



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
January 18, 2016**

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair  
Commissioner Steve Graham, Vice - Chair  
Commissioner Stephen Adams  
Commissioner Steve Craig  
Commissioner Sylvia Parris

REGRETS: Commissioner Jeff Mitchell

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais, HRP  
Acting Chief Superintendent Dennis Daley, RCMP  
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, HRP  
Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Ashley Dutcher, Solicitor  
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Board of Police Commissioners are available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bpc/index.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:57 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 3:01 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair called the meeting to order in Halifax Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street.

- **Swearing In Commissioner Steve Craig**

Ms. Ashley Dutcher, Solicitor swore in Councillor Steve Craig as a Commissioner of the Board. Introductions amongst the meeting's attendees followed.

- **Recognition of Former Commissioner Linda Mosher**

Chief Jean Michel Blais, HRP and Acting Chief Superintendent Dennis Daley presented former Commissioner Linda Mosher with a gift of appreciation for her service to the RCMP, HRP and the Halifax Regional Municipality as past Chair and member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

- **Election of Chair & Vice – Chair**

Commissioner Walker vacated his seat as Chair and requested that the Legislative Assistant call for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Craig

**THAT Commissioner Walker be nominated as Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Legislative called three times for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Parris

**THAT nominations cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Commissioner Walker was elected as Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Walker assumed the position of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Parris

**THAT Commissioner Graham be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Commissioner Walker called three times for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Craig

**THAT nominations cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Commissioner Graham was elected as Vice-Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 23, 2015 Special Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Graham

**THAT the minutes of November 23, 2015 (Special Meeting) be approved as presented.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Commissioner Walker advised that Item No. 9.1.3 be moved up on the agenda to take place after Item No 9.1.1.

Additions:

- 10.1 In Camera (In Private) Contractual Matter – Presentation – HIAA Contract.
- 10.2 Commissioner Parris – Memorandum of Understanding – Board of Police Commissioners
- 10.3 Commissioner Graham –Canadian Association of Police Governance Board

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Commissioner Graham

**THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

- 5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**
- 6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**7.1 Correspondence – NONE**

**7.2 Petitions – NONE**

**7.3 Presentation**

**7.3.1 Presentation on Body Worn Cameras**

Inspector Jim Butler, HRP provided a presentation with respect to Body Worn Cameras. Commissioner Walker thanked Inspector Butler for his presentation and requested question of clarification from members of the Board.

In response to a question from Councillor Adams, Insp Butler advised that disclosure of the body worn cameras to the public would be part of a proposed governance model. With respect to the usage of body worn cameras in private residences, Insp. Butler advised that Officers would likely need to obtain consent for filming.

In response to question from Commissioner Parris, Insp. Butler advised that training with respect to cultural intelligences would likely appear in a proposed governance model and would also form part of the training component.

In response to a question from Commissioner Graham, Chief Blais advised that there are several issues that present with respect to the storage of data captured by body worn cameras, both in a technical sense and the legislative requirements involved with respect to the storage of data. Chief Blais noted that HRP continues to liaise with other jurisdictions who are working on the same policy development issues.

In response to a question from Commissioner Craig, Chief Blais advised that the Board has a role to play with respect to the potential development of policy surrounding body worn cameras. He further advised that HRP has the necessary budgetary resources to continue its work in this regard.

In response to a follow up question from Commissioner Craig, Acting Chief Superintendent Denis Daley advised that the RCMP has previously completed a two year feasibility study in which body worn cameras were piloted by RCMP members in the communities of Indian Brook First Nation and Windsor. He advised that the RCMP's experience had raised similar issues as noted in the presentation pertaining to privacy concerns and the storage of data. He advised that the RCMP is continuing its work in this regard.

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 STAFF**

#### **9.1.1 Combined HRP/RCMP Dashboard**

The following was before the Board

- *The Combined HRP/RCMP Dashboard Report*

Acting Chief Supt. Denis Daley and Chief Jean-Michel Blais gave an overview of the combined HRP/RCMP Dashboard Reports.

**The Combined HRP/RCMP Dashboard Report was received by the Board as submitted.**

#### **9.1.3 RCMP Reports**

The following was before the Board:

- *The HRP Reports*

Acting Chief Superintendent Dennis Daley provided an overview of the RCMP Reports.

**The RCMP Reports were received by the Board as Submitted.**

#### **9.1.2 HRP Reports**

The following was before the Board:

- *The HRP Reports*

Chief Blais provided an overview of the HRP Reports.

In response to a follow up question from Commissioner Craig, Chief Blais advised that HRP has stepped up parking enforcement during the winter and commented that HRM Corporate Communications will be releasing information in this regard to the public.

Further discussion ensued.

**The HRP Reports were received by the Board as submitted.**

#### **9.1.3 RCMP Reports**

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please refer to page 4.

#### **9.1.4 Bi-monthly Strategic Plan Update**

The following was before the Board:

- *The B-monthly Strategic Plan Update*

Chief Blais gave an overview of the Bi-Monthly Strategic Plan report.

In response to a follow up question from Commissioner Parris, Chief Blais advised that the colour coding pertains primarily to time lines constraints.

Commissioner Craig suggested that further information pertaining to the “at risk areas” be provided in subsequent reports to the Board.

#### **9.1.5 Legal Opinion - Q323 Police on the Job Injury Reserve**

The following was before the Board:

- *A staff information report dated January 6, 2016*

Ms. Ashley Dutcher, Solicitor gave an overview of the information report.

In response to a question from Commissioner Craig, Deputy Chief Moore provided further information with respect to the Q323 reserve and advised that HRP is currently reviewing the business case for Q323 Police on the Job Injury Reserve and noted that the Board will be apprised of further development in this regard.

#### **9.1.6 Updated - Proposed 2016-2017 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget Situation (Summary) and 2016-17 Business Plan Deliverables**

The following was before the Board:

- *An updated Version of the proposed 2016-2017 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget Situation (Summary) and 2016-17 Business Plan Deliverables dated January 15, 2016.*

Chief Blais provided an overview of the proposed 2016-2017 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget Situation (Summary) and 2016-17 Business Plan Deliverables.

Commissioner Adams advised that he would like to defer further consideration of the budget until after the In Camera session is held in relation to the HIAA contract.

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Graham

**THAT the Board of Police Commissioner defer further consideration of the budget until after the In Camera session is held.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Board of Police Commissioners moved to an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:57 p.m. Please refer to pages 6-7. The Board of Police Commissioners resumed discussion on the Proposed 2016-2017 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget Situation (Summary) and 2016-17 Business Plan Deliverables

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Craig

**THAT the Board of Police Commissioners waive the rules of order with respect to notice of rescission and rescind the December 7, 2015 motion in relation to the proposed Halifax Regional Police 2016/17 Operating Budget (Situation Summary) and 2016-17 Business Plan Deliverables.**

Two-Third Majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Commissioner Graham

**THAT the Board of Police Commissioners recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed Halifax Regional Police 2016/17 Operating Budget (Situation Summary) and 2016-17 Business Plan Deliverables.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS – NONE**

**9.3 Commissioner Updates – NONE**

**10. ADDED ITEMS**

**10.1 In Camera (In Private) Contractual Matter – HIAA Contract Details**

This matter took place later in the meeting please see pages 6-7.

**10.2 Commissioner Parris – Memorandum of Understanding – Board of Police Commissioners**

Commissioner Parris noted that she would like to bring forward a discussion pertaining to the 2001 Memorandum of Understanding between HRM, HRP and the Board of Police Commissioners, specifically as it pertains to role of Board of Police Commissioners. She advised that she would like further information and orientation as to how to develop actionable items for the Board to work on. She suggested that this matter come forward for discussion in April to allow for input from the new member.

**10.3 Commissioner Graham – Update on Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Organization**

Commissioner Graham provided an overview of the CAPG organizational structure and its current activities. He noted particular areas of focus for the CAPG for the upcoming year such as First Nations Policing, Financial and Executive Level Management, Policy and Research Development and provided commentary with respect to the upcoming annual conference. He concluded by noting online learning opportunities for Board members available from the CAPG.

**11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**11.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – October 16, 2015**

The following motion was passed in public session:

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Graham

**THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the In Camera minutes of October 16, 2015 as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1 In Camera (In Private) Contractual Matter – Presentation – HIAA Contract**

This matter was dealt with during an In Camera (In Private) session. The Board of Police Commissioners moved to an In Camera session at 2:25 p.m. The Board of Police Commissioners reconvened at 2:57 p.m. no further action on this matter is required.

After reconvening to public session, the Board of Police Commissioners continued discussion with respect to the proposed 2016-2017 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget Situation (Summary) and 2016-17 Business Plan Deliverables. Please see page 5.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 22, 2016**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Liam MacSween  
Legislative Assistant