

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
November 26, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Jim Perrin

REGRETS: Commissioner Terry Roane

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Councillor Walker

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chief Beazley introduced Brent Crowhurst, Chief of Police and Bob Smith, Deputy Chief of the Bridgewater Police Department. Chief Brent Crowhurst and Deputy Chief Smith are travelling the Atlantic provinces to observe how other Police Commissions conduct their business.

PRESENTATION TO OFFICERS

Mr. Fred Honsberger, Department of Justice, presented Constable Amy Lissa MacKay, Halifax Regional Police with the John Dunlop Memorial Award for her commitment to the community, particularly youth, in her role as Community Response Officer in Uniacke Square.

Mr. Dan English, CAO, Halifax Regional Municipality with the help of Chief Beazily, presented both Constable MacKay and Constable Dean Simmonds the CAO Award for outstanding work in the Community Development Team.

Mr. Dan English, CAO, Halifax Regional Municipality with the help of Supt. Gordon Barnett, presented Constable Daniel Bretzer and Corporal Dwayne Kelly, both members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Halifax Detachment, the Director's Award for Excellence in Service Delivery.

The lady (who can not be named) involved in the Ultramar Incident on August 2, 2007 presented citations to Constables Jeff Nicholson and Craig Conrad for rendering life-saving-assistance that night. She told the group that they were instrumental in saving her life.

She went on to present a citation to Const. Paul Jessen and his police dog, Dutch for quick apprehension of the accused.

Warren Maynard, Ultramar's Atlantic Canadian Director of Retail, was also on hand Monday to present a plaque to HRP and a Donation to Cops/ Kids.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 15, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the

minutes of October 15, 2007 be approved. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

ADDITIONS:

5.1 Guardian Angels

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. REPORTS

4.1 HRP Volunteer Manual

Commissioner Snow requested the following information from Chief Beazley - What staffing resources are used (Paid) to work volunteer programs. Chief Beazley responded saying that a report could not be done for next meeting - that it would be a lengthy process tying up several manpower hours. Commissioner Snow said she would like to have it before Budget Talks start.

Commissioner Snow questioned the million dollar car insurance and if it is necessary. Chief Beazley reported that not only is it necessary; but a volunteer must produce proof that they have the required amount. He advised that although volunteers need this amount of insurance it is not a great deal of insurance and most people probably carry this already.

Commissioner McCluskey left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

4.2 H-Division Citizens on Patrol Manuel

Commissioner Snow requestyed the same information from the RCMP as the HRP - What staffing resources are used (Paid) to work volunteer programs.

4.3 Commissioners Snow

4.3.1 Funding for Community Policing Offices and Programs

This item was covered under Section 4.1.

4.3.2 City Watch

Moved by Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, to defer to the next meeting. Motion Put and Passed.

It was requested that the Report to be circulated prior to meeting.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 GUARDIAN ANGELS

Chief Beazley indicated that he was not in favour of having the Guardian Angels in HRM. He felt that the citizens involved in the Guardian Angels would be put in too much danger. Mr. Silwa promised Chief Beazley some reports and at the date the meeting took place, the Chief still had no response from Mr. Sliwa.

It was also noted that because Commissioner McCluskey had to leave before this agenda item was dealt with. If she has any further questions she could either call Chief Beazley or bring them to the next meeting.

5.2 CORRESPONDENCE RE: TWO-TIER POLICING FROM MAYOR KELLY DATED OCTOBER 23, 2007.

It was recommended that the Police Chief write a letter in response to this letter.

Moved by Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that Chief Beazley respond on behalf of the Board. Motion Put and Passed.

5.3 Chief's report 3rd quarter of statistics involving crime:

The Chief announced that crime was down in the third quarter. He, also, went on to say that if this trend continues, 2007 would be one of the best years that they have had.

The 3rd quarter of statistics will be circulated for the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:50 p.m.

November 26, 2007

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant