

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

October 19, 2009

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

REGRETS: Commissioner James Perrin

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - September 11, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the minutes of August 10, 2009, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. 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 The September 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

As there were no questions at this time the RCMP reports were tabled as presented.

7.2. HRP Reports

C The September 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

As there were no questions at this time the HRP reports were tabled as presented.

7.3 Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

- C The October 2009 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 1 Issue 4 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer provided the Safety Update. He advised that he had met with Mr. Don Clairmont and Mr. Chris Murphy regarding the overall strategic plan and noted that they would also be involved in the evaluation piece along with several of Mr. Murphy's grad students.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the Gun Amnesty Pixels for Pistols Program was coming together nicely for the month of November and he invited the Commissioners to attend a news conference regarding the Program on October 30, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. He stated that the Program had been very effective in Toronto in 2008 and, in fact, had been the most successful gun amnesty program the city has ever had. He indicated that the Program was in association with Henry's stores who would be giving a digital camera to those who surrendered their loaded guns to police. Superintendent Spicer advised that Mr. Donnie Jenkins was coordinating the program and could be contacted at gunamnesty@halifax.ca so arrangements could be made to pick up guns. Superintendent Spicer noted that no one would be charged with possession when surrendering a gun, however, serial numbers would be ran and any crime associated with the gun would be investigated. He also advised that the guns would be destroyed via the Nova Scotia Chief Firearms Officer once the serial numbers were ran.

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of police Commissioners support and endorse the Pixels for Pistols Gun Amnesty Program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for November 9, 2009.

9.1 Discussion Re: Additional Meetings

The Chair asked if 12:30 p.m. was a good time frame for meetings.

Commissioner Hill indicated that it was difficult for him to meet for all day sessions as

he had a full time job. He advised that he was available to meet for half day sessions and that Mondays and Wednesdays were fine for him, however, he was unavailable on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He stated that he could attend the all day meeting on October 28, 2009 and the morning session on October 29, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

