

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

July 26, 2010

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

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Ms. Theresa Rath, Public Relations Manager, Halifax
Regional Police
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Inspector Brad Sullivan, RCMP
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Special Minutes of May 21, 2010 & Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2010

Amendment:

June 14, 2010:

Page 6 - *built* rather than *build*

Commissioner Karsten requested an update with regards to the motion under item 5.1, page 6 of the June 14, 2010 minutes.

The Legislative Assistant advised that the requested correspondence had been submitted to the Membership Selection Committee.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the special minutes of May 21, 2010 be approved as presented & the regular meeting minutes of June 14, 2010 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

8.1 HRP Town Hall Meetings - Chief Beazley

8.2 Internet Fraud - Commissioner Karsten

8.3 Annual Joint Chief and Board Conference September - Deputy Chief McNeil

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner McCluskey requested to know how the RCMP had covered off the 25 officers who attended the G8 summit in Ontario.

Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP, advised that most of the officers attended the summit during their time off and that watches in HRM remained the same. She indicated that no HRM RCMP officers had been sent home early.

Commissioner MacDonald referenced page 5 of the June 14, 2010 minutes regarding the census track. He requested to know if the Federal census situation would have any impact on police statistics.

Chief Beazley advised that the change would not effect their crime data as police statistics were tracked via reported crime and were mandated by law.

Commissioner Karsten noted that the change would effect the Province and Municipality, though, and that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) had written to the Federal Government in protest of the change.

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 June 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

The reports were accepted as presented.

7.1.1 Halifax District Annual Performance Plan (APP) 2010 - 11

Inspector Crampton stated that each RCMP detachment completes a unit Annual Performance Plan (APP) which was their strategic plan for the fiscal year. She advised that the 2010-11 plan was created through town hall meetings which were conducted in the fall of 2009; noting that NCO's were also sent to smaller areas that have special influence in communities. She stated that both meeting formats looked into what should be identified as priority in each area. Inspector Crampton indicated that Sackville,

Tantallon and Cole Harbour would now have their own APP. She stated that targets and measures which were listed in the document changed each year depending on the area; noting that the APPs were linked to RCMP learning plans as well and effected each member's performance evaluation each year. In closing, she advised that the 2010 - 11 APP required approval from the Board.

Commissioner Gosse requested an update on Councillor Barkhouse's initiative to have additional police in the Cow Bay area and the study that was taking place as a result.

Inspector Crampton stated that this initiative had been put on hold during the Policing Resources Study and had since been restarted, however, she was unsure of the project's status. She indicated that she would provide an update at the next meeting.

Inspector Crampton also indicated that she would follow up on Commissioner Karsten's request to have increased usage of mobile radar trailers in Cole Harbour.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, entered the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the Halifax District Annual Performance Plan (APP) 2010 - 11. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 HRP Reports

C The June 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

The reports were accepted as presented.

7.2.1 HRP Budget Update

Chief Beazley advised that the HRP was currently \$ 511,193 in budget deficit, however, revenue was good and they should have additional funds than projected. He stated that \$492,000 was the HRP's current vacancy rate contribution, noting that he had met with Mr. Anstey regarding this issue who had advised that staff were still moving forward from a corporate perspective and that things would hopefully balance out by the end of the year.

Chief Beazley indicated that the HRP had done an audit on their cell phone accounts and that, as a result, they were able to find some efficiencies totalling \$25,000. He indicated that a meeting on creating efficiencies with land lines would be taking place shortly as well.

The Chair introduced Mr. Anstey to the Board.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

- The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 7 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer stated that a pilot project would be tentatively taking place on August 26, 2010 for a new program called HRP Sport Pals. He indicated that the one day camp would take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Scotia Court and the sport this year would be soccer; noting that baseball and basketball would also be looked at in the coming years. Superintendent Spicer advised that staff were looking for volunteer coaches and that there would be a soccer game with youth against parents and police at the end of the mini camp day. In closing, he indicated that staff would be looking to host this program at most of the housing areas in HRM in 2011 and that Constable Dwight Hennigar had come up with the idea for the program.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the Public Safety Office was also working with the HEAT Unit which was a list to make officers aware of who was arrestable on warrants. He indicated that staff were looking to make this a public document which would be put on the web for the media as well.

The Chair suggested that the areas which these persons frequent may be helpful information to have listed.

Superintendent Spicer noted that eight to ten people would be highlighted at one time as part of the strategy.

Chief Beazley stated that this was also an initiative with the Province; noting that the whole policing strategy would be changed to help apprehend these people in order to help fill the void between warrants issued and persons apprehended.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 HRP Town Hall Meetings

- The 2010 Town Hall Meeting Proposal was submitted.

Chief Beazley stated that each Divisional Commander would share their own town hall meetings as part of their developmental plan. He proposed that HRP hold 13 meetings in September and October 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and outlined the locations the meetings were to be held as noted in his

proposal. Chief Beazley indicated that the meetings would consist of a 10 minute presentation regarding public safety and HRP's crime reduction strategy as well as some issues pertinent to that community; advising that staff would be recording the meetings and preparing a report. He stated that he would be assigning issues to HRP members and the final report would be put on the HRP website for the public and media; noting that the HRP had Facebook and Twitter accounts, an initiative which was working well, as approximately 1400 people check the sites on a frequent basis. In closing, Chief Beazley stated that he hoped the Board would participate and attend the town hall meetings.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the HRP Town Hall Meeting Proposal.

Commissioner Karsten suggested having at least one Board member attend each meeting on a rotating schedule.

Chief Beazley advised that Ms. Theresa Rath, Public Relations Manager, HRP, would send out the final schedule for Board members to organize.

The Chair suggested that Councillor Hum be included in the Clayton Park and Bedford town hall meetings.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 Internet Fraud - Commissioner Karsten

Commissioner Karsten stated that HRM had approximately 3300 employees and wondered if there was a formal process in place for employees if they were to receive email spam. He indicated that he had received an email on Friday identical to a scam he had heard about and requested to know how HRM should deal with this issue.

Chief Beazley stated that the emails could be forwarded to the CID Superintendent who would then send them to the HRP Commercial Crime Unit. He indicated that police did not investigate unless there was a victim; noting that he saw this as an education issue.

Mr. Anstey advised that, from a corporate perspective, staff attempted to block such messages, however, spam filters did not always work. He noted that the webmaster notifies employees of spam.

Inspector Crampton stated that the RCMP were told internally to not open such messages and forward them to a spam filter; noting that they had set up a mailbox so these messages could be tracked.

Superintendent Spicer stated that the Ontario Provincial Police and a private corporation had partnered to create a program called Phone Buster. He indicated that he would send the address to members.

8.3 Annual Joint Chief and Board Conference September - Deputy Chief McNeil

Deputy Chief McNeil stated that the annual Provincial Association of Police Boards conference was being held on September 17, 2010 in Pictou. He stated that there were issues with lodging and that, as a result, only four Commissioners would be able to attend.

It was noted that interested Commissioners could notify the Chief's Office prior to the August 16, 2010 meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for August 16, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. APB May 2010
2. APB June 2010