

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
May 14, 2007

PRESENT: Ms. Terry Roane, Chair  
Commissioner Russell Walker  
Commissioner William White  
Commissioner James Perrin  
Commissioner Kenneth Hill  
Commissioner Krista Snow

REGRETS: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP  
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP  
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER**

Mr. Kenneth Hill was sworn in as a member of the Board.

**PRESENTATION**

Chief Beazley and Supt. Barnett, on behalf of the Board, made a presentation to Ms. Ernestine Gouthro in recognition of her service to the Board.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 12, 2007**

**MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner White, that the minutes of February 12, 2007, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Additions

- 5.1 Halifax Regional Police - Enhanced Community Response Model
- 5.2 Commissioner Walker - Budget Process
- 5.3 Commissioner Walker - Parking Enforcement

**MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the Order of Business, as amended, was approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 Chief Beazley - Ongoing Update on Ministers Task Force on Safe Streets and Communities**

Chief Beazley advised the report will be released to the Minister of Justice on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, noting there are a number of recommendations, from a Provincial perspective, will lead the way to creating a new crime prevention strategy. He advised input was received from over seven hundred people province wide as well as one hundred and twenty written submissions.

## **4.2 COMMISSIONER ROANE**

### **4.2.1 Police Resource Consultant Proposal**

Commissioner Roane advised the RFP has been completed and provided to procurement. She advised it will be advertised with the deadline for submissions and response by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The contract will be awarded in June and the study should be complete by the end of November.

### **4.2.2 Orientation - Board Members**

Ms. Tracy Hannah, Department of Justice, advised the first session will be held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fairbanks Centre in Dartmouth.

## **4.3 Public Space Video Surveillance**

- A copy of the report, dated April 15, 2007, was before the Board.

Supt. Moore provided an update to the Board on the initiative.

Commissioner Walker stated he would like to see 24/7 monitoring for a couple of months rather than spot monitoring so that if something happened it would be caught immediately.

In response to Commissioner Snow with regards to expectation from a monitoring perspective, Supt. Moore advised there is no one currently available to do the monitoring. He stated there is currently coverage on Argyle Street, in the area of Pizza Corner, Spring Garden Road and at the Willow Tree. He noted this camera could be deployed downtown to look at the Barrington Street area. He advised with Tall Ships and the Buskers expected there is potential to purchase more cameras and place them on the waterfront.

In response to Commissioner Perrin, Supt. Moore advised it is live digital video which would have the capability to freeze a shot and print it off as an image.

**MOVED by Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner White, that the Board approve, in principle, that:**

- 1. A staff person be hired, capable of spending time on the technology.**
- 2. Fully deploy a workable, monitored solutions for the downtown area and one or two other areas within HRM on a three to six month basis as a continuance of the trial. It is proposed eight to ten camera deployment in the downtown with constant recording and selective live monitoring based on the area and**

issues utilizing the best transmission medium available.

3. Continue to research and investigate options of HRM wide approach and privatization.
4. Review the operation at six months and make further determination to continue to move in another direction.
5. Create and follow a Public Space Operation Policy for the pilot.
6. Erect signs and notify the public of the use of cameras.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4.4 HRM Policing Services - 2007 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statistics**

- A copy of the statistics was before the Board.

Chief Beazley and Supt. Barnett presented the report to the Board.

Following questions of clarification, the report was received with no further action necessary.

**5. ADDED ITEMS**

**5.1 Halifax Regional Police - Enhanced Community Response Model**

Supt. Mike Burns outlined the model and Chief Beazley advised it will be rolled out through a series of meetings with senior NCO's then Sergeants and Constables.

In response to Commissioner Snow, Mr. Burns advised there are elements of the plan that applies to all HRM.

Commissioner Walker noted that once Bedford West and South are developed it will add an additional sixty thousand people. Chief Beazley advised this is part of ongoing discussions.

**5.2 Commissioner Walker - Budget Process**

Chief Beazley advised that as a result of the budget, a computer forensic technician will be hired in October. Money was approved to upgrade the Voice Box and GPS transmitter technology. The digital recording and storage will be examined in conjunction with HRM staff. Money was approved to work with the RCMP in relation to their communications piece. They

are in discussion regarding the deployment of three commissionaire positions resulting in increased park patrols. An Administrative Support person was approved for the Supt. of Operations. Twenty four thousand was approved to continue the video surveillance project and thirty two thousand for the five Lidar radar sets.

Commissioner Walker suggested the Board be made aware of the envelope sooner for the 2008/09 budget.

Chief Beazley noted that for the 2008/09 budget, the Chair would present the budget to Council.

**5.3 Commissioner Walker - Parking Enforcement**

Commissioner Walker noted the Commissionaires are not recognizing parking passes on Councillors vehicles. Chief Beazley advised he would address the matter.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2007.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 2:15 p.m.

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