

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 8, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Comm. S. David Bryson, Chair  
Comm. Eartha Monard  
Comm. Bob Harvey  
Comm. Bruce Hetherington

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief of Police, David McKinnon, HRP  
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP  
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP  
Mr. Dennis Kelly, N.S. Dept. of Justice  
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

**REGRETS:** Comm. Adams

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m., Training Room, City Hall. The Chair introduced Mr. Paul Boudreau who was auditing today's meeting.

1.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

An item was added to the agenda as item 7.1 - Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes.

2.0 **MINUTES**

The March 11, 2002 minutes were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Harvey.

3.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

4.0 **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.2 **CAPB CONFERENCE 2003**

An e-mail had been received from Wendy Fedec enquiring whether the Board had decided on a reception at the Casino Nova Scotia Hotel for Wednesday evening, August 20, 2003 or a golf tournament and BBQ that day. She was signing the contract with the hotel April 11, 2002.

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Judy Pal providing an update. Ms. Pal explained in the e-mail that a Board member would take over from her once the groundwork had been done and coordinate the details. It was suggested that Comm. Monard consider setting up the social program.

It had been noted at a previous meeting, that the other commissioners terms will be up before the Conference.

Comm. Hetherington felt Judy Pal should contact the Councillor's Office and/or George MacLellen for help through for instance Andrew Cox, Special Events Coordinator. He did not feel this should be a function of the Board.

The Chair felt Ms. Fedec should be able to sign the contract to reserve the hotel space, but pass on the catering component, until a Social Committee is formed.

4.1 **ROLE OF MILITARY POLICE**

At the invitation of the Board, Lieutenant-Commander Mark Cullum, Naval Provost Marshal (Atlantic) was in attendance to explain the relationship the Military Police have with the RCMP and HRP. Comm. Hetherington had raised the subject at the February 2001 meeting.

Lieutenant-Commander Cullum left with the Clerk information pertaining to the Canadian Forces Military Police which he discussed during the course of his presentation.

He noted that there are two times when the Military Police and the HRP/RCMP's paths cross almost daily, i.e. during transit and on the water. Reference was made to the patrols of the Harbour now being 24 hours a day, seven days a week since September 11<sup>th</sup> to provide safety and security for the naval vessels and visiting vessels.

He noted that there is a lot of communications at all levels between the HRP/RCMP and the Military Police. A good relationship exists between the three forces.

Comm. Hetherington sought clarification on the role the Military Police will have related to Shearwater when it is turned over to HRM. It was noted that generally the RCMP or the HRP are involved in policing the streets where military housing is located, while problems on their property are handled by the Military Police. Lieutenant-Commander Cullum indicated that there is no intention to stop providing policing services to Shearwater.

Comm. Hetherington felt the presentation had been very worthwhile and proposed a similar presentation be scheduled, every year or two, to keep the Board members up to date.

5.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

None.

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

7.0 **ADDED ITEMS**

### 7.1 **REWARDS FOR MAJOR UNSOLVED CRIMES**

Copies of an Information Report, prepared by Chief McKinnon, on the above noted subject were circulated to the members. This report had been prepared in response to a document Councillor Jim Smith had requested be placed on the December 2001 Board's agenda. A number of questions were posed in this document with respect to offering rewards for major unsolved crimes. As a result of the Board's discussion, a survey was conducted of four other police agencies.

Chief McKinnon reviewed the report's contents with the Board. During this review it was noted that none of the agencies contacted reported rewards being claimed or crimes solved as a result of these initiatives. The size of awards was addressed in the report, the nature of the crime which resulted in a reward being offered, the length of time a reward is offered for, generation of funds, etc. The Chief noted that the last question posed by Councillor Smith related to whether the HRP would post rewards again related to the McCulloch and Oliver cases. The Board was advised that HRP representatives have met with the McCulloch family and were advised that when and if an opportunity arises indicating it may be worthwhile to repost the rewards, the HRP will consider.

### **POLICE STUDY**

The Chief was questioned on the status of the Police Study. He advised that the final draft is not yet available.

### **APPOINTMENT TO BOARD**

Comm. Harvey, who is a member of the Membership Selection Committee, advised the Board that they are awaiting information from Mr. McLellan before proceeding with a recommendation to Regional Council.

### 8.0 **STATISTICS**

The Board was advised that starting this Sunday, the Daily News will include a map in their publication identifying geographical areas where crimes took place the previous week. It was noted that this information is already provided on the HRP Web page. Councillor Hetherington suggested that Judy Pal provide this information to the Councillors beforehand.

Comm. Harvey questioned whether the RCMP is planning to do something similar. Supt. Ferguson indicated they will be providing information, in a similar format, within a few weeks or months.

9.0 **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, May 13, 2002. The Chair and Chief McKinnon advised they would be unable to attend the May meeting. A decision will be made by the Chair and Comm. Harvey towards the end of April on whether or not to cancel the May meeting.

**COMMUNITY CONSTABLE PROGRAM**

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Boudreau commended the RCMP on their Community Constable Program. He applauded their efforts to get minorities involved in policing.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned to meet in camera on motion of Comm. Hetherington.

Lynne Le Boutillier  
Assistant Municipal Clerk