

Board of Police Commissioners
MINUTES

September 10, 2012

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Steve Streach

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Superintendent Don Spicer
Mr. Richard Butts, CAO
Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32pm in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 13, 2012.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the minutes of August 13, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

1. The Chair noted that item 7.2.1 in the August 13, 2012 minutes should have been worded differently to reflect the Chair's understand that the board had tasked Commissioner Read with investigating and recommending an effective budget system for the board.

Commissioner Read agreed to investigate this matter.

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

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Review the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence

3. Objective – This item was reserved for discussion with Superintendent Spicer.

The Chair advised that at the last meeting the Board went through the objectives for 2012 and noted that one objective was the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence.

Superintendent Spicer distributed a document three months ago addressing the status of the Board's objectives in reference to this item.

Commissioner Uteck requested information on those objectives the Board has not yet achieved.

Commissioner Kelly noted a number of the objectives require engagement with federal government in respect of their practices and the Board will have to continue engaging them moving forward.

Superintendent Spicer committed to providing a list of those objectives that are feasible and those for which he may require assistance from the Board on completing. Superintendent Spicer committed to providing the Board an update at the Board's October meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentation - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Report

The August 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Discussion ensued as to the nature of sick leave at departments.

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

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The August 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Commissioner Kelly asked if traffic statistics were comparable to last year's. Chief Beazley noted that if trending remains the same last year's statistics will be similar to this year's at year-end.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the August 2012 HRP reports. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The September 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was submitted and received by the Board.

Superintendent Spicer noted he will co-host a forum on the culture of alcohol in the HRM this week. The focus of the forum is a discussion on trying to change the culture of events to move away from alcohol being the primary focus.

The Board of Police Commissioners accepted the September 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter as submitted.

7.2 Commissioners

1. 2012 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference – Victoria, BC

The Chair referenced that Commissioner Ruth took detailed notes of the conference proceedings with a view to HRM's commitment to host the event in 2014. The Chair suggested Commissioner Ruth should continue her involvement in the preparation stages for HRM's conference in 2014.

Commissioner Ruth offered to provide a synopsis of the conference to members via email before the next meeting of the Board.

2. Opening of the North Preston RCMP Detachment

The Chair took part and noted the event was very well attended by law enforcement, politicians and community leaders. He stated the event was successful.

3. Joint Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police & Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards Conference – Kentville, NS

The Chair, Commissioners Ruth and Moreash attended the very interesting conference. The Chair strongly recommended attendance in the future.

4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Commissioner Uteck attended a Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference recently in Laval, Quebec. During the meeting she was appointed to sit on committees related to corrections and the prevention of crime. She will attend the next meeting in November and offered congratulations on the success of Operation Fallback. Chief Beazley agreed this program is working well.

Councillor Moreash recently attended a conference which featured an interesting video entitled "Anatomy of an Investigation" which was produced by the Calgary police department. The documentary explores the process of a homicide investigation. Commissioner Moreash suggested this video be presented at the next meeting and the committee agreed. Deputy Chief Moore provided a copy of the video.

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Moreash 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 – August 13, 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 – October 15, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant