

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES July 30, 2021

PRESENT

Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Yorke, Chief Cecchetto, Deputy Chief Smith 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

Three items were added to the agenda, 2 under Business Arising and 1 under In Camera

It was moved by Commissioner Pearl and seconded by Commissioner Walker

that the agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 25th, 2021

Minutes approved

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Policy & Procedures Training

Commissioner Pearl questioned if training has been scheduled. Chairman Gerrard advised that DOJ (Tim Mills) is doing a power point for the commissions and NSAPG members. It will be in depth and be presented to the Board when complete. Possibly early fall. Chairman Gerrard will book Tim Mills. DOJ representative (Hayley) wants to do away with the Provincial appointee on police commissions. It will take approximately 9 months to put it into place. Commissioner Walker is good to stay if he wants. The DOJ appointee no longer reports to DOJ. The community appointee position is also a 3-year term. Commissioner Mahoney advised her 3-year term is up as well.

Commissioner Yorke arrived at 1:14 pm.

(b) Budget Process

It was questioned if the new budget process will be bumped up the same as the last one. It will be January/February like most of the other Towns. Town vehicles need to be purchased/ordered early or it can result in a long wait for new vehicles. The Police Commission needs to know what is in the budget and approve it before it goes to Council. The Commission is legally liable under the Police Act.

There was some discussion on the meeting agendas. The Chief or Deputy Chief needs to be at the meeting to answer any questions. It was suggested that Bridgewater's agenda be looked at as an example and maybe Stellarton's. Chairman Gerrard, Deputy Chief Smith will discuss the matter with the new Chief before his first meeting. The Chairman will get the agenda items and forward them to the recording secretary, set the meeting schedule, etc. thereby making this more commission and less police oriented. The agenda items, etc. should be forwarded to the Recording Secretary at least a week prior to the meeting. The Chief's Reports will still be included.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to discuss

REPORTS

(a) Chief's Reports (attached)

Chief Cecchetto highlighted her reports advising she no longer sits on any committees. Foot patrols are up. 9 applications were received for new Auxiliaries. Aptitude testing was done on Aug. 30th reducing the number to 5 with 1 being unsuccessful. Interviews are next and are looking for 2. There are some costs involved, uniforms, training, etc. The aptitude test is police specific.

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

Chief Cecchetto highlighted the by-law reports. Dangerous and unsightly complaints have increased making him busier as more is involved in them, needs to build a file. It was suggested that some of his costs/salary should be shared with the Planning Dept. If a bylaw complaint comes in after hours, the police will look after it or pass it along to S/Cst Wood.

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised he has no report.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Cecchetto advised we should be at 25% for this period and we are at 28.8% overall. We are doing okay but a couple of things are up. Insurance and phones are up. In the Other Account, the bike tune up to taser holder section is being pulled out and moved to another account. This account will be for service fees, calibration fee for the Breathalyzer, etc. for annual things to keep the equipment up and running. Cost of \$15,000 for cameras, tasers, service, breathalyzer, drug testing equipment, etc. The Backcheck numbers are coming up, Electrical maintenance is up as the lights have been all replaced. A grant through Efficiency Nova Scotia for part of the cost is to come but it doesn't go into this account. It goes somewhere else according to the Finance Director. The funds generated from Back Check do not go to the police budget but the cost for training does.

Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner Walker moved

a recommendation that Council through CAO Troke have the Bylaw position cost shared with the Planning Department, the Backcheck expenses such as training and any rebates coming in be applied to where it come from, and to change the "OTHER" account label to reflect what is in it

MOTION CARRIED

Vehicle maintenance is up and will probably be over budget by fall. This is regular things and not misuse. It may be time to look at a tender again. Some discussion took place about a Town employee at Public Works doing the maintenance.

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Mahoney seconded by Commissioner Yorke moved at 2:00 pm

to enter in camera session

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Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner York
moved at 3:15 pm

to come out of in camera session.

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Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner Yorke
moved

**to make the recommendation to Council as discussed
in camera**

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting
adjourned at 3:17 pm after Commissioner Yorke seconded
by Commissioner Mahoney moved

to adjourn the meeting

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED