecchetto advised the bike patrols were rolled out a month ago after a 2-day course. We have 4 members trained & outfitted. Several were out and in the Apple Blossom parades. The members like it doing trails, Miners Marsh and The Gorge. The public likes it, good response. The cost was \$1600 for 2 bikes, approximately \$3,000 total with all the equipment, kit, etc.

(c) Letter to S/Cst. Cunningham

Chief Cecchetto advised this has been received. Commissioner Andrew said he was happy to do the letter and that all seems fine between the two of them. He apologized for leaving the way he did during the last meeting. He has had some conversation with Chairman Gerrard and now feels that what he had said was based on what other people told him. He apologized for the disregard of the Commission and the Chair.

(d) Tree for Nola Folker-Hill

Inspector Brown advised he looked for advice from the Recreation Dept. It was suggested a maple tree for \$750 installed but he feels this is expensive. Chairman Gerrard advised he can look after this cheaper. The family has been spoken to and are in favour of this. They suggested putting in the tree and organizing a ceremony for later.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Speeding on Oakdene & Chester Avenues

Chairman Gerrard brought this item. He advised there are thin metal bollards that go in between the lines in the road costing approximately \$75 US. They bend and flop up and down and can be removed in winter. CAO Phillips had advised at the Senior Administration meeting that Public Works is looking into this. It was suggested that Canaan Avenue and Glenview Avenue be added noting also the crosswalks on the main streets and some

residential areas. It was also brought up about reducing the speed zones in some areas. There is also an issue of parking on both sides of the street on Leverett Ave. The Town Traffic Authority will look into these issues if it is not a Provincial street. More portable speed signs were also suggested and Chief Cecchetto will look into the costs.

(b) Cannabis and Town Smoking By-law

Chief Cecchetto advised she had been asked by the Mayor to prepare an amendment the by-law in April. She has since been advised to hold off and see what the Province and the Federal Cannabis Act do. Some discussion ensued concerning trails and parks, apartment buildings, public consumption, education. It is a complicated process.

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report noting an increase in training as there were opportunities for a lot of it to be free. The mentoring plus program only had 7 volunteers show up for training which is probably not enough to continue the program. It was discussed about possibly getting our summer student and recruit to help and doing some PSA's. The Chief also advised we have 20 units of Naloxone with a 2 - 3 year expiry. The Service has also had some FOIPOP training, DRE training, Threat Assessment training, etc. Apple Blossom was good, probably the rainy weather helped.

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

Chief Cecchetto provided the reports for a 3 month period.

It was moved by Commissioner Candow and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell

to accept the reports.

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised that Mike Morash and Fred

Honsburger of the Halifax Police Commission spoke of proper reports for Police Boards, what Board powers and authority should be, training package. Roger Merrick, Dr. Strang, Bob Purcell (Cannabis guy) attended. Dr. Strang talked mostly on opioids. Chairman Gerrard will email everyone next week to see if anyone is interested in having Dr Strang attend one of our meetings.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report noting that the overtime is better than last year. We have an OJT position and a term position to help over the summer. The capitol account has been approved and Insp. Brown is currently working on a tender for a car. Insp. Brown also advised that he is getting estimates on a heat/air system and hope to get it done before fall.

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Candow seconded by Commissioner Mahoney moved at 14:50 pm

To go in camera on a staffing matter

Motion to come out of in camera at 15:10 pm

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

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