

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 11, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Brad Johns
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernesting Gouthro

STAFF
AND OTHERS: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Mr. Brian Carter, Department of Justice

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 14, 2005

MOVED by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of February 14, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Additions

Community Response Model - Chief Beazley
Role of Mr. Brian Carter - Commissioner Johnson
Public Presentations to Board - Commissioner Johnson

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Johns, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE

6. REPORTS:

6.1 Commissioner Johnson - Youth Crime

Commissioner Johnson ask if there was a strategy in place given the present situation with youth crime.

Chief Beazley noted there is a sense of fear in the community that is not warranted. He stated what is being referred to as swarmings are assaults, noting robberies, youth complaints and assaults have dropped since last year.

He advised special operations are addressing these types of issues and talks are continuing with different levels of government. He noted they have targeted approximately one hundred individuals for a period of three months and are continuing to target the knowns and identify the unknowns. He stated there needs to be a greater community response and things need to be toughened up from the justice system perspective. He advised staff is currently checking if there is something other than curfew to address the situation with youth. He advised communication strategies are being put out on a day to day basis.

6.2 Community Response - Chief Beazley

Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, with the aid of a Powerpoint presentation, presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Smith, the Board was advised that all officers on day patrol are in sector policing.

In response to Commissioner Mosher, the Board was advised that there is both an internal and external plan.

In response to Commissioner Johnson, the Board was advised there are foot patrols on Spring Garden Road and Downtown as well as on a 24/7 basis on Gottingen Street.

Mr. North thanked staff for their presentation.

6.3 Role of Mr. Brian Carter - Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Johnson suggested the Board consider recognizing Mr. Carter as the first reference for a question and, if he cannot, then HRM legal resources. He noted Mr. Carter is a consultant to Board and is funded by the province but his role has not received any official recognition.

Mr. Carter advised his role is as a resource to the Board.

It was agreed that Mr. Carter would be consulted on a case by case situation noting representatives would be in attendance at the next meeting and Mr. Carter's role could be further clarified at that time.

6.4 Public Presentations to Board - Commissioner Johnson

It was noted that the criteria for presentation was outlined in Administrative Order Number One.

Commissioner Johnson stated he was asking that consideration be given to providing opportunity to the community to come forward and make presentations.

MOVED by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Mosher that the criteria for public presentations be held in accordance with Administrative Order Number One. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.5 Status Sheet

6.5.1 Community Policing Procedures

It was agreed to remove this item from the status sheet.

6.5.2 Rewards for Unsolved Crimes

To remain on status sheet. Still being researched and regulations are being developed.

6.5.3 Update on photo radar

Chief Beazley advised the Ottawa model has been examined. He advised it may be a longer term study and staff has asked the Department of Justice to come to a future meeting to discuss the matter. It was agreed this item would remain on the status sheet for regular updates.

The Board agreed that the status sheet would also contain the names of the mover and seconder of an item.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2005.

It was requested "Length of Board Meetings" be placed as an item on the next agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 3:05 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

