

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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**Board of Police Commissioners**

**MINUTES**

**November 10, 2008**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey  
Commissioner Russell Walker  
Commissioner James Perrin  
Commissioner Kenneth Hill  
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Mr. Dan English, CAO  
Commissioner Beverley Peters

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP  
A\Superintendent Darrell Beaton  
Mr. Allan Way, Executive Officer to Chief  
Ms. Barbara St. John, Administrative Assistant to the Chief  
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, HRP  
Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil, HRP  
Superintendent Cliffe Falkenham, Operations, HRP  
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 20, 2008**

**MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of October 20, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

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

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 The Mayor's Roundtable on Violence Report**

The following reports were before the Board for Consideration.

- Violence and Public Safety in the HRM
- HRP and RCMP Initiatives Impacting Policing And Public Safety
- External Initiatives Impacting Policing And Public Safety
- Gaps Analysis

Mr. Allan Way, Executive Officer to the Chief, introduced the report, *Violence and Public Safety in the HRM* to the Commission noting that he would like the members to review each section and make their comments known. He advised that Ms. Barbara St. John, Administrative Assistant to the Chief, would populate the document as comments were being made. He also advised the Board that this is a living document and would change as more information came forward. It contains all of the 64 recommendations that are contained in Violence and Public Safety in the HRM report even though the jurisdictions/stakeholders may not be HRP and/or HRM. He did not want to lose sight of the recommendations before they could be fully reviewed.

Mr. Way advised this document is reflective of the report from Professor Clairmont and what is currently happening today. This report also reflects the recommendations, statement of clarifications, current situation, stakeholders, and the gaps noted.

Both Chief Beazley and Mr. Way responded to the questions of the Board.

Chief Beazley advised the group that he is working with other stakeholders to form a committee called Safer/Stronger initiatives which will be for HRM only. This group will help to break down the silos or different departments of governments, so that they can sit

down together to work on problems of violence.

He further advised that there are processes that are going on at different levels of government that can not be commented on today because of ongoing work but he advised that the cooperation between HRP and the provincial government is second to none.

In response to Commissioner McCluskey's question of how effective the United Way is in the community, the Chief distributed the report, *Our Vibrant Neighbourhoods Strategy, United Way of Halifax Region's Neighbourhood Engagement & Revitalization Work 2007-2010*.

The Board noted that the good new stories are not getting out the public as they should be. It was noted that a communication budget may need to be negotiated to get this accomplished.

Mr. Way advised the Board that *HRP AND RCMP Initiatives Impacting Policing and Public Safety* is a report to let members of the Board know what groups are out there, what they are and who are sponsoring the organization.

Mr. Way advised the Board that the report, *External Initiatives Impacting Policing And Public Safety*, is an ongoing document and will continue to grow. It is an overview of the most significant programs that are going on. It also notes the initiative, the purpose, the sponsor and the time span of these programs.

The next steps will be completed once all talks with those with a vested interest are completed with a report coming back to the Board with a much tighter recommendation.

Commissioner Walker reiterated that whatever report goes to Council must be reviewed by the Board prior to going to Council and the Board will then make a recommendation to Council.

Chief Beazley advised that there needs to be a dialogue with the Mayor and the CAO and with the work involved, he can not see this moving forward to Council until January.

## **6.2 HRP Report**

As submitted. Chief Beazley further advised that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter stats across HRM is very good news.

## **6.3 RCMP Report**

As submitted

7. **ADDED ITEMS** - None
8. **NEXT MEETING DATE** - December 8, 2008 extended to 4:30
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Barbara L. Coleman  
Legislative Assistant