

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES November 15, 2019

PRESENT

Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Maxwell,
Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl,
Commissioner Walker, CAO Rice, Chief Cecchetto,
D/Chief Brown and Recording Secretary Dawn Fitch.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL
CALL**

Chairman Gerrard called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
and welcomed new CAO Kelly Rice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded
by Commissioner Pearl

that the agenda be approved with two additions

MOTION CARRIED

**PRESENTATION SGT.
TREVOR MACNEIL**

Sgt. MacNeil made a presentation for a business case for
analysis of a dedicated communications section for
Kentville Police Service which he developed for his
SPAC course. Presentation attached. The bottom line is
officer safety and liability while serving our community.

Some discussion ensued about the presentation and
subsequently Commissioner Maxwell seconded by
Commissioner Walker moved

**that a recommendation to Council be made to
adopt Option C – Contract Bridgewater Police
Service**

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
October 4th, 2019**

It was moved by Commissioner Walker and seconded by
Commissioner Mahoney

that the minutes be approved with one correction.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

(a) Dispatch – (attached)

This was included in the presentation by Sgt. MacNeil.

(b) Code of Conduct

This item was referred to the next meeting. Chairman Gerrard will send out the Police Act, Town codes of conduct as well as his research. Town bylaw & Town statement of conduct are attached.

(c) Site Audit Report – CPTED (attached)

Cst Sehl & Sgt. Goss did a safety inspection of Town Hall. Chief Cecchetto advised there are a number of recommendations in the report. Chairman Gerrard will take these to Council and bring back feedback for the next meeting. Some are quick fixes, but others are building renovations. Chairman Gerrard will forward copies of the report to the Mayor and Council. CAO Rice will go through the report with Chief Cecchetto and can put a recommendation before Council for interim measures. Chief Cecchetto will ask Cst. Sehl to attend the next meeting.

Some discussion ensued regarding crosswalk safety in the area involving the turning left on a red light and possibly changing the entrance to the NSLC to going onto Church St and exiting where the entrance is now or to also exit at Church St. It was also mentioned about putting up a no left turn sign. Chief Cecchetto will talk to the Town Traffic Authority. It was also noted that the pedestrian crosswalk sign on Belcher St makes the amber light only partly visible. This will be brought to the Traffic Authority as well.

The Commission and CAO perform a yearly evaluation of the Chief of Police.

Parking spaces by crosswalks are to be addressed by the Town engineer ASAP and he has been spoken to about the ones that need to be painted. It was suggested moving the radar sign on the lower part of Chester Ave.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business to discuss

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report noting we now have two officers trained in EAP with some more to be trained. There has been quite a bit of training lately. We hired 3 officers in full time positions and one in a term position. Chief Cecchetto advised she is now President of the NSCPA due to Robin MacNeil leaving.

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

Chief Cecchetto highlighted his report noting he has not been working the full month. His parking warnings are down but his smoking charges and warnings are up.

(c) Chair's Report

No report.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the report advising we should be at 58.3% and we are around 55%. Some accounts will balance out others.

Commissioner Maxwell seconded by Commissioner Walker moved

to accept the Chief's Reports

MOTION CARRIED

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Pearl, seconded by Commissioner Maxwell moved at 2:50 pm

to enter in camera on staffing, HR and Bylaw matters

Came out of in camera at 3:14 pm

ADJOURNMENT

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