

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
September 10, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner William White

STAFF: Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Deputy Chief Burbridge awarded Certificates of Merit to Chief Warrant Officer Jim Johns and Staff Sgt. Stephen Harper of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires for their efforts in assisting the Regional Police in the prevention of an attempted suicide on the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 9, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of July 9, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions

- 5.1 Policing Resource Study
- 5.2 Guardian Angels Policy - Commissioner Walker

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. REPORTS

Deputy Chief Burbridge provided an overview of the crime statistics noting there has been a reduction of 12.37% in violent crime, 18.68% reduction in crimes against property and 7.73% reduction in other criminal code crimes HRM wide since last year. Overall the reduction is 13.9%.

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the stats be made available to the public through a press release. Further, staff to ascertain the cost of placing an ad or inserts in all newspapers. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised he will have a press release drafted and sent out.

Commissioner Walker requested the stats for arrests and apprehensions be provided for the October meeting.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Policing Resource Study

Deputy Chief Burbridge and Commissioner Roane provided an update on the Study advising the report is expected to be available by the end of January rather than the end of December.

**MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that staff the Policing Study report be made available to the Board at the end of January.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

5.2 Guardian Angels Policy - Commissioner Walker

In response to Commissioner Walker as to whether there is a policy in place with regards to the Guardian Angels, Supt. Bill Moore, advised they are private citizens and do not have any authority or power.

Commissioner Walker stated there should be a reporting procedure or code of conduct in place. In response, Supt. Moore advised they can make a citizens arrest. He noted that if they work with the police they would be similar to citizens on patrol which does have a policy in place.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised staff can do a follow up to find out who is coming, when they are coming and how many are coming. Staff will also ascertain whether they are just coming to recruit and/or what capacity they are working in.

Commissioner Walker requested staff report at the October meeting whether there should be a policy with regard to this type of group.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant