

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**August 16, 2010**

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Earl Gosse

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, 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 12:43 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

**2. PRESENTATION OF RETIRED MEMBER'S BADGE - Mr. James Perrin**

This item was dealt with later in the meeting. Please see page 4.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - July 26, 2010**

Amendment:

Item 7.3, Page 6 - *working with* rather than *created the HEAT UNIT*

**MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the minutes of July 26, 2010 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

9.1 Motorcycle Petition - Karsten

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

**8.2.1 HRP Budget Update**

Chief Beazley advised that the latest numbers show that HRP is \$411, 399 overspent for overtime. He stated that there was \$445,310 in the vacancy management piece; noting that this number would not increase as much as the HRP had recently completed a recruitment. He indicated that August would be the HRP's peak month in demand and calls for service; noting that they had a good summer up until the weekend prior. In closing, Chief Beazley advised that there would not be a police school this year.

**8.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer**

- The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 8 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the Public Safety Update was as submitted.

**MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the bill accept the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 8. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **8.2 HRP Reports**

C The July 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley stated that the second quarter police statistics were out; noting that the crime statistics had been increased due to instances of breaking and entering and theft. He advised that staff were happy to announce that crimes against persons were down. He indicated that the HRP and RCMP had been putting out joint media releases regarding the breaking and entering issue; noting that theft from cars was occurring as well. In closing, Chief Beazley stated that there has been success in arresting prolific offenders; advising that one man confessed to over 50 break and enters.

Commissioner McCluskey requested a record of johns as well as prostitutes.

Chief Beazley advised that the ratio of johns to prostitutes was usually 50/50.

## **2. PRESENTATION OF RETIRED MEMBER'S BADGE - Mr. James Perrin**

The Chair, Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton presented Mr. Perrin with his Board of Police Commissioners' retirement badge and thanked him for his over seven years of service.

Mr. Perrin thanked Chief Beazley, Superintendent Beaton, HRM staff and the Commissioners and wished them all the best; stating that it had been a pleasure.

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

## **6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **7.1 Correspondence - None**

### **7.2 Petitions - None**

### **7.3 Presentations - None**

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1 RCMP Reports**

C The July 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton stated that he would allow Chief Beazley's comments to stand regarding the combined statistics report. He advised that property crime had a significant increase of almost 20% which was directly attributed to the theft under \$5000 situation. Superintendent Beaton indicated that, on a positive note, common assaults had decreased from 2009 and, in the area of pro active enforcement, there had been an increase in drug related offences. In closing, he advised that there were 27 victim services files in July 2010 which was not an overly large number, however, staff were hoping to improve.

Commissioner McCluskey posed a question regarding police training in dealing with residents with Autism.

Chief Beazley indicated that some Autism training is provided by the Mobile Mental Health Training Unit as well as via a video program.

Superintendent Spicer noted that resources are given to officers regarding who to contact in such cases.

### **8.2 HRP Reports**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 4.

#### **8.2.1 HRP Budget Update**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

### **8.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

## **9. ADDED ITEMS**

### **9.1 Motorcycle Petition**

Commissioner McCluskey indicated that she had submitted a petition at the August 10, 2010 Regional Council meeting on behalf of residents from downtown Dartmouth where there was a motorcycle issue regarding excessive noise.

Chief Beazley stated that the petition had come to HRP staff and that Superintendent Bill Moore had been assigned to respond. He advised that what they could do was minimal and that excessive noise could be investigated under the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA). Chief Beazley indicated that Councillor Uteck had requested that police investigate this issue several years ago and, at that time, there was no equipment that could monitor motorcycle equipment for noise. He stated that if motorcycle baffles are broken or malfunctioning HRP will lay charges as those things are to be safety inspected.

Superintendent Beaton advised that he had spoken to the Department of National Resources regarding ATVs and his research found that these bikes are all sold with factory installed equipment and after market mufflers were then bought and installed. He stated that this matter involved Provincial legislation under the MVA and was difficult to enforce.

Superintendent Spicer advised that there was a successful By-law from the city of Edmonton which the Province was investigating.

Commissioner McCluskey requested that Superintendent Moore include information regarding Edmonton's By-law in his report.

Commissioner Karsten noted that much had changed since Councillor Uteck had brought this issue forward several years prior as there was now a decibel reader available for motorcycles. He stated that the Edmonton model was workable and that it had received favourable reports across Canada.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for September 20, 2010.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory  
Legislative Assistant

