

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 17, 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.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded
by Commissioner Pearl

that the agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION

The John Dunlop Award was presented to Cst. Angela
McWaid by Fred Honsberger, President of the Nova
Scotia Criminal Justice Association. It is presented
annually to a member in the justice system who has made
a significant contribution to the community and the
justice system. A number of the events and organizations
Cst. McWaid is involved in were noted.

AUDIT PROCESS

Mark Hobeck from the Department of Justice provided a
talk about the audit process for police agencies. He
advised that audits have been conducted on major crime,
sexual assault and now domestic violence files. He noted
that overall nothing was of concern. Documents were
completed well, policies are in place, case managers are
looking at the files and there is good oversight. Files are
complete, disclosure is timely and the Crown is
supportive, had good comments about the police. He did
note that as sexual assault cases are complex
investigations and take time, that some small things are
missing probably as the patrol officers didn't have the
time to do them. He did recommend continued oversight,
continue to liaise with the Crown pre charge, consider
training opportunities specific to sexual assault
investigations and consider having a dedicated officer,

possibly plainclothes, for these serious files. Overall there is nothing recommendation wise or outstanding to be of concern.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 15th, 2019**

It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Pearl

that the minutes be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

(a) Cells

Chief Cecchetto advised the move to the RCMP cells has been pushed again to after Apple Blossom weekend. The MOU is completed, signed and on its way back to them. We have extended our jailors to June 2nd.

(b) Dispatch

Chief Cecchetto advised that Bridgewater has reduced their price to \$80,00. Valley Communications' price is \$77,00 plus training, PROS, installation of computers, etc. Although they are screened, they are a private business, not police employees, more of a liability issue. Jason Bethune has priced out recording three telephone lines at \$11,000. Dispatch is still a work in progress. Some discussion ensued.

(c) CAPG

Chief Cecchetto advised the CAPG on line webinar is coming up and funds are available if anyone wants to attend.

(d) Size of Board

Chairman Gerrard advised that the size of the Board was discussed at the last Council meeting. Commissioner Candow has not been replaced. It went to a vote and Councillor/Commissioner John Andrew stepped down.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Bylaw Enforcement

There was some discussion on whether the members enforce the bylaws when S/Cst. Cunningham is off duty. Chief Cecchetto advised that more officers are on the block and feels most of them are doing it. The skate park is patrolled more often. There is more block time being

done. The members have been told to be on the block until after the businesses are closed. The Town is doing a review of the unsightly premises process. The Planning Dept. does the assessment part of the issue and the police do the enforcement part. There was some discussion on ticket quota. Chief Cecchetto advised that she has no authority to make them issue tickets. There are no Town designated public smoking places. Sp/Cst. Cunningham is doing a good job on bicycles and skateboards.

(b) KPS History

Chairman Gerrard advised there is a history of KPS on the Town website. Chief Cecchetto advised that at the end of September during National Police Memorial Week, there will be a headstone placed in memory of Chief Rupert Davis with the assistance of Kentville Historical and Kings Historical Societies and Jeremy Novak who portrays Chief Davis during the Ghost Walk. There may be a cost of \$1,000.

(c) Crosswalks

Commissioner Walker advised that no one seems to be paying attention to the crosswalk on Chester Ave. at Redfearn Road and feels it is a visibility problem. It was suggested that a slow down sign may help, or red flags and a new speed zone sign. It was noted that the crosswalk on Canaan Ave is also a problem, not clearly marked.

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report advising that training was cancelled in April due to staffing issues. Auxiliary hours are up. Foot patrols are up, sick time is down. Calls for service and MHA calls are up. There were three Grade 8 cannabis talks at KCA. SIRT policy was put in place. In regard to overtime, court time, investigation time, and training are down but shift replacement is currently high. STAT time is similar. The overtime budget will be on track hopefully.

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

Chief Cecchetto advised that this is a very detailed report noting that S/Cst. Cunningham is busy and does a lot.

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised at the recent NSAPG meeting there were two gals who spoke on human trafficking and the Dept. of Justice spoke about the audit process and the Boots on the Ground Program advising there may be more options on where to put the officer. Oct. 17th is when cannabis edibles will be released.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the report noting this is a draft budget. The benchmark where we should be is 8.33% and we are at or below this in most accounts. The auxiliary account is up as we are outfitting two new auxiliary members. The Chief also advised that she expects the prisoner costs to go up due to the delay in the new cells.

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Maxwell, seconded by Commissioner Pearl moved

at 1:50 pm to enter in camera on a staffing matter

Came out of in camera at 2:15 pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED