

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

July 11, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Peter Kelly

REGRETS: Commissioner Steve Streach
Commissioner Sue Uteck

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13, 2011

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the minutes of June 13, 2011 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

8.1 2011 Citizen Satisfaction Survey – Information Report

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Municipal Court Endeavour - Update

Chief Beazley indicated that he hoped to have a research report from HRM legal staff at the next meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that this item be deferred to the August 8, 2011 meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.2 Attendance at the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference

Superintendent Beaton advised that, like the HRP, the RCMP could also fund one Commissioner to attend the upcoming CAPB conference in Regina.

The Board agreed that Commissioners Ruth and Uteck would attend the conference and thanked the HRP and RCMP for their help.

4.3 Domestic Violence

The Nova Scotia Domestic Violence Action Plan was submitted.

Chief Beazley provided a copy of the material circulated at the provincial meeting on the Domestic Violence Action Plan held in June. He also submitted an HRP document

which he reviewed for the record; noting that they receive approximately 162,000 calls per year regarding domestic violence which was about 1% of the total calls.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 HRP Policy – Extra Duty Employment and Off Duty Employment

A copy of the HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual, Items 14 & 16, were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the Extra Duty Employment Policy and Off Duty Employment Policy as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Chief Beazley noted that there were no changes from the previously approved policy.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

The June 2011 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton advised that the June 2011 RCMP reports were as submitted; noting June was a heavy month for training.

7.1.1 RCMP Budget Presentation

A Halifax District RCMP – Locations and Personnel document was submitted.

A presentation was submitted.

Inspector Joanne Crampton and Inspector Jeff Dowling provided the RCMP Budget Presentation.

A discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

As a result of a question posed by Commissioner Kelly, further information regarding the auxiliary member program was provided.

At the Board's request, the RCMP and HRP agreed to provide the Commissioners with quarterly budget updates in alignment with their internal quarterly budget reports.

7.2 HRP Reports

The June 2011 HRP Reports were before the Board.

An Information Report dated July 7, 2011 was submitted.

Chief Beazley advised that the June 2011 HRP reports were as submitted. He circulated further information regarding the Citizen Satisfaction Survey as requested by Commissioner Streach at the June meeting.

The Chair requested an update on crime from Chief Beazley.

Chief Beazley advised that there had been an increase in shootings in particular this year; noting there were 45 shooting reports in 2010 and there were already that many to date in 2011. He indicated that the police have seized 154 evidence guns since January 2011 which was on track with the total of 291 that were seized in 2010 and that there were 12 homicides in 2010 and 11 up until the end of June 2011; however, really only three involved firearms. Chief Beazley advised that the RCMP and HRP agree that the majority of these crimes involve the criminal drug element and that they were trying to identify these individuals and groups through crime analysis. He indicated that staff have been investigating new programs, which would be brought to the Board, that would entail talking to the community about firearms as analysis shows that many of the guns used in crime come from break and enters. Chief Beazley requested that residents look at how they are storing their weapons and, if they have no use for the guns, to turn them over to police or sell them to a legitimate collector.

7.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 7 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 7 was as submitted. He indicated that staff were exploring ways to get better community engagement and promote crime prevention messaging via a public safety blog which they hoped to have up and running in one month. He stated that the crime prevention series at the Canada Games Centre was a success and the 90 participants advised they would like to see more; noting that staff would roll out such a series in other divisions this fall; however, they were unsure of the format. In closing, Superintendent Spicer indicated that he was working with Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Public Health Officer, the Department of Justice, and the US Embassy to bring the director of the Chicago Ceasefire Association to meet with stakeholders in Halifax to try to start a modified program in HRM.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 2011 Citizen Satisfaction Survey – Information Report

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 5.

8.2 RCMP Annual Performance Plan

The Halifax District RCMP Annual Performance Plans 2011 – 2010 presentation was submitted.

Superintendent Beaton advised that RCMP staff were obliged to have this document reviewed by the Board and requested this matter be brought back to the August meeting for questions and comments.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 8, 2011

Commissioner Kelly suggested that the September meeting be held in the Preston area.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant