

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

July 9, 2012

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

STAFF: 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 12:28 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2012

Amendment:

7.2 The comment regarding the RCMP contract was made by Commissioner Kelly rather than the Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the minutes of June 11, 2012 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 HRP & RCMP Report Discussion

Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais advised that he and Chief Beazley had further discussed this matter since the last meeting. He stated that, as a result, the RCMP would be using three current reporting formats via City Watch, RCMP NS, and Commissioners would also receive any and all press releases; including those coming from outside of Halifax. Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that the RCMP wished to begin using social media as a reporting format as soon as possible and, as a result; they would be looking to phase out daily reports by September 15, 2012. He stated that the RCMP would continue to provide extra communications regarding unusual issues. In closing, Chief Superintendent Blais advised that the status quo for RCMP and HRP reports would remain with the eventual migration to social media within the next two months for the RCMP as the HRP were almost already there.

Commissioner Uteck entered the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the presented approach regarding HRP & RCMP reports. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Crime Mapping

A presentation on Crime Mapping was submitted.

Deputy Chief Bill Moore provided the presentation on Crime Mapping.

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

Deputy Chief Moore advised that they would provide a full demonstration of the software in the fall prior to it going online.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The June 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

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

Chief Superintendent Blais advised that the Federal Government recently passed Bill C42 to amend the present RCMP Act. He stated that it would be two years before implementation as second reading still had to be done and that he would provide a presentation to the Board after that occurs as they would have more information on what the Bill would look like at that time.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The June 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Deputy Chief McNeil indicated that the June 2012 HRP Reports were as submitted.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The July 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter as submitted.

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

Superintendent Spicer also stated that he would be working with a Masters student in Criminology at Saint Mary's University who was writing her thesis on gun violence.

7.1.4 Commissioner Appointment - HRP Recognition Review Board

Deputy Chief McNeil advised that the Review Board meets approximately three times per year.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that Commissioner Read be appointed to the HRP Recognition Review Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 CAPB Resolutions 2012 – Commissioner Ruth

The Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Resolutions 2012 were before the Board.

Commissioner Ruth advised that the Board had been asked to review and rank the submitted resolutions to be brought forward to the conference in August.

A discussion on the 2012 CAPB Resolutions ensued.

The Chair noted that in previous years the resolutions had been made on the floor during the conference.

Commissioner Ruth noted that the previous year, those attending the conference had not been asked to rank the resolutions but had simply been asked if they agreed to them or not.

The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Ruth to follow up with the CAPB for clarification and then email the Commissioners with further information, including a resist for their voting preferences. It was noted that this would also provide the Commissioners with additional time to review the resolutions prior to their August 1, 2012 due date.

7.3 Commissioner Updates

There were no updates at this time.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read 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 – June 11, 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.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 13, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant