

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

October 4, 2019

PRESENT

Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Maxwell,
Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl,
Commissioner Walker, Chief Cecchetto and Recording
Secretary Dawn Fitch.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL
CALL**

Chairman Gerrard called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Walker and seconded by
Commissioner Maxwell

that the agenda be approved with four additions

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 17th, 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) Rupert Davis Memorial update

Chief Cecchetto provided an update noting that the
memorial went well. White Family Funeral Home
donated some money towards the cost of the head stone.
The Davis family made a donation to be used towards
youth.

(b) Conference update – Chief and Chair

Chief Cecchetto advised that the conference was hosted
by Kentville and Annapolis Royal and should show a
profit of approximately \$7500 which is to be split with
Police Governance and a donation going to LETR. The
conference next year will be in Truro and it appears that
going forward, the conference will be more centralized
towards the Truro and Halifax areas. The sessions went

well although the Province changed their topic a couple of days before the conference. Municipal police got \$100,000 in funding from the Province through the Boots on the Ground Program. There is no information on the change to the program at this time which should not make a difference to us. Some presentations got shortened up; Phonse MacNeil on the Moncton shootings and Workers Compensation and a couple more.

Municipal police have asked to have the old RCMP encrypted radios after they have been deemed surplus.

Some discussion ensued on dispatch. Bridgewater Dispatch has provided a price. It is a safety issue. Chairman Gerrard will make a recommendation to Council at the CAC meeting for November. He will also mention it for information purposes at the next CAC meeting. Sgt. MacNeil is going to Ottawa on a SPAT course and is doing a business proposal on dispatch using the information we have.

(c) Crosswalks

Commissioner Walker is concerned about two crosswalks in particular, Cornwallis St. at Exhibition St. and Cornwallis St. by Foodland, because they are not painted and witnessed pedestrians almost being struck. Some discussion ensued. 7 parking spaces near crosswalks don't meet provincial standards and are on the list for the new Traffic Authority to update. There are also signs similar to the slow down signs. It was suggested the matter be brought to CAC to purchase signage/flags for some of the crosswalks. The Chief will contact Public Works about painting the crosswalks.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Meeting Frequency

There was some discussion on how often to meet for the regular meetings. It was decided to meet once a month on a Friday afternoon at 1 pm. A schedule will be done up and sent to the members.

(b) Chief Cecchetto's trip

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her trip to Germany, Poland and Israel regarding the Holocaust history. It was an incredible experience. There is a challenge to do something within your community and Chief Cecchetto is

going to try to get the bus from Toronto that they have to stop at Kentville at the school some time in the future.

There is a UN posting out right now for a general investigator.

(c) Code of Conduct

Commissioner Pearl thought we should review our code of conduct for the Board to see if it is effective, suitable process, any changes, time frames needed, etc. The Police Act has one as does the Town of Kentville By-Laws but it has no teeth. Chairman Gerrard will send out the Codes of Conduct for the Police Act {79(1)} and the Town for the members to look at. It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report. Foot patrol is down and one of the officers has put out an initiative stating he will donate 12 hours of his own time to anyone who puts in the most foot patrol time in the next three months. There is some training this month and next. Deputy Chief Brown attended the Kingstec lock down drill. We are currently down to our 5 current part time officers who have applied for the full time positions and are now in the polygraph stage. An overtime comparison chart was provided and highlighted.

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

Chief Cecchetto advised that some of his numbers are down as he has been off a lot.

(c) Chair's Report

No report.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the report advising that the benchmark where we should be is 50% and we are around there in most accounts. There are 3 accounts that are up, Office Supplies & Expense, Other Expense but this is due to the Finance Department wanting some things moved from other categories into these ones. The Chief will find out what was moved, from where and why. Operation and maintenance of police vehicles is up due to two motor vehicle collisions. We received our

first bill for cells which was less than expected. PROS increased their cost. Chairman Gerrard inquired if we ever receive grants. There are some Dept. of Justice grants towards impaired driving expenses, etc. We don't have the ability to manage this.

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Pearl, seconded by Commissioner Walker moved

at 2:45 pm to enter in camera on a staffing matter

Came out of in camera at 3:20 pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED