

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

August 13, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Michael Moreash

REGRETS: Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Steve Streach

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

A presentation was made to Mr. Elliott Kerrin and Mr. Geoffrey Johnston, citizens at large, who were awarded Certificates of Merit by Superintendent Sean Auld for aiding Halifax Regional Police in an altercation at the Quinpool Road Superstore in July.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the minutes of July 9, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The July 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that the July 2012 RCMP reports were as submitted.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the July 2012 RCMP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The July 2012 HRP Reports and Second Quarter Statistics were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the July 2012 HRP Reports and Second Quarter Statistics were as submitted. He then reviewed the Second Quarter Statistics.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the July 2012 HRP reports and Second Quarter Statistics as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The August 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was submitted.

The August 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was submitted for information as Superintendent Spicer had sent his regrets for the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the August 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Commissioner

7.2.1 Review of 2012 Board Objectives – Chair

The 2012 Board Objectives document was submitted.

The Board reviewed their 2012 Objectives as follows:

1. Prepare a Positive Bid to Host the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference

Commissioner Ruth indicated that this objective was on track; noting that she had secured their first sponsor.

2. Smooth out Board Transition to New Members

The Chair noted that this could be a consideration for the police as well. He wondered how the Board would be impacted by the upcoming Municipal Election.

Commissioner Uteck advised that there has been a discussion with Council about the transition and they were attempting to maintain consistency.

Chief Beazley and Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that they would make sure their orientation packages were ready for any new Board members as a result of the election.

3. Review the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence

This item was deferred to the September meeting for discussion with Superintendent Spicer.

4. Establishment of a Board Budget within the Existing HRP Budget

The Chair noted that this objective has been achieved and asked for further comment.

Commissioner Kelly stated it was his understanding that the Board was looking for a category in the overall budget for boards and committees so it would not come out of the Chief's operational but rather the overall budget. He stated there had been a discussion of how the Board wanted to bring up an amount.

Chief Beazley stated the Board may want to give this matter some thought for further budget discussions in the fall.

The Chair asked Commissioner Read to investigate and recommend an effective budget system for the board.

5. Communication/Public Relations Campaign for Public Engagement

Commissioner Uteck stated that Superintendent Spicer was doing an excellent job on this objective. She hoped that information could be released to the public with examples of how strong ties are in the integrated unit and what strides they were making.

Chief Beazley advised that they were currently working with Corporate Communications staff on Strategic Initiative communications and would have pieces to bring to the Board in the fall.

The Board agreed to await this information.

6. HRP Contract Negotiations

It was noted that this was an ongoing objective to be discussed In Camera as it was a Personnel Matter.

7.2.2 NSAPB Conference Attendees – Chair

It was noted that Commissioners Moreash, Ruth and possibly Gosse were interested in attending the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) Conference in September.

Chief Beazley indicated that he would contact Commissioner Read to find out if he was also interested in attending.

7.2.3 Updates

The Chair stated that he and Commissioner Ruth would be going to the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference on August 15, 2012.

Commissioner Ruth indicated that she had attended her first NSAPB board meeting the week prior.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera, as required, to consider the following matters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1 In Camera Minutes – July 9, 2012

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.2 Personnel Matter - RCMP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.3 Personnel Matter - HRP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 10, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant