

# KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES AUGUST 28, 2020

- PRESENT** Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Maxwell, CAO Brian Smith, Deputy Chief Smith and Recording Secretary Dawn Fitch.
- CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** Chairman Gerrard called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** It was moved by Commissioner Pearl and seconded by Commissioner Mahoney with 2 additions, In Camera comments and Business Arising bylaw
- that the agenda be approved**
- MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
June 19th, 2020** Minutes approved
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES** (a) **Bylaw**  
There was some discussion on the unsightly premises bylaw as to whether it should be updated and by-law versus the Municipal Government Act. This would be a Council matter. The CAO will have a look into it.
- NEW BUSINESS** No New Business
- REPORTS** (a) **Chief's Report (May, June, July attached)**  
Deputy Chief Smith highlighted Chief Cecchetto's reports. The Auxiliaries are out more. There are more traffic stops being done after having been discontinued for awhile due to COVID19. Foot patrol is down a little as there have been mostly only 2 officers per shift instead of 3. Calls for service and Criminal Code matters have increased. Deputy Chief Smith advised that he received

numerous inquiries from the media and other police agencies looking for information on bodycams. There is no update yet on the Boots on the Ground Program through the Department of Justice. Mental Health is still an issue. As of a month ago, there is still an outstanding bill. Hospital wait time for a doctor to see a “prisoner” is down.

**(b) S/Cst Wood’s Report (May, June, July attached)**

Deputy Chief Smith highlighted the by-law report. Parking is still down due to COVID. He has been busy with a number of unsightly premises calls involving some investigation. Parking tickets are not being issued much as the Town is not as busy as it was pre COVID19. Smoking downtown appears to be down especially during the daytime. It does seem to be an issue in Centre Square at night and this will be addressed. It was noted that some of the No Smoking signs are hard to see. Deputy Chief Smith will speak to the Town engineer about this.

**(c) Chair’s Report**

Chairman Gerrard advised he has no report as NSAPG meetings are all cancelled, the CAPG are having a zoom meeting and the fall conference has been cancelled as well.

**(d) Financial Report June and July (attached)**

Deputy Chief Smith highlighted the July report noting that we should be at 33% and we are there in most accounts. Some are a little above that and some below. Commissioner Walker noted he has only received 2 honoraria payments and was wondering how often these are sent out. Deputy Chief Smith will look into this. Commissioner Pearl questioned what “Other” means in the Office Expense – Other account as well as in other account sections. Deputy Chief Smith will find out and email the board members. It was noted that someone had unplugged the solar radar sign on Chester Ave. but it has been repaired. Our new vehicle is here and is currently being outfitted, grey metallic Durango with our new crest on it.

Chairman Gerrard inquired about the commission members having a tour of the police service. Deputy Chief Smith will look into this and possibly doing

something for the Board to meet the new members.  
Chairman Gerrard will set a date and advise Deputy  
Chief Smith.

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Pearl  
moved

**to accept the Reports**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner Walker  
moved at 13:55 pm

**to enter in camera session**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Pearl  
moved at 14:35 pm

**to come out of in camera session.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner  
Mahoney moved that there being no further business to  
discuss,

to adjourn the meeting at 14:40 pm