

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES JUNE 19, 2020

- PRESENT** Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Maxwell, CAO Rice, Chief Cecchetto, Deputy Chief Smith, Town labour lawyer Rick Dunlop and Recording Secretary Dawn Fitch.
- CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** Chairman Gerrard called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** It was moved by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Pearl
that the agenda be approved
MOTION CARRIED
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 17th, 2020** Minutes approved
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** No Old Business
- NEW BUSINESS**
- (a) COVID19/ Policing**
Chief Cecchetto advised that April was busy with health related matters but it has since slowed down, no new tickets. We are almost back to full capacity. There are rules for the building now it has opened to the public. Chief Cecchetto has asked for some things but the Province said no, an example being expedited First Responder testing/training for police.
- (b) Cancellations**
Chief Cecchetto advised that all conferences and most training have been cancelled. Some training is online.

(c) Speed Sign Information update (attached)

Attached are the speed sign readings for May for Chester Ave. Chief Cecchetto went over the readings. She advised police are back to doing traffic stops. One of the mobile speed signs was moved to Glenview Ave. from East Main St. Some signs are to be installed by Public Works. One will be going to Prospect Ave. after current construction there is finished. The information is date and time stamped.

It was noted that the crosswalks on Cornwallis St. by Foodland and by S&J Diner have still not been painted. Chairman Gerrard will email a list of locations to CAO Rice. It was also mentioned about a solar flashing light at the crosswalk on Oakdene Ave. by the Park. It was suggested that Public Works look into machine painting instead of manually. Some discussion ensued. It was also suggested fluorescent tape be put on crosswalk light poles. CAO Rice will talk to Dave Bell, the Town Traffic Authority about it.

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report (March, April, May attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her report. The calls for service were down as well as Stats, the bikes are out and some firearms training internally has been done. Nick Fairbairn was hired full time May 1st, Kara Mason June 1st and Daniel Matheson is back on the term position. Sarah Robichaud is our GIS officer. There was a Black Lives Matter protest on June 6th that went well from a police perspective. Most people were wearing masks. The trails are now open and COVID related offences are down. Deputy Chief Smith is meeting with Parks and Recreation and the Skateboard Park Committee regarding COVID issues. The biggest concern is the helmet issue. We are trying to resolve the issue without ticketing kids. Helmets can be borrowed at Town Hall but they are not coming to get them. It is felt that they should be at the Park. CAO Rice has authorized hiring a summer student to monitor the skateboard park. The Recreation Department is to bring staff to the police for some direction on how to handle situations. It may come to obey the rules or close it down but the Town does not want to do that. It is an issue and the Town is working on it but it is difficult right now. The police will go when needed. Some discussion ensued. The Town/Recreation

Department will monitor it closely.

(b) S/Cst Wood's Report (March, April, May attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the by-law report. Parking is not being enforced but parking is not an issue right now due to COVID. He has been doing a number of dangerous and unsightly premises calls. He has given out some COVID related tickets. Commissioner Walker provided an example of Sp/Cst Wood doing a good job.

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised he has no report.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the report noting that "m" time is up as some members cashed out since they cannot take time off. COVID is saving us in some areas. Service is good with the new dispatch. Our oldest charger is still costing us in expensive repairs. We are unable to buy a Charger this year to replace it so we are buying a Durango which is a little higher. We are a little over budget due to this and current maintenance. Overall, we should be at 16.6% and we are at 17.5%. Back Check is down considerably due to COVID and it probably won't pick up for awhile. We are getting a fair amount of questions from other police agencies regarding bodycams. We got a good deal as we were the first and only police department to purchase them. We are in the 3rd year of the 5-year contract. The Province is looking at buying some for police agencies.

Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner Walker moved

to accept the Chief's Reports

MOTION CARRIED

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner Maxwell moved at 2:05 pm

to enter in camera session for an update on staffing and the collective agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Maxwell seconded by Commissioner Mahoney moved at 4:00 pm

to come out of in camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

APPROVED