

# KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

## November 26, 2021

### PRESENT

Chairman Gerrard, Commissioner Mahoney, Commissioner Pearl, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Yorke, Chief Butler, D/Chief Smith, 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 1 addition was made to Business Arising (c)

**that the agenda be approved**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 29th, 2021

Minutes approved

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### **(a) New Cruiser status**

Chief Butler advised there is a significant increase in processing, now time sensitive. Approval was given to move ahead with ordering a Durango which is supposed to be enroute with delivery hopefully in December. The next one may need to be ordered early as well. The vehicles are on a 3 year rotation. We usually put approximately 160,000 kms but due to the current process, we have had to keep a vehicle longer resulting in more maintenance. Our newer vehicle which is 1 year old has 90,000 kms on it. It is usually approximately 50,000 per year.

#### **(b) Review July 30 minutes policy/procedures training**

Chairman Gerrard asked about the power point at the last NSAPG meeting. The Board wasn't available so they did their own. There was some discussion. The Police Act has to be re-written, the Dept. of Justice is in transition. It was noted there are 10 municipal police services but only 3 of

them have DOJ representatives on their board. The Town has advertised for committee members to see if there is any interest. Hayley is acting executive director at Dept. of Justice.

**(c) Public Meeting**

Commissioner Yorke proposed January 27 and February 3 for the public meeting. It was suggested 7 pm would be a good time. Mayor Muttart or Deputy Mayor Lutz from the Municipality of Kings were suggested for the moderator. The flyer can be put in with the next utility bill. There would be a fee for printing these for approximately 2,900 dwellings. There will also be hall rental. Commissioner Yorke will check with the CAO regarding budget implications. There is currently \$1,800 in the Commission budget. There would be agenda items, open conversation, concerns. Also a way for people to engage without actually speaking. It was decided to ask CAO Troke to be the moderator. Commissioner Yorke will send out information.

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Yorke moved

**that the meetings for January 27 and February 3 at 7 pm with location be confirmed and to get back to the board**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Agenda items can be sent to Commissioner Yorke. The CAO can do the introduction. It will be Board led, Chief Butler can do a presentation with overview of what police do, policing in general. It can include how the public feels the police are doing, what they want from the police, community engagement. It was suggested an email (kentvillepolice.ca) be included with the flyers to email suggestions or questions.

Some see the Commission developing their own strategic plan but will wait until the police have theirs and do it in conjunction. The police commission has its own legislation.

There is no election yet as it is unsure who will be on the Board after the next Town Council meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **(a) COVID details**

Commissioner Walker inquired about provincial guidelines for police. This is a public health issue; Public Health will investigate first. Chief Butler will advise the Chair if something may go in the media.

### **(b) Cost of radar gun**

Chairman Walker advised this was a request from a citizen who is concerned about speeding while kids are waiting for the school bus. Chief Butler advised that Lidar is \$4,000. There will be dedicated spots for enforcement and ticket will be issued. If any complaints are received by the commissioners, send them to Chief Butler.

### **(c) Unsightly Premise**

Commissioner Walker inquired about an unsightly premise issue on Chester Ave involving an abandoned vehicle. Deputy Chief Smith advised that this has been dealt with.

### **(d) Noisy Exhaust**

This was a resident complaint on Chester Ave. The driver visits someone in the area and has a noisy exhaust. Commissioner Walker advised the complainant to call KPS.

## **REPORTS**

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

Chief Butler highlighted his reports, noting that everything is relatively consistent. There was firearms training at the Bridgewater range. There is Crisis Intervention and Use of Force training in November. He has booked CISNS and Human Trafficking for the meeting in January. The Human Trafficking Unit is Provincial with 2 HRM officers and 2 RCMP, no local municipal agencies. There were talks with the Dept. of Justice to add officers throughout the province but this is on hold as there is a new government. There is no victim services officer, just Victim Services through the Dept. of Justice whether human trafficking or not. Chief Butler highlighted some of the groups he is involved with. There are issues with the homeless, shelters, the Portal, etc. The Town is involved and the police role will evolve. There is different funding from different groups. There is funding from the government and support for rent increases.

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

**(c) Chair's Report**

Chairman Gerrard advised he has no report.

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

Chief Butler advised we are at 60.7%. 58% is where we are supposed to be but should be okay overall.

Commissioner Yorke seconded by Commissioner Pearl moved

**to accept the Chief's Reports**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

Commissioner Mahoney seconded by Commissioner Yorke moved at 2:50 pm

**to enter in camera session**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Mahoney seconded by Commissioner Yorke moved at 2:55 pm

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm