

KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES October 29, 2021

PRESENT

Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Yorke, Chief Butler, D/Chief Smith, CAO Troke 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 Yorke and seconded by Commissioner Pearl after 2 additions were made to New Business

that the agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
September 24th, 2021**

Minutes approved

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

(a) Follow Up from Dave Bell

Chairman Gerrard advised that Dave Bell has sought out suppliers for the strobe crosswalk signs/lights. They are solar, wireless (same ones as Berwick, Wolfville and Middleton) with a cost of \$7,700. The large overhead signs which are what we have now are \$50,000 installed.

(b) Town Hall discussion

There was some discussion on holding a Town Hall/Open House. The biggest concern is whether it should be police or commission run. National best practices suggest the Commission as they are the “go between” between the community and police. It is a place to get information to navigate concerns. There was some discussion on how to engage the most amount of people at once. It is felt that most questions will probably be for the Chief. The format would be to take the first few minutes to explain the Commission’s roles and regulations, etc. with the

Commission taking the lead at first then maybe police lead afterwards. The meeting should be publicized; advertise on social platforms, radio, other media, KCA PTA, hand out pamphlets/notices, include with the Town sewer/water bills, Town website, various organizations, etc. Chief Butler and or Deputy Smith can address any issues. Front line staff would attend also. This is an educational format with engagement on both sides. It may take several meetings for enough people to attend and information obtained. Commissioner Yorke would like to try to have these at least 3 times over the next year – 2 years. It was suggested that Tuesdays and Thursdays are the best days of the week to do this. A date should be chosen in the next week or so. It was felt that it is too late to get everything done for this year but to aim for the first billing date in the new year, probably towards the end of January.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Daylight Intersection Triangle

Commissioner Yorke advised she had a question from a citizen about this. There is supposed to be a line of sight, no parking within 3 feet of an intersection. This issue is complaint driven, can be either a By-law or Traffic Authority/safety concern. It is probably covered under the Motor Vehicle, not a by-law. If a complaint was made and nothing happened, then there was no infraction. Dan advised there is E11 training for Town staff and the new version replies via email to the complainant.

(b) Election

There was some discussion on the election of the Chair and Vice Chair. It was suggested that the election be held in November to fall in line with municipal elections.

Commissioner Pearl, seconded by Commissioner Walker moved

that the elections for Chair and Vice Chair be held in November to fall in line with municipal elections

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REPORTS

(a) Chief's Reports (attached)

Chief Butler highlighted his reports, noting that he has

added vehicle plate queries as there is a significant number of them. He noted that training is up and everything else is relatively consistent. He noted that he will have a criminal intelligence officer attend to make a presentation at our next meeting. It was questioned if there is a chance of getting a mobile mental health unit here similar to the one in Halifax. Chief Butler advised he was told that there is no funding for the current model.

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

(c) Chair's Report

Chairman Gerrard advised he has no report.

(d) Financial Report (attached)

Acting Chief Butler advised we are at 49.3% to the end of September which is where we are supposed to be and should be okay overall. It was advised that new vehicle costs are up. Chief Butler will explore with CAO Troke and the Finance Director whether we can leverage the Provincial standing offer for vehicles (fleet deal). It was noted that vehicle costs will continue to go up and that it will take 18 months to 2 years to purchase a new vehicle.

Chief Butler advised of the speed sign data from the 4 locations as a follow up from the last meeting.

Average 42 km/hr with highest 43 km/hr at Acadia Dr.
Average 51 km/hr with highest 52 km/hr at Belcher St.
Average 40 km/hr with highest 42 km/hr at Prospect Ave
Average 64 km/hr with highest 65 km/hr at Chester Ave.

Chief Butler also advised that he has received the quarterly bill from the RCMP for use of the cells. There was an increase of \$9,000 as our number of prisoners is up, probably due to COVID and the costs associated to them as they are in cells longer. This was an unexpected expense. It was also noted that the current AXON contract is up in 2022 or 2023 and it will probably go up. Deputy Chief Smith will get an update of the cost. Chairman Gerrard and CAO Troke will meet regarding the "Other" account. Chief Butler is going to follow up on getting the human trafficking unit in the local school for a possible presentation although the school may not allow it. This could possibly be done through the PTA instead of the school.

IN CAMERA

Commissioner Yorke seconded by Commissioner Pearl
moved at 2:25 pm

to enter in camera session

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Pearl seconded by Commissioner Yorke
moved at 3:10 pm

to come out of in camera session.

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The next meeting is scheduled for November 26th, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting
adjourned at 3:10 pm after Commissioner Walker seconded
by Commissioner Mahoney moved

to adjourn the meeting

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