

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES

June 11, 2012

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Phillip Read

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police  
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police  
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, 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 12:33 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Judith Ferguson, Deputy Minister of Justice, to the meeting and provided introductions.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2012**

**MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the minutes of May 14, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 HRP & RCMP Report Discussion**

Chief Superintendent Blais advised that he and Chief Beazley had a discussion regarding this matter following the last meeting. He referenced an email that the majority of the Commissioners would have received that morning from staff asking for input on what they would ideally like to see and how useful they found the information that was currently contained in the reports.

Chief Beazley advised that he had no problem with some compromise regarding the matter; however, he noted the Board ought to revisit its oath of confidentiality as most places renew it on a yearly basis and he had some concern regarding privacy and rights when providing the Commissioners with additional information. He requested that this matter be deferred to the next meeting for a conclusion.

**MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that this matter be deferred to the next Board of Police Commissioners meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4.2 Commissioner Selection**

**4.2.1 Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) - 1 Member**

The Chair called for nominations to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) for a term to commence in September 2012.

**MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that Commissioner Ruth be appointed to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) effective in September 2012. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4.2.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference - 2 Members**

The Chair advised that they had decided earlier in the year to send two Commissioners to the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference in August. He asked if anyone was interested in attending.

**MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that Commissioners Gosse and Ruth attend the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

It was noted that no other Commissioner was interested in attending as an alternate at this time.

**4.2.3 Selection Committee for the New Chief of Police - 1 Member**

The Chair called for nominations to the Selection Committee for the New Chief of Police.

**MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that Commissioner Moreash be appointed to the Selection Committee for the New Chief of Police. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Correspondence - None**

**6.2 Petitions - None**

**6.3 Presentations**

**6.3.1 Social Media Overview/Update – Ms. Lauren Leal**

A presentation was submitted.

Ms. Lauren Leal, Halifax Regional Police, provided the presentation on Social Media Overview/Update.

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

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Staff**

#### **7.1.1 RCMP Reports**

The May 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that the May 2012 RCMP reports were as submitted.

**MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the 2012 RCMP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **7.1.2 HRP Reports**

The May 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the May 2012 HRP Reports were as submitted.

**MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the May 2012 HRP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer**

The June 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the June 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the Downtown Safety Strategy was proceeding favourably; noting recognition from bar owners and patrons. He stated that the Ceasefire meeting held in May had been successful and a follow up meeting would be held the next week to investigate funding opportunities. Superintendent Spicer also advised that he was looking into doing an Atlantic Province wide gun collection in September 2012 as part of a requested second gun amnesty initiative.

#### **7.1.4 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results**

The Urban Report: Final Results prepared for the HRP and RCMP Halifax District for the Second Quarter of 2012 was before the Board.

The Distribution of the Survey Sample document was submitted.

The Urban Report Comparison for years 2005 – 2012 was submitted.

Chief Beazley presented the statistics as contained in the 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results.

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

At Commissioner Kelly's suggestion, staff advised they would make a note of using the 2011 census rather than the 2006 data next time.

## **7.2 Commissioner Updates**

The Chair advised that he attended a NSAPB meeting and noted the NSAPB Newsletter # 5 – June 2012, Information Item 1, which provided an update.

Commissioner Kelly indicated that the Provincial Board he was on was attempting to organize a meeting in the next few weeks regarding the RCMP contract

Commissioner Ruth advised that Halifax had been awarded the 2014 CAPB Conference.

Commissioner Moreash advised that the Policing Standards Steering Committee had met on May 17, 2012 and had prioritized a list of policies to be undertaken first; noting Mr. Paul McKenna, with the Department of Justice, was going to work on a draft over the summer for the Committee's review in the fall.

## **8. ADDED ITEMS - None**

## **9. IN CAMERA**

**MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera, as required, to consider the following matters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **9.1 In Camera Minutes – May 14, 2012**

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

### **9.2 Personnel Matter - RCMP Update**

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

### **9.3 Personnel Matter - HRP Update**

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

**9.4 Public Security - Presentation – Confidential Police Investigations**

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE – July 9, 2012**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Shawnee Gregory  
Legislative Assistant

Information Item:

1. NSAPB Newsletter # 5 – June 2012