

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

February 13, 2012

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

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, 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, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the minutes of January 9, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 8.1 2014 CAPB Conference – Commissioner Ruth
- 8.2 Commissioner Updates - Chair
- 8.3 Retirement Announcement – Chief Beazley

Deferral:

- 7.2.1 Regional Council – January 28, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Streach that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentation

6.3.1 Contributors to Crime – Chief Beazley

A presentation was submitted.

Chief Beazley provided the Contributors to Crime presentation which he noted was a high level overview of what contributes to crime and how that compares within HRM. In closing, he stated that crime prevention through social development was the best plan of action and HRM needed to focus on the long term by talking about changing living

conditions, working with children, issues of economics and employment, and the culture of heavy drinking.

A discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

It was requested that an item on the potential of having crime mapping available to the public be added to the next agenda.

The meeting recessed at 1:59 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The January 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Inspector Crampton indicated that the January 2012 RCMP reports were as submitted.

7.1.2 HRP Reports & Budget Update

The January 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the January 2012 HRP reports were as submitted. He noted that, budget wise, HRP was doing well as they were still forecasting a \$280,000 surplus for 2011/2012 year end budget.

As for the 2012/2013 budget, Chief Beazley announced that the list of items he advised he had to cut at the January meeting were now able to be put back in the budget as HRP has since become aware of some additional revenue to continue funding these items.

Chief Beazley also indicated that he had a full staff compliment and the only item now missing from the budget was funding to hire part time, appropriately skilled employees to assist with intercepting private conversations via wire tapping.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners request that the HRP draft budget be adjusted to include \$500,000 for the purpose of funding wire tapping.

A discussion on the motion ensued.

It was noted that the RCMP does aid HRP with this work, when possible; however, they did not have enough capacity with their own work load to provide staffing all the time. Both the RCMP and HRP did; however, agree that they could draw on each others staffing resources for wire tapping when possible.

Chief Beazley advised that if the Board did not support the motion, he would have to either take officers off the street to conduct wire tapping or ask the RCMP for help if they were not busy.

Chief Beazley also noted that further information regarding the budget would be brought back to the Board, perhaps at a special meeting, if required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:06 p.m. with the same members present with the exception of Commissioners Uteck and Streach who had left the meeting.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 2 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 2 was as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer also advised that he was working on a partnership with the Nova Scotia Council on the Status of Women and the Department of Justice regarding a campaign targeting messaging for men as bystanders or potential perpetrators rather than focussing primarily on women as was usually done and is sometimes felt to be a form of re-victimization. He stated that funding had been applied for via Victim's Services from the Department of Justice with the target of having this campaign during Sexual Assault Awareness Month in May. He indicated that the Province was also stepping up to help with the Public Safety Strategy which he would be presenting to the Department of Children and Youth later that week.

7.2 Motion of Referral

7.2.1 Regional Council – January 28, 2012

This item was deferred to the March 12, 2012 meeting under the approval of the order of business.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 2014 Conference - Commissioner Ruth

Commissioner Ruth requested an update on the potential of obtaining approximately \$30,000 in funding to host the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) conference.

Chief Beazley advised that it could be put on the floor at the next budget meeting to be included in the HRP budget; noting it would ultimately have to be approved by Regional Council.

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners request that \$30,000 be added to the draft HRP budget to cover the required costs of hosting the 2014 CAPB Conference. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Ruth noted that CAPB has advised that sponsorship must be approved by Regional Council.

8.2 Retirement Announcement – Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley announced that Deputy Chief Burbridge would be retiring as of March 31, 2012, after 34 plus years of service; noting he had been responsible for many of the HRP's successes.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that in his fifteen years of management he never had a member of the Board, Council, or the Chief Administrative Officer tell him what to do; they had always supported public safety first and he could not say thank you enough.

8.3 Commissioner Updates – Chair

The Chair advised that he would like to include this as a regular agenda item. He announced that he attended a Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) meeting on February 10, 2012 at which Mr. Ronald MacDonald, the Director of the Serious Incident Response Team, made a presentation which he would provide to the Board at some point as well. The Chair also stated that he and Commissioners Moreash and Ruth had attended the recent Comstat briefing.

Commissioner Moreash announced that he was on the provincial Policing Governance and Standards Steering Committee which had not yet held their first meeting.

Commissioner Ruth announced that she was on the CAPB Justice Committee and she would be going to Ottawa during the first week of March to address their concerns regarding Bill C-10 with the Federal government; noting she was responsible for Part 4 which was the young offenders section. She advised this was not a lobbying effort but to state their position on record.

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Chief Beazley advised that Deputy Chief McNeil would be talking to the Senate the following week on behalf of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police regarding the youth justice act.

Superintendent Spicer added that he also had a paper from the Canadian Association of Social Workers regarding this matter.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 12, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

Information Item

1. 2012 Strategic Objectives – Updated List