



TOWN OF KENTVILLE

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

354 Main Street, Kentville Town Hall
June 18, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Commissioner Virginia Brooke, Commissioner Samantha Hamilton, **Commissioner Penny Hart**,
Commissioner Cate Savage

Staff present: Chief Marty Smith, Interim CAO Kevin Matheson, Deputy Chief Ken Reade Jr. and
Recording Secretary Jennifer West

Regrets:

Ministerial appointee

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Cate Savage and Commissioner Samantha Hamilton
That the Board approved the agenda of June 18 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Cate Savage and Commissioner Samantha Hamilton
That the minutes of the BOPC meeting of May 9, 2025 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION

(a) Alcoholics Anonymous

Mark Zwicker brought information to the Board about Alcoholics Anonymous.

(b) Kentville Business Community, Julie Ogilvie

Julie Ogilvie brought some issues in the community to the Board regarding people experiencing homelessness in the downtown. She reported that some communities feel safe when the town is “clean” and others feel safe when the town has more enforcement officials. Chief Smith outlined the long-term strategy for supporting

including tracking. More conversations are needed (and are planned), with all levels of government, to more fully discuss issues and find solutions that support unhoused people, businesses and residents.

- (c) Next presentations, potentially from Restorative Justice, Seniors Outreach and Valley Pride.

5. CHIEFS REPORT

Chief Smith presented his reports for May, with highlights including staff barbeque, meetings with Chrysalis House and victims services, review of impairment offences, review of selection and hiring for the Community Crisis Navigator position.

See reports for more information

6. BUSINESS ARISING / OLD BUSINESS

- (a) **Reminder:** meeting dates – 3rd Friday of each month at 1 pm (+website posting)
- (b) Police Service and Town of Kentville (MS)
- Spinoff effects of homelessness. Example of giving employment to people who are experiencing homelessness.
 - Strategic Plan. Feedback on this document is being collected and then the draft will be shared with the board. Some feedback results in improvements to management or programs.
 - Apple Blossom Festival. Chief Smith gave a review of the services offered by other communities for this event, which ran smoothly despite the weather.
 - Devil's Half Acre. Chief Smith reviewed the added costs for this event as well, but the benefits of community connections in a positive light.
- (c) NS Policing Standards – Chief Smith is involved in standard development and policies.
- (d) Publishing KPS Policies – Commissioner Brooke supports sharing the policies and gave appreciation to the Chief for this work.
- (e) Board Awareness – Reminder from Commissioner Brooke to attend Ride-Alongs, and to be aware of the policing model costing.
- (f) Action item Work Teams – reports
- 2025 Work plan – Commissioners Brooke and Hart reviewed the draft work plan for the Board.
 - Chief's Reports to the Board – Members are pleased with the reformatting.
 - Recommend a review of the video circulated by the Chair.
 - Recommend a recruitment for board members that reflects the community- equity, diversity, accessibility, and the business community.
 - Support from members for the work plan.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Police Service Operating Budget
- (b) NS Chiefs of Police Assn updates
Chief Smith updated the Board- the conference will be at Digby Pines in October, members are encouraged to attend.
- (c) Review of publishing select KPS Policies using work teams.

(d) Self evaluation of the Board needs to be developed by a work team.

(e) Reminder of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG)-AGM May 22

8. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(a) Mike Cameron

Support for collaborating on finding solutions. Support for education and professional development. Support for police engagement through participation in a number community hub meetings.

10. IN CAMERA

(a) None

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Hamilton and Commissioner Cate Savage

That there being no further business, that the Board adjourn at 2:33pm.

Motion Carried