

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

November 16, 2018

PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

NEW MEMBER

Commissioner Paul Walker was sworn in by Chief
Cecchetto and welcomed by Chairman Gerrard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Cecchetto added speeders under Business Arising
5(e)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 8th, 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 we got a package deal of 4
cameras plus 1 administrative license & 3 licenses but
when we got up and rolling, they advised they couldn't
do that, everyone needs a license and the price had
doubled. After some discussion they gave us all the
extras for free (9 licenses) for 4 years. and the Chief
purchased one more for Cst. Burke. The result was the
Chief paid the original price for 4 for 4 years. There was
some discussion on the cameras.

(b) **Tree for Nola Folker-Hill**

Chief Cecchetto advised that most everyone was at the
ceremony. The family was happy. White's Funeral

Home donated the plaque fully. Thank you to Commissioner Andrew for his comments at the ceremony. Some discussion on the PA system.

CAO Phillips arrived.

(c) Cannabis/Smoke Free Bylaw

Chief Cecchetto advised there has been little impact so far. S/Cst. Cunningham had started to track this but he has been off for 3 weeks since. There was one protest in front of the Municipality building where there was nothing we could do as the SFPA didn't cover that area where they were and the Town Bylaw didn't cover cannabis. It has mostly been education targeted at youth. 1 ticket has been issued as a result of a traffic stop. The black market is alive and well mostly due to the geographical area of where the legal cannabis outlets are located. There have not been any problems. There was some discussion.

It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Andrew

That a recommendation to Council (CAC) be made to have Cannabis added to Kentville's smoking by-law focusing on smoke.

MOTION CARRIED

The SMPA was legislated first, before the Town By-law. Most charges will be laid under the SMPA first, before the by law. Chief Cecchetto is doing a webinar the first week of December to the Dalhousie Doctors on the legalities of cannabis to the medical profession.

(d) Capitol update

Chief Cecchetto advised the unmarked vehicle is here and paid for. The cost of the cameras is a bit over due to the extra license. The new cruiser is in the que to be built and she hopes to have it in early December. All the lights are inside instead of roof lights. The outside markings are the same but the cost may be more due to a different business doing the markings. We are hosting Operation Christmas on November 30th at the Fire Hall where there will be a meal followed by 4 road checks. All the thermostats in the KPS building have been replaced with

more modern ones. They are tied into the in-floor heat and air conditioning system and have been approved by Efficiency Nova Scotia. They can be locked with a code. Some old valves may not be working as well. There is 1 roadside screener for cannabis and cocaine available at a cost of \$6,000 with the Province providing a one-time purchase. However, it is also \$25 per test strip. All municipal agencies have declined and are waiting for a better device next year. Funding will hold until then.

(e) Speeding

Chief Cecchetto advised that various streets have been checked including Chester Ave., Canaan Ave., Belcher St., Oakdene Ave, Mountainview. The average speed is 55 but police cannot issue a ticket for 55 in a 50. Chester Ave. has had speeds up to 71. Warnings have been given for Canaan Ave. The Chief advised she is putting in capitol for next year for a couple of mobile speed boxes. Data can be pulled off newer electronic ones. Police will continue monitor speeding. More speed signs were suggested for Chester Ave. The Chief will price it. Some discussion ensued. It was also suggested more slow signs be put up in areas and a deer crossing sign on Canaan Ave. CAO Phillips will check into changing speed from 50 to 40. Provincially mandated.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Regular Scheduled Meetings

It was suggested that the meetings be set on a bi-monthly schedule for Fridays at noon. Recording Secretary Fitch will do this and send out the schedule to the members. Commissioner Candow advised that the January meeting will be his last as his term is up.

(b) UN Policing and KPS

Chief Cecchetto advised she is considering a UN policing tour of a 1-year secondment by 1 officer if the Town would consider it. The Chief advised she has recently been to a meeting regarding this. Three members are interested in this. The UN would pick the person and where. Currently it is Ukraine and Iraq; only English speaking places. The officer's full salary plus 16% is paid by them and we would hire a term person at half the cost. The Town would be in approximately \$50,000. There have been problems in several places. She is waiting for insurance information as the UN only covers the person for 10 days after his/her return. If something

comes up later, it would be up to the home agency to cover. It is mostly teaching positions now. PTSD, etc. is lower as they are not in action. The member is signed up for specific duties but she will check to see if the duties can be changed. Some live-in compounds, others in the community depending on the mission. Some discussion. It is a good idea and experience but there are risks. There is some need to look into this further, so the Chief will continue to follow up.

(c) Sergeant's Routine

Chief Cecchetto advised a sergeant's routine for 3 positions was conducted. The applicants had to submit a resume, there was a written test then the interviews will be conducted on Nov. 27th. There are points for each part with some points given for seniority.

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report advising the sick time has greatly improved. We need 1 or 2 more auxiliaries as one has resigned and another seldom comes out. It is stipulated that they must come out at least 8 hours a month. Lots of training/courses was done in September and October. The number of SOTs issued is not great although it is more about the actual stop and issues. Foot patrol is down due to training but will encourage everyone to get out there. Calls for service are down every month with September down 85 calls over last year. Mental health calls remain pretty consistent. Chief Cecchetto has pulled out of the mentoring program as there were not enough people to make it worthwhile. The Union and KPS will be having the Christmas brunch on Dec. 11th at the Fire Hall. Last year's family who benefited from this was into KPS and are very appreciative. The Sheriffs and KPS Toy and Food Drive is over two weekends this year. The Chief nominated Cst. McWaid for an award at the Women in Policing convention however she did not win. KPS continues to do whatever we can at KCA. KPS also attended lockdown drills and trail quest. A cyber bullying talk was conducted to the law classes at NEKEC. Chief Cecchetto will ask about the external drill regarding the spring lockdown drill. Cell phones and radios do not work inside the school. Chief Cecchetto has done some talks on cannabis. Three members took part in Walk a Mile in

Her Shoes. 3 students attended KPS for bring your kid to work day. The Chief has been asked to chair a committee for Domestic Violence (Dept. of Justice) and is Vice President of the N.S.C.P.A. which is a 2 year term. Chief Cecchetto also has a meeting coming up with Valley Regional Health regarding transportation of mental health patients to Halifax. There was some discussion regarding Beacon House which is in our geographical area. They are linked to Valley Regional Hospital with the same address which is out of Town so if there are any calls, the RCMP are dispatched. They are also constructing a new building which is also linked to the hospital. Chief Cecchetto feels the calls to these places are ours and will make some inquiries about this. Some discussion ensued on calls outside KPS jurisdiction. The Sgt. decides on who and when to assist the RCMP if needed. The Homeless No More Committee and the Valley Mental Health liaison committee are the most active. There is some more training coming up soon. Some discussion ensued regarding a vehicle that parks in the Municipality parking lot that appears that 2 people with a dog and a cat are living in it. They cannot access the shelter because of their pets. They appear to not want much help or resources. Chief Cecchetto will check into this.

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

Chief Cecchetto advised that Glenn is still off work 4 weeks after being backed into apparently on purpose by a vehicle. The driver has been charged with assault with a weapon and several motor vehicle act charges. He is on workers compensation with a leg injury. The Chief highlighted Sp/Cst. Cunningham's report.

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised that the NSAPG webinar power point presentation will be forwarded to all. His priority is Board education. Chief Cecchetto advised that the next NSCPA/NSPGA will be jointly hosted by us and Annapolis Royal possibly at Cornwallis Park but they will look at the Old Orchard Inn as well.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report noting that we should be at 58%. We are mostly good with some

accounts up and some down. The Cst. Overtime is at 103% mostly due to being well over last year's court time. The Sgt's Overtime is down so the Finance Director moved \$14,000 to Csts. Heating is down as well and electricity should stay on budget. Operations & Maintenance is up as the Chief lowered the account from last year and then had a couple of unexpected major repairs. Fines and Fees are up as prosecutions are up. Back Check is doing well; being up .25 cents per check over last year. Two staff have left and have not needed to be replaced. Some discussion on jailors, matrons, cells took place and on office supplies/buying local.

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Maxwell moved at 2 pm

To go in camera on a staffing matter

Commissioner Mahoney seconded by Commissioner Candow moved at 14:35 pm

To come out of in camera

ADJOURNMENT

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