

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2020

PRESENT Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Yorke, CAO Brian Smith, Chief Cecchetto, D/Chief Smith, Sp/Cst. Wood, Mayor Snow, 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 Pearl

that the agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes approved
September 25th, 2020

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Department of Justice - Presentation

Hayley Crichton, Acting Director, Dept. of Justice made a presentation via Zoom on the roles and responsibilities of the police board. The police board serves as a liaison between Town Council and the police organization. The members can bring forth any concerns from the community to the Board and Chief of Police. The Dept. of Justice will be developing a training program for the Boards as well as providing a tool kit that can be used for new members as well in the future. The structure of the Board is between 5 – 7 members with an election at the first of each year for Chair and Vice Chair and meet at least every 3 months. There is a lack of communication between the Dept. of Justice and the Boards currently, partly due to a lack of Provincial Representatives. Some discussion ensued.

(b) Harlon Wood – provided a report on what an average day for him looks like along with some stats.

Sp/Cst. Wood advised he deals with issues on safety, parking/Motor Vehicle Act, peace and good order by-law, smoking by-law, animal by-law, Protection of Property Act, taxis, the Municipal Governance Act such as dangerous/unsightly premises, land use, fire inspections and assists the police. He noted there is a new noise bylaw that now includes decibel levels. The times are 10 pm – 7 am and special events are 11 pm. After 4 pm the police will look after most by-law issues. Unsightly premises is a municipal/council/planning department matter not police. He also explained how he determines a charge or a warning is issued on smoking bylaws and parking. Some discussion ensued.

Sp/Cst. Wood left at 2:05 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Election Chair and Vice Chair

Chief Cecchetto called for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Mahoney nominated Commissioner Gerrard who accepted. After calling 3 times for further nominations and none being offered, Commissioner Gerrard was elected Chair. Chief Cecchetto called for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Walker nominated Commissioner Pearl. After calling 3 times for further nominations and none being offered, Commissioner Pearl was elected Vice Chair.

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her reports for October & November. The Auxiliaries' time is down. Training is up. SOTs, foot patrol and vehicle checks are down. Criminal Code matters were up a little and calls for service are the same. Foot patrol/block time is a continual battle. The Chief and Deputy Chief are looking into how to increase this. If the police see a bylaw issue when Sp/Cst. Wood is off duty such as smoking or winter parking, the officers will look after it. Some discussion on COVID issues. The Chief noted some of the meetings she attended were Kentville related and some NS Chiefs. She advised that three of our members were hired by Halifax RPS and we no longer have our term position. We have 3 replaced and are in the final stages of filling the 4th position. There was some discussion on polygraph. D/C Smith is also extremely busy with meetings, bodycam, property/exhibits, etc. The Department of Justice do an audit – 1 per year. They will be up to do a property/exhibit audit over the winter.

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

This was discussed under 4(b).

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised he has no report.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto advised for this period we should be at 66.6% and we are at 66.2% overall. She advised staffing is up a little. Overtime is up as we have been short staffed and have had COVID issues. Overall we are OK, just a little bit over. The office expense account was explained and some of the other accounts. Masks, gloves, sanitizer, etc. regarding COVID are supplied by the Province.

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Pearl moved

to accept the Reports

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Snow left at this time.

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Pearl moved

to enter in camera session

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Mahoney seconded by Commissioner Walker moved at 15:30 pm

to come out of in camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 15:30 pm

APPROVED