

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES July 12, 2004

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal
Commissioner Jim Smith

REGRETS: Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro

STAFF: Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Chief of Police Frank Beazley
Deputy Chief McNeil, HRP
Supt. Stephen Sykes, Executive Officer, HRP
Supt. Fred Sanford, Criminal Investigation Division, HRP
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Director, Governance & Strategic
Initiatives
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 1841 Argyle Street.

Agenda Item 6.1 Chief's Commendations was moved forward and dealt with at this time.

6.1 Chief's Commendations

Chief Frank Beazley, HRP, awarded commendations for heroic efforts to Constable Stephen Cooper and Constable Peter Gallant along with their K-9 partners Rocco (now retired) and Zac. The efforts of the four officers, who persevered through -40EC temperature to locate a missing 79 year old man in the East Chezzetcook area, saved the man from certain death.

Chief Beazley left the meeting at this time for a brief media session.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 6.1 Chief's Commendations
- 6.2 NSAPB Newsletter - Commissioner Trevor Johnson
- 6.3 Articles on Unsolved Crimes - Commissioner Jim Smith
- 6.4 Daily News article - Awarding of Costs to Kirk Johnson - Commissioner McInroy
- 5.2 1st Quarter Stats - RCMP - Moved forward from Information Items.

Chief Beazley returned to the meeting at this time.

MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Smith that the minutes of the June 14, 2004 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 Status Sheet:

4.1.1 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

Deputy Chief MacNeil advised the unsolved crimes report will be coming forward in September. Commissioner Smith circulated, at the request of his constituents, recent articles from local papers regarding unsolved crimes. He added the articles are for information purposes and no further action is required.

4.1.2 Media Bulletins Reference to Suspect

Media Bonus in regards to suspects is to be removed from the status sheet as it was dealt with at the June meeting.

5. REPORTS

5.1 1st Quarter Stats - HRP

Information presented in agenda package. No further action required.

5.2 1st Quarter Stats - RCMP

Information moved forward from Information Items list by Supt. Vern Fraser. No further action required.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Chief's Commendations

Dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 3.

6.2 Newsletter from NSAPB (Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards)

Commissioner Trevor Johnson, as a newly appointed member to the NSAPB, advised the annual NSAPB conference will be held at the Old Orchard Inn on September 21, 2004. He added it would be beneficial for local members to attend as it would provide an opportunity to mix and meet with other Police Board Commissioners from across the province as well as attending a conference that will provide background on issues affecting Nova Scotia.

Any members of the Board interested in attending this conference are to contact Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil's office at 490-5272.

6.3 Local Articles on Unsolved Crimes

Commissioner Jim Smith circulated, at the request of area constituents, copies of articles from local papers. See also item 4.1, page 3. For information purposes only, no further action

required.

6.4 Daily News Article - Awarding of Costs to Kirk Johnson

Commissioner McInroy brought to the attention of the Board the recent Daily News article (not circulated) on the awarding of legal costs to Mr. Kirk Johnson. For information purposes only, no further action required.

The Committee went IN CAMERA at 12:36 to 12:45 pm to discuss a Personnel Matter.

7. NEXT MEETING

Regrets were received from Commissioners Smith and Gouthro for the August meeting.

MOVED BY Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Johnson that the August 9, 2004 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners be cancelled. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant