

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 12, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner Jim Perrin
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Russell Walker

REGRETS: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

Observers: Beverley Peters (newly appointed Police Commissioner)
Doug MacDonald (newly appointed Police Commissioner)

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley
Superintendent Gordon Barnett
Deputy Chief McNeil
Inspector Brad Sullivan, RCMP
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Officer in Charge
of Patrol Personnel
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER -

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Roane, Chair, introduced Ms. Beverley Peters and Mr. Doug MacDonald who were recently appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners. Their tenure will begin June 1, 2008. They will be sworn in at the next meeting, June 9, 2008.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Verona Singer, Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association presented Cst. Ian Burke the John Dunlop Memorial Award from the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association for his work with youth as a Community Response Officer in North End Halifax. Cst. Burke is heavily involved with the public housing areas in the community he serves, specifically the Mulgrave Park Tenants' Association and Bayers Westwood Family Resource Centre. Cst. Burke has taken these partnerships to the next level by stepping up to work with youth in the community.

Chief Frank Beazley presented Mr. Chris Anstey, Ms. Sarah Poulin and Mr. Don Pritchard, security guards at Scotia Square, with Certificates of Merit for putting themselves in harm's way to pursue and subsequently help police apprehend an armed suspect from a bank robbery at the mall on February 1, 2008.

Chief Frank Beazley presented Cst. Karen Foster Chief's Commendation for performing the Heimlich Manoeuvre on a fellow employee who was choking on a piece of an apple last summer.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 14, 2008

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the minutes of March 7, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

ADDITIONS:

12.1 Community Police Office (Eastern Passage)

12.2 Budget Process (Commissioner Walker)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act - Mr. Fred Sanford

Mr. Fred Sanford submitted a power point presentation on the above-mentioned topic. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Sanford addressed any concerns and questions that the Board and/or staff may have had. He also distributed a brochure, *Take Action - It's Your Neighbourhood. You Can Help Fight Crime.*

At this time, Chief Beazley acknowledged the great work that Mr. Sanford and his unit have been doing with public safety.

7.2 Halifax District RCMP - Annual Performance Plan 2008/2009 - Inspector Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Officer in Charge of Patrol Personnel

Superintendent Barnett gave a quick overview of the new process for the RCMP. This process outlines the strategic priorities and goals of the RCMP, how they will be tracked and reported back to the Board. Superintendent Barnett will send the report for distribution in advance of the next meeting. He is asking that the report be signed off at the next meeting or further directions be given at that time.

Inspector Beaton presented a power point presentation on the Halifax District RCMP - Annual Performance Plan 2008/2009. Superintendent Barnett and Inspector Beaton answered any concerns or questions that the Board had at that time.

8. REPORTS

8.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE REPORT/ 8.2 RCMP REPORT

Superintendent Barnett gave an overview of both jurisdictions with Chief Beazley giving the stats of the individual districts of HRP's jurisdiction and Superintendent Barnett giving the stats for the RCMP's jurisdiction. Both were good news stories.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Email from Shawn Hayward RE; Pepper Spray

Chief Beazley will form a response and bring it back to the next meeting of the Board.

10. POLICE RESOURCING UPDATE

Commissioner Roane gave a brief overview of the details for the Police Resourcing Retreat.

11. BUSINESS PLANS/BUDGET

11.1 HRP Budget - Chief Beazley - Update

Due to time restraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

11.2 RCMP - Chief Barnett - Update

Due to time restraints this item was deferred to the next meeting. Both Chief Beazley and Superintendent Barnett noted that their respective budgets would meet the goals and priorities for this year and thanked the Board for their support.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Community Police Office (Eastern Passage)

Commissioner Walker explained that Community Police Office in Eastern Passage is in danger of closing. Superintendent Barnett said he would check into it. Commissioner Snow advised that she would call Councillor Barkhouse and explain to her where funds could be found to support the Office.

Chief Beazley advised that no monies are provided in the Budget for these endeavours. He also suggested that sometimes these offices are set up and really are not needed. At this time the Board asked Chief Beazley and Superintendent Barnett to complete a report on the different Community Police Offices in HRM, and advise which are needed and which are in danger of closing. It was suggested that perhaps these should become a separate item in the Police Budget for upcoming years.

12.2 Budget Process (Commissioner Walker)

Due to time restraints this was deferred to the next meeting.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2008.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant