

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 9, 2009

PRESENT:

Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Beverley Peters
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Mayor Peter Kelly

GUESTS:

Ms. Valerie Pottie Bungay

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, CAO
Mr. Allan Way, Executive Operating Officer
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Superintendent
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Barbara St. John, Assistant to Chief, HRP

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

2. **PRESENTATION: Retired Members Badges**

Former Councillor Krista Snow
Mr. William White
Ms. Terry Roane (Regrets)

Chief Beazley and Commissioner Walker presented Former Commissioner William White and Former Commissioner Snow with their retirement badges and expressed appreciation for their dedication and service.

Superintendent Beaton, RCMP, presented art work to Former Commissioners William White and Snow in appreciation for their work on the Board.

PRESENTATION: RCMP

Superintendent Beaton made a presentation to A/Cst. Harold Northrup (Auxiliary Constable in the RCMP) for his 33 years of service in the RCMP Auxiliary Program.

Commissioner Peters entered the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

MOVED By Commissioner Perrin, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that Commissioner Walker be appointed Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for further nominations, hearing none, nominations were closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED By Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that Commissioner McCluskey be appointed Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Walker called three times for further nominations, hearing none, nominations were closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 12, 2009

Commissioner Karsten advised that both he and Mr. Allan Way were in attendance at the last meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of January 12, 2009 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- Item 6.2 **HRP Response to Mayor's Roundtable Report** to be moved to the end of the agenda

Deletions:

- Item 6.4 **Report by Commissioner Peters Canadian Association of Police Boards** was deferred until March

Commissioner McCluskey inquired why a resident's letter that was addressed to the Board was not brought before the Board. Commissioner Walker responded that the letter in question was written to the Province and cc'd for the Chair's information. The letter was then sent to Chief Beazley for followup

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

6. REPORTS

6.1 Police Business Plan

Due to time restraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6.2 HRP Response to Mayor's Roundtable Report

This item was moved to the end of the meeting under the approval for the Order of Business. See page 6.

6.3 HRP Off-Duty Employment Activities

- Order #: 39-07 Policy 14 Off Duty Employment/Activities of the HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual was before the Board

Chief Beazley advised the Board that the last review of this policy was done in 2007. He reviewed the revised policy with the Board and answered any questions of the Board noting the following:

- all officers currently engaging in off duty employment and activity will need to re-apply to ensure that these activities have not changed in scope and still meet the criteria of the policy;
- any officer whose off duty activities places them in conflict of interest situation will be directed to rescind this activity.

Discussion ensued.

In response to a question of how much notice would be given to an officer to rescind the activity, Chief Beazley advised that it would depend upon the nature of the business.

Commissioner Karsten inquired if security work at a Nova Scotia Liquor Commission is considered an off duty employment and activity. Chief Beazley responded that this was considered an extra duty assignment.

MOVED By Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the policy set out in Order 39-07 of the HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

6.4 Canadian Association of Police Board - 2008 (Commissioner Peters)

Deferred to the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

6.5 HRP Reports

Chief Beazley advised the reports were as submitted.

Commissioner McCluskey expressed concern with the number of violent crimes going up. Chief Beazley responded that guns and vests are now becoming tools of the crime trade.

Commissioner Hill noted that the increase in fraud is up 20%, specifically computer fraud.

6.6 RCMP Reports

Superintendent Barnett advised that the RCMP reports were as submitted.

Commissioner McCluskey expressed concern with the increase in impaired driving in Cole Harbour/Forest Hill's area.

6.2 HRP Response to Mayor's Roundtable Report

- Staff Report dated February 10, 2009 was before the Board;
- A Board of Police Commissioners Report dated February 10, 2009 was before the Board

Chief Beazley advised that there were amendments to the report and circulated an amended report.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that HRP is looking for endorsement of the report.

Mr. Allan Way reviewed the reports with the Board noting that the report was complete but before it would go before the Committee of the Whole, some further word smithing, or ordering, etc may be done but the intent of the report would not change.

Because not all recommendations are not the responsibility or the jurisdiction of HRM, Commissioner MacDonald suggested that an organizational chart be done for the Board so that the Board would know who was responsible for which portion.

Mr. Way advised the Board that the report had been presented to Senior Management Team and they were comfortable with the way that Dr. Clairmont's report had been answered.

Moved by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten that the Board of Police Commissioners endorse the recommendations and Action Plan as set out in the Staff report dated February 10, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Police Resourcing Meeting

It was agreed that once a date had been determined, the Chief would book meeting space in the new police headquarters in Burnside.

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING - March 9, 2009

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant