

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2004

PRESENT: Commissioner Gregory North, Chair
Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Eartha Monard
Commissioner Trevor Johnson

REGRETS: Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner James Perrin

STAFF: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Frank Beazley
Supt. Vern Fraser
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30. The Chair and Chief Beazley presented a commendation to Cst. Peter Adamski.

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

Additions

- 6.1 3rd Quarter Statistics - HRP and RCMP
- 6.2 Revised Budget Business Plan
- 6.3 CAPB Conference
- 6.4 Victim Services

MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 10, 2003

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blumenthal, that the minutes of November 10, 2003 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Police Study Update

Commissioner Johnson expressed concern that the response to the Police Study is not progressing as quickly as it should and suggested one person be dedicated to that task. Chief Beazley advised there is a Steering Committee meeting this month and that Mr. Carter was going to look at some training issues. The Chief advised he will bring the issue forward to the Steering Committee. The Chair advised he will check to see if all recommendations have been addressed.

5. REPORTS

5.1 2004 Meeting Schedule

- A copy of the proposed 2004 meeting schedule was before the Committee.

At this time Chief Beazley addressed the issue of Budget Timelines for the Committee.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to hold a meeting on February 9 and February 23 and to moved the April meeting to the 19th.

5.2 Board of Police Commissioners Membership (Recommendation Referred from Regional Council of December 9, 2003)

- A recommendation regarding appointments to the Board of Police Commissioners was discussed at the December 9, 2003 Regional Council meeting at which time a motion was made to forward the recommendation to the Board for input.

The recommendation from Regional Council stated:

“That the Halifax Regional Municipality Council Membership Committee, when nominating members to the Police Board of Commissioners, shall ensure, unless no qualified or appropriate candidate has applied, at least one member of the Board, at any time, is of the female gender and that at least one other member, at any time, is of a visible minority”

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blumenthal, that the Board of Police Commissioners support the guidelines as outlined in the recommendation from Regional Council.

Following discussion, the wording of the recommendation was amended to read:

“That the Halifax Regional Municipality Council Membership Committee, when nominating members to the Police Board of Commissioners, as vacancies arise, shall ensure at least one member of the Board, at any time, is of the female gender and that at least one other member, at any time, is of a visible minority”

Mr. McLellan advised he would ask if there are other Boards who wish to indicate the type of profile they want in a member.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 3rd Quarter Statistics - HRP and RCMP

Copies of the Halifax Regional Police, Quarterly Interim Statistical Overview, 3rd Quarter and

the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Regional Municipality of Halifax, 3rd Quarter and Year-to-Date Statistical Overview were circulated to the members of the Board.

6.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards

Commissioner Johnson enquired as to the availability of funding available for attendance of the Board to the Conference. Discussion was held with regards to one member of the Board attending and It was agreed to table the item to a future meeting.

6.3 Victim Services

Commissioner Johnson suggested a presentation be made by Victim Services after completion of the budget process.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2004.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to the In Camera session at 2:30 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant