

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Brad Johns

ABSENT
WITH REGRETS: Mr. Brian Carter

STAFF: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, HRP
Insp. Phonse MacNeil, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner North, on behalf of the Board, thanked Councillor McInroy for his years of service.

Ms. Donna I. Keats, Legal Services, performed the swearing in of Councillors Mosher and Johns as new commissioners.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 13, 2004

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that the minutes be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

- 8.1 Community Policing Procedures - Commissioner Johnson
- 8.2 Car Break In and Vehicle Thefts in Bayers Lake - Commissioner Mosher
- 8.3 Rewards for Unsolved Crimes - Commissioner Smith

In Camera Additions

- 1, Halifax County District Councillor's Report
- 2. Role of Board with respect to RCMP as an advisory committee - Commissioner Johnson
- 3. Realignment of Policing Services
- 4. Staff Report - January, 2005 - RCMP

Information Reports

- 1. 4th Quarter and Year to Date - RCMP
- 2. Injury Report - Monthly Statistics - December 2004 - RCMP

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

5. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson advised he had requested a copy of the reporting schedule to be circulated to the Board.

7. REPORTS - NONE

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Community Policing Procedures - Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Johnson requested a staff report from both HRP and RCMP providing statistics on foot, bicycle and horse patrols within HRM including information on how extensive the patrols are, where they occur, whether it is seasonal and the extent of each program.

Chief Beazley advised HRP does not have foot patrols at the present time and there is limited statistical information on officers on bike patrol. He advised the horse patrols are in place from spring to fall. He advised he would examine the available information and provide an update at the next meeting.

Supt. Fraser advised statistical information on foot patrols may be difficult to extract but can provide information on the other two.

Commissioner Johnson also requested information be provided on any private agencies that are being utilized for enforcement.

8.2 Car Break In and Vehicle Thefts in Bayers Lake - Commissioner Mosher

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Mosher regarding incidents of vehicle thefts and car break ins in Bayers Lake, Deputy Chief Burbridge advised a trailer is being placed in the area from which the situation can be monitored as well as video surveillance cameras are being installed.

8.3 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes - Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith questioned who would hold responsibility for a reward program if HRM decides to have one. In response, Chief Beazley advised he has written the Deputy Minister with the Department of Justice but to date has not received any response. He advised he would follow up with the Deputy Minister on this issue.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2005.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant