

# KENTVILLE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES APRIL 29th, 2022

**PRESENT** Chairman Steven Pearl, Commissioner Deborah Mahoney, Commissioner Cathy Maxwell, Commissioner Paul Walker, Commissioner Gillian Yorke, Chief James Butler, D/Chief Martin Smith, CAO Dan Troke and Recording Secretary Dawn Fitch.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** Chairman Pearl called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** It was moved by Commissioner Maxwell and seconded by Commissioner Walker

**that the agenda be approved**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
February 25th, 2022** It was moved by Commissioner Yorke and seconded by Commissioner Walker

**to approve the minutes**

**Minutes approved**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES**

**(a) Police Bylaw – CAO Troke**

CAO Troke provided an update on the Police Commission bylaw. A draft copy was provided to the members. He noted there is some overlap in places between the Town Bylaw and the Police Act. He advised that some municipalities do not have a bylaw, they follow the Police Act. A sworn oath is a requirement, public notice of meetings is usually given 48 hours – 3 days prior. In Camera and out of in camera should be noted with notes taken during the session although not detailed. The CAO's direction was to give feedback. He can put any suggestions in the document and bring it back to the Commission to work on then the CAO can take the proposed bylaw to Council. CAO Troke then left the meeting.

**(b) Town Hall Meeting**

Commissioner Yorke passed out a printed slide & made a presentation of what the proposed Town Hall meeting might look like. It will be a Board of Police Commission meeting with the Chief, Deputy Chief and Sergeant present. It is anticipated that as this meeting will probably be small, a moderator will not be needed. There was some discussion. It was suggested the meeting be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> between 6:30 – 7:30 pm. It was suggested it be held at the lower Rec Centre if it is available. It will be promoted through the Town website, Kentville Police Facebook page, newspaper, PTA pages, etc. The Chairman will be the spokesperson.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Criminal Record Checks**

Chief Butler advised that he is looking to update the policy and fees surrounding local criminal record checks.

**(b) Employee/Retirement BBQ**

Chief Butler advised he wants to have a joint BBQ with the Board of Police Commissioners for the current employees, retirees and new hires probably in June.

**(c) Freedom Rally/Protest**

There was some discussion about the freedom rally that turned into somewhat of a protest and occurred in Centre Sq. Their request for a permit for the park was turned down as the grounds were too wet and the parks closed. It was to have been held at the Provincial Building on Cornwallis St. but they changed their mind and put up barricades. There was some loud music, bad language, tailgating. The police made things safe, the people did their thing and then left. The organizer/decision maker needs to be spoken to as the rally/protest should be away from downtown.

**(d) Communication**

Chairman Pearl was inquiring if the current method of communicating between the members was working. All members were happy with same.

**(e) Other Concerns**

Commissioner Walker suggested more crosswalk flags were needed. Some discussion ensued as there is scientific proof that they don't work as they provide people with a false sense of security. The Town is apparently moving towards

making some crosswalk/traffic changes. Chief Butler advised that Halifax Regional Police no longer use the polygraph, so we no longer have access to it. Deputy Chief Smith is working on the Apple Blossom scheduling.

## REPORTS

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

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

### (c) Chair's Report

Chairman Pearl advised he will get information to the members when he can regarding the upcoming NSCPGA conference.

### (d) Financial Report (attached)

Chief Butler advised that the building maintenance account is up \$9,000 due to lighting upgrades. Efficiency Nova Scotia has rebated some.

Commissioner Maxwell seconded by Commissioner Mahoney moved

**to accept all of the reports**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## IN CAMERA

Commissioner Yorke seconded by Commissioner Walker moved at 3:00 pm

**to enter in camera session**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**to come out of in camera**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The next meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

APPROVED