

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**June 15, 2009**

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair  
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Bill Karsten  
Commissioner James Perrin  
Commissioner Doug MacDonald  
Commissioner Earl Gosse

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police  
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, Royal Canadian Mounted  
Police  
Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - May 11, 2009**

**MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Gosse, that the minutes of May 11, 2009, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Added Item

8.1 Future Conventions - Commissioner Karsten

**MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**2. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1. Correspondence - None**

**6.2 Petitions - None**

**6.3 Presentations - None**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 RCMP Reports**

C Copies of the May 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton advised the Board of break downs as indicated in domestic and sexual assaults noting that there is a series of different call types. It was noted that domestic disputes have increased by 98%. Chief Beazley added that the stats change

as cases go through the investigation process. He advised that many sexual assaults are never reported, and he added that more support is required to deal with women's issues. Councillor McCluskey suggested that victims of violence be contacted and asked if they need have assistance. Chief Beazley advised that this is part of the process.

## **7.2 HRP Reports**

C Copies of the May 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

## **7.3 Mayor's Task Force on Violence**

Superintendent Don Spicer provided the Board with a status update on the Mayor's Task Force on Violence.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that there has been a series of meetings with various organizations and associations. Many of the meetings have been regarding bars and restaurants, liquor enforcement and underage drinking and its prevention. He advised the Board that bar owners and bar staff have been seeing positive impacts in the downtown.

Chief Beazley advised that there have been meetings regarding restorative justice and youth. Discussions will continue at the community level. He stated that Mulgrave Park is the model for its community program and discussions are in place with other tenant associations such as Uniacke Square and Scotia Court.

Chief Beazley stated that there is a need to have balance in media reporting, and he noted that it is difficult to get positive stories out in the media. The Chief advised that new staff has been hired by Halifax Regional Police for social marketing.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that meetings have been held with Chaplains regarding the implementation of Circles of Support to assist with the integration of criminals back to the community.

Superintendent Spicer advised the Board that the Canadian Association Chief of Police is meeting with the provinces and utilizing measurement tools to gather information on poverty, diversity, employment, crime statistics and housing in various communities.

Chief Beazley advised that Mr. Don Clairmont and Dr. Chris Murphy have volunteered to evaluate the Mayor's Roundtable, and if a grant is provided, to study and evaluate the study with set criteria.

Commissioner McCluskey advised that recreation needs to be provided to youth and added that recreation as a tool to keep youth off the streets.

Commissioner McCluskey raised concern regarding individuals in group homes siting that often many of the residents have no supervision. Superintendent Beaton advised that there have been discussions regarding the issue, adding that this may become a mini project.

Commissioner MacDonald suggested that HRM Community Developers should be utilized in these community initiatives as they work directly with the Community.

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 Future Conventions**

In response to a query by Councillor Karsten, Chief Beazley advised that the National Conference will be held in Cape Breton. Dates will be provided to the Board members and costing will be determined.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2009.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35p.m.

Melody Campbell  
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. APB - Volume 13 Issue 4
2. Directory of Canadian Police Boards/Commissions - April 2009