

# KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES March 26, 2021

**PRESENT** Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Yorke, 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** Chief Cecchetto added two agenda items, 1 under New Business and 1 under In Camera  
It was moved by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Yorke  
**that the agenda be approved**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Minutes approved  
**January 29th, 2021**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**(a) Police Equipment**

Chief Cecchetto advised that this has passed first reading. Police are to track all equipment. Most of what is required we are already doing. Members are allowed to keep their tunics. Past members are asked to turn in or destroy their uniforms.

**(b) Police Review**

Chief Cecchetto advised there is nothing further on this from Department of Justice.

**(c) Parking**

Chief Cecchetto advised she did speak to Dave Bell regarding the parking space issues.

## NEW BUSINESS

### (a) New Car

Chief Cecchetto is asking permission to buy a new marked cruiser ahead of the approved budget. The service is on a 3 year rotation and 311 is due to be replaced. The request is made in advance to avoid a delivery delay. Some discussion ensued. Deputy Chief Smith will look into leasing but he is unsure if that is possible. It was noted that a lease would be in the budget but a purchase would be in capitol. Lease financing rates currently are more than purchase rates. The purchase price is approximately \$39,000.

Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner Walker moved

**that Chairman Gerrard take the request to Council to approve the purchase of a new cruiser ahead of the budget**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### (b) Agenda Item

It was suggested that requests for people to attend the meetings be made early. It was noted that the next meeting will mostly be about the budget and Debra Crowell, Finance Director will be attending. It was suggested that the next meeting after that, Dave Bell attend. Commissioner Walker asked about the stats for people being struck on crosswalks for last year. These will be prepared for the May meeting. It was suggested that a public Town Hall be held with the Board, Police Chief and Deputy Chief attending. Commissioner Yorke will look into this, possibly for an evening in June.

## REPORTS

### (a) Chief's Reports (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her reports. Our Auxiliaries are down to 3. The Chief had asked for 8 hours per monthly which 1 does and although 1 other has increased his hours, the other one cannot. Chief Cecchetto has reached out for diverse auxiliaries but she is unsure if that will happen. She will have to post it next month. Training, vehicle checks, SOTs are consistent. Foot patrol was down in December and January but up in February. Criminal Code matters were way up in February and calls for service are going up. The Innes Scholarship which has been in place since the 1980's awarded Brady Atwater \$1,000 and another \$1,000

to an Annapolis person. Brady will be our summer cadet. Commissioner Yorke is looking for winter parking ban ticket numbers as she is looking at a storm based parking ban versus the winter parking ban as it is now. Deputy Chief Smith will provide her with the numbers. There was some discussion on a Town notification/alert system. It was suggested this be referred to the Town IT person, Jason Bethune. The quarantine stats should drop as the Province is supposed to be hiring a private security company to do the checks. January's mental health calls were high but they dropped back in February.

**(b) S/Cst Wood's Reports (attached)**

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the by-law reports noting the taxi license inspection is coming up on Easter weekend. Sp/Cst. Wood is struggling for smoking tickets; the numbers are dropping. He hasn't had a handicapped parking ticket in 3 months.

**(c) Chair's Report**

Chairman Gerrard advised he has no report.

**(d) Financial Report (attached)**

Chief Cecchetto advised we should be at 91.6% for this period and we are at 92.5% overall. We should be within the budget at year end. She advised some accounts were up and some were down and some things have been placed in the wrong accounts. There will be an increase cost of \$22,000 for new tunics.

Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner Mahoney moved

**to accept the Reports**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Yorke moved at 2:30 pm

**to enter in camera session**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Pearl  
moved at 2:40 pm

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Yorke  
moved

**to direct Chief Cecchetto to do what has to be done  
regarding staffing**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting  
adjourned at 14:45 pm after Commissioner Mahoney  
seconded by Commissioner Pearl moved

**to adjourn the meeting**

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVED