

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

December 12, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Steve Streach

REGRETS: Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Sue Uteck

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Dennis Daley, RCMP
Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2011

Amendment:

Item 4.2 – Should read that *Chief Beazley* advised rather than *the Chair*

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the minutes of November 14, 2011 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

8.1 2014 CAPB Conference Update – Commissioner Ruth

8.2 Department of Justice Request for Steering Committee Representative - Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Department of Justice Training Date

It was noted that the Commissioners would be polled via email to find a suitable date for training in January 2012.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The November 2011 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Blais indicated that the November 2011 RCMP reports were as submitted.

He asked if the Board would be interested in meeting the new RCMP Police Commissioner, Bob Paulson, in late June 2012 when he visits Halifax for the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

The Board indicated that they would certainly be interested in meeting Commissioner Paulson.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The November 2011 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the November 2011 HRP reports were as submitted.

It was noted that, as a result of the swearing in ceremony for new cadets held the week prior, both the HRP and RCMP were now at full staff compliment.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 12 was before the Board.

The Mayor's Roundtable Report Status Update document was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 12 was as submitted.

He announced that the Public Safety Office had just created its first crime prevention video on the topic of theft from homes which he played for the Board. He indicated that the video was produced in house at no cost other than time; noting they would like to produce additional videos.

Superintendent Spicer also stated that the Child and Youth Strategy Committee, struck after the Nunn Commission and comprised of several Provincial organizations, was scheduled to present the Public Safety Strategic Plan in January 2012. He indicated that he had been asked how many boxes had been checked off as a result of the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence recommendations; advising that he had completed a status update report which he presented to the Board.

Chief Beazley stated what was encouraging about the report and where they were today was that partnerships were now fully in place and groups were meeting regularly

to work together on issues. He indicated that overall total criminal code activities were actually down by 12% since 2006 and he was projecting that crime would also be down by the end of this year.

Commissioner Kelly indicated that this was a long term strategy and, while statistics were going in the right direction, this did need to remain a living document. He suggested that the RCMP and Chief Beazley reengage and review the findings and strategy with the public.

Superintendent Blais indicated that the next step they were working on jointly was amalgamating their intelligence gathering and analysis in order to get to the point of conducting crime mapping for the entire municipality. He advised that, as a result, they would like to invite any interested Board members to sit in on a ComStat meeting in approximately four months time.

7.1.4 Proposed 2012 Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2012 meeting schedule was before the Board.

**MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the 2012 meeting schedule as presented.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 2014 Conference Update – Commissioner Ruth

Commissioner Ruth indicated that, since the last meeting, she and Commissioner Uteck had looked over the information provided to them. She advised that they had followed up with Ms. Jennifer Lanzon, Executive Director of the CAPB, who indicated that the Board needed to write a letter to her and Bridgewater Deputy Mayor David Walker, President of the NSAPB, outlining their intentions to host the 2014 conference and to confirm they had the required \$25,000 in funding. Commissioner Ruth volunteered to draft the letter and requested confirmation on funding as they could not award unless they knew funding was available.

Commissioner Kelly advised that it was difficult to make a guarantee of funding prior to the budget debate and that he would follow up on the matter.

Commissioner Ruth advised that she would find out if the \$25,000 was refundable and when the money would be required.

8.2 Department of Justice Request for Steering Committee Representative - Chair

The Chair advised that he had received a letter from Mr. Bob Purcell, with the Department of Justice, seeking a member from the Board to sit on a steering committee they were setting up to look at RCMP Police Advisory Boards.

Commissioner Kelly advised that the committee was reviewing the potential for an ongoing body for policing issues across Nova Scotia. He indicated that he was already a member of this steering committee and would bring updates to the Board; however, he would double check to see if this was, in fact, a duplication and if not would bring the matter back to the Board.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 9, 2012

Regarding the potential of changing meeting locations throughout 2012, the Board agreed to remain at their current location and would move to another facility as needed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant