

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES March 15, 2019

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

ABSENT Commissioner Andrew

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL
CALL** Chairman Gerrard called the meeting to order at 12:10
pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chief Cecchetto added cells and radios under Business
Arising 5(b) & 5(c). Chairman Gerrard added new
vehicle under New Business 6(c)

It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded
by Commissioner Mahoney

that the agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 8th, 2019** It was moved by Commissioner Walker and seconded by
Commissioner Pearl

that the minutes be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

(a) Size of Board

Chief Cecchetto advised the Board is allowed to go to 5
members. Some discussion ensued. A Councillor would
have to step down and a recommendation to Council
would have to be done.

(b) Cells

Chief Cecchetto advised that the MOU is being written

for us to use the RCMP cells hopefully signing in early April with it being in effect May 1st. Our jailors are aware and are applying to work there through the Commissionaires. Our cost is a percentage of prisoners housed there. \$100,000 to \$120,000 is the total cost approximately so our cost would be \$45,000 a year but there will be a reduction in liability. Our number of prisoners would be at approximately 30%.

(c) Radios

Chief Cecchetto advised she has discussed with small Town chiefs about getting RCMP surplus encrypted radios. The only issue is that they cannot be replaced or repaired. This will solve the encryption issue but we will still be unable to get the RCMP channel. Last year's cost to encrypt 10 radios is \$22,000.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Dispatch from Bridgewater

Chief Cecchetto advised the price from Bridgewater is \$105,000 per year which is too steep and not cost effective. She plans to discuss with Valley Communications about improving their service and during peak times with possibly a police only dispatcher. She also needs to see Jason regarding in car access.

(b) New vehicle (discussed out of agenda order)

Deputy Chief Brown is asking for advanced approval to order the new vehicle to prevent late delivery. The current 2015 Ford Explorer has a high rate of repair and need to be replaced. Chrysler's cut off is April 12 on the vehicle he is interested in. The cost is \$39,432 on a Dodge Durango 4wd. He estimates \$12,000 to build on for a new computer system, decals, etc. but he hopes to use most of our current equipment bringing the cost up to \$52,000. The trade in value for our Explorer is \$9,500. Some discussion ensued. Motions could be made to have them brought to the March 25th meeting.

Commissioner Maxwell, seconded by Commissioner Pearl moved

to recommend to Council to reduce the size of the Board to 5 members from 7

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Pearl moved

to recommend to Council that they preapprove the cost of the new vehicle in the proposed budget estimated at \$52,000

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Budget 2019/2020 (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the budget noting it was at \$2,335,000 total last year and this year going in, it is \$2,370,000, up approximately \$35,000. It should be noted that the salaries are based on current salaries. Chief Cecchetto advised that Darryl has been promoted to Deputy Chief, and we have 2 new auxiliaries. The heating system has been updated so hopefully this will improve costs. The building inside needs to be painted. Valley Communications is status quo but it may go up if the service improves as per the earlier topic. There are some IT issues; our server needs an upgrade, etc. Chief Cecchetto feels recognition should be given to Rupert Davis who is in an unmarked grave by providing a headstone. She is working with Kings Historical Society and White Family Funeral Home. Rupert Davis is the character who does the Ghost Walk. Davis was not only the only police officer, the Chief of Police but also the street sweeper, etc. for 30 years. Overall there is 1.5% increase. One part time employee who has been with us for 3 years is going to full time with benefits. She works partly with Backcheck and partly with the Town. Backcheck is doing good. Equipment is good even though we have recently purchased 2 new handguns.

Commissioner Maxwell seconded by Commissioner Pearl made the motion

to endorse the proposed budget

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

(a) Financial Report (attached) (discussed out of agenda order)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report advising we should be currently at 91.5% at the end of February, mostly salary is over but overall, we should come in under budget. There have been lots of staffing issues, Cst. Overtime is up almost double but we now have 4 younger temporary Csts. The next CAPG conference is in Calgary. Chairman Gerrard advised of the CAPG webinars and that April's is on governance. NSAPG is looking to fund all meetings in the Province. It was suggested the we have people in to talk on different subjects, just send to Chief Cecchetto what interests you. We have saved some money on Glenn as he has been on workers compensation and not back to full duties regarding injuries.

(b) Chief's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report advising that stats are up on block time although it was still cold in February. Training hours are down as some was cancelled. Sick time is up as well as SOTS, warnings, vehicle checks, criminal code and calls for service. Mental Health calls are down. A significant bill was sent to the hospital for officer time with a mental health patient. Cannabis is not an issue but this could change when edibles are out by mid October. An internal lock down drill was conducted at KCA. Chief Cecchetto will suggest the next drill be external. Darryl was promoted to Deputy Chief, 2 new temporary constables have been hired and we have 2 new auxiliaries. Sgt. Smith is doing the Polar Plunge. S/Cst. Cunningham is back to 6 hours a day. It was suggested that S/Cst. Cunningham crack down more on parking. Chief Cecchetto went to Truro on some CAPG training.

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised he was at the last NSAPG meeting and was given some information on a flash drive. Some of the information didn't apply to smaller departments but overall there was some good information. He is going to a NSAPG meeting today and will send the board members information on police board governance.

IN CAMERA

At 1:35 pm went in camera on a staffing matter

Came out of in camera at 2:35 pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED