

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2003

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair  
Comm. Harvey  
Comm. Adams  
Comm. Hetherington  
Comm. Monard  
Comm. North

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Chief Beazley  
Acting Deputy Chief Burbridge  
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Manager, Economic Development and  
Strategic Initiatives (part)  
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP  
Inspector Pete Lepine, Operations Support Officer, RCMP  
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Legislative Assistant

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1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The agenda was adopted, as circulated, by consensus.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and seconded by Comm. Harvey that the minutes of the December 9, 2002 meeting be adopted as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

3.1 **2003 CAPB and CACP CONFERENCES**

The following copies of correspondence were circulated in the agenda package for the members' information.

- C Letter from Alex Steeves, Acting Executive Director, Policing and Victim Services, NS Department of Justice, dated December 18, 2002.

The correspondence was in response to a letter from the Clerk requesting assistance with the organization of the CAPB Conference. The letter advises that while their division is not able to assist in a direct way, Mr. Eyre the designated consultant for the Board could assist in selecting some topics for the conference.

Upon her arrival, Comm. Monard advised that she has been contacted by Wendy Feduc, Executive Director, CAPB enquiring as to whether a facility has been booked for the golf tournament associated with the Conference. At the December meeting attended by Ms. Feduc, someone had volunteered to contact Brightwood Golf Club. Apparently nothing has been done to date. It was suggested that Granite Springs Golf Club, Bayside might be a good venue. Comm. Monard will check into its availability.

- C A copy of a letter from the Acting Chief of Police encouraging early registration for the CACP Conference for 2003.

3.2 **FEE SCHEDULE ISSUE**

Acting Chief Beazley had nothing to report at this time. He will be discussing the item with Inspector Barnett. Item deferred to February meeting.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **REGIONAL COUNCIL STATUS SHEET OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Security Checks - Acting Chief Beazley will discuss the status of this item with Inspector Barnett and he will report back to the Board. The item relates to a request from Regional Council re a standardized policy for security checks dated May 2000.

DARE Education Program - Acting Chief Beazley reviewed with the members the progress made on this item since it was directed to the Board January 2001. It was noted that DARE is an RCMP program, involving a very large commitment. The HRP has its own drug education program. He outlined to the Board what had taken place since this request was made, i.e. presentation to the Board April 2001; referral to the School Board. The Acting Chief will raise with Public Relations staff. He will have an Information Report drafted for Regional Council on this subject.

4.2 **NOVA SCOTIA POLICE ACT REVIEW**

C Letter dated December 18, 2002 from Alex Steeves, Acting Executive Director, N.S. Department of Justice regarding the review of the Nova Scotia Police Act. Discussion Draft enclosed. Submissions on the draft requested by February 10, 2003.

Acting Chief Beazley noted that a lot of differences have been identified in the draft legislation associated with the Nova Scotia Police Act. Some of the proposed changes are quite drastic. Given the number and nature of the changes proposed, a written request had been made to the Department of Justice by HRP to extend the deadline for submissions to allow sufficient time for analysis.

Comm. Hetherington requested that for the February meeting the members be provided with a version of the draft, which highlights what these differences are. It was noted that it is customary for proposed changes to be highlighted in bold or by italics in draft versions.

Acting Chief Beazley noted that Supt. Bell and A/Deputy Chief McNeil have been working on identifying the changes. A preliminary meeting has been held with the Nova Scotia Association of Police Chiefs.

It was noted that it is difficult to comment, given the regulations pertaining to the Police Act have not been provided. They have apparently not been drafted.

The Board was advised that A/Deputy Chief McNeil met with the Deputy Minister of Justice this morning. The Deputy Minister of Justice is planning to meet with the Minister of

Justice shortly on HRP's application for an extension of the submission date. It was noted that it had been planned to take the legislation pertaining to the Police Act to the spring session of the Legislature.

Given the Board's interest in the changes, it was felt that the Department of Justice should be advised of its desire to have the deadline extended.

**MOVED BY Comm. Adams and seconded by Comm. Hetherington that the Board request an extension of the date for submissions on the draft proposed legislation related to the Nova Scotia Police Act. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

5.1 **POLICE STUDY - VERBAL REPORT RE \$600,000 SURPLUS**

This topic had been originally brought up by Comm. Adams. Ms. Betty MacDonald was present to explain where this figure came from, as a result of a miscommunication. It was noted that \$600,000 had been set aside related to two studies, the Police Study and a Transit Study. Essentially, staff over-estimated the cost per officer, so too much money was set aside. Most of funds were eventually directed to the Transit Study.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

None.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES**

C Statistics Report - November 2002

C Victim Services Counsellor Monthly Statistics

Circulated with agenda package.

9. **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, February 10, 2003.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RCMP AND HRP**

Comm. Hetherington extended his congratulations to both the RCMP and HRP for their contribution in the handling of crowds associated with the recent Junior World Championships.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular portion of the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. to meet in camera. Following the in camera session, the regular session was reconvened to ratify a motion adopted by the Board to approve a sponsorship proposal by Atlantic Wholesalers for the annual Dedication to Duty Dinner and Dance.

Lynne Le Boutillier  
Legislative Assistant