



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
July 25, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair  
Commissioner Steve Graham, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Stephen Adams  
Commissioner Steve Craig  
Commissioner Jeff Mitchell

**REGRETS:** Commissioner Sylvia Parris  
Commissioner Ed MacMaster

**STAFF:** Chief Jean-Michel Blais, HRP  
Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman, RCMP  
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, HRP  
Ms. Katherine Salsman, Solicitor  
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bpc/160725bopc-agenda.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m., and adjourned at 1:53 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair called the meeting to order in the Rotunda of RCMP H – Division Headquarters, 80 Garland Ave, Burnside.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 20, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Craig, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell

**THAT the minutes of June 20, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

Item No. 10.1 - RFP P16-052 Halifax Regional Police Leased Accommodations

Item No. 10.2 - Update – NSCPA & NSAPG 2016 Fall Conference

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Graham,

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS  
6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 HRP/RCMP Combined Dashboard**

The following was before the Board:

- *The HRP/RCMP Combined Dashboard*

Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman, RCMP and Chief Jean-Michel Blais, HRP gave an overview of the HRP/RCMP Dashboard Report.

**The HRP/RCMP Combined Dashboard was received by the Board as submitted.**

**9.1.2 Chief's Report**

Chief Superintendent Bergerman, RCMP gave an overview of the Chief's Report. She delivered background information with respect to Halifax District RCMP's training activities and personnel statistics. She provided commentary on the following:

- A disturbing trend in the Cole Harbour and Lower Sackville areas with respect to Break and Enters and stolen property while homeowners are sleeping in the residences. She advised that the RCMP is stepping up resources in the area to address this issue.
- Noted a recent shooting in the Preston area resulting in no injuries and advised that the Criminal Investigation Division is currently investigating the matter.
- A public safety complaint in the Musquodoboit area which lead to an impaired driving charge.
- A drug warrant which lead to the seizure of 24 prohibited weapons including knives, firearms and a stun gun.
- The participation of the RCMP in the Stanley Cup parade for Sidney Crosby in Cole Harbour.
- Advised that Halifax is hosting the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police/Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance conference in Halifax and provided commentary with respect to a lecture on Fentanyl use. C/Supt Bergerman encouraged the participation of the Board at that conference.

In response to a question from Commissioner Graham, Inspector Martin Marin noted that the recent shooting activities in the Preston are due to internal strife between groups known to one another and that the general public is not being targeted. He advised that RCMP have stepped up resources in the area and are being quite diligent in addressing the matter.

Chief Blais gave an overview of the Chief's report. He delivered background information with respect to HRP's training activities and personnel statistics. He provided further commentary on the following:

- The upcoming Nova Scotia Chief of Police/Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance conference as noted by Chief Superintendent Bergerman. Advised that there will be a facilitated session with respect to Police Board Governance which may be of interest to Board members.
- Noted the addition of nine lateral police officers to the HRP who are currently undergoing training. He advised that the swearing in ceremony will take place at Halifax City Hall on July 28, 2016.
- A four day training session for new Sargent's (front line supervisors) to assist with supervising responsibilities and leadership development. He advised that this will be expanded to include Constables on the Sargent's promotion list.
- HRP charged two youth aged 15 and 17 in connection with homicide of Joseph Cameron. He noted that HRP are diligently working on the three unsolved homicides of 2016.
- Noted that HRP and RCMP had charged 81 impaired drivers over the month of May.
- Provided an overview of pedestrian and vehicle collision statistics for the month of June.
- Noted HRP and RCMP presence at the Royal Nova Scotia Tattoo.
- Commented HRP's involvement in the Sports Pals program in conjunction with Dalhousie University.
- Noted HRP and RCMP's involvement in the HRM Pride Parade and noted that both agencies will have a presence at the Natal Day Parade.
- Gave an overview of the upcoming 24th Annual Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement conference which will take place in Halifax in October.
- Noted a release provided to the media and the Board respecting recent sexual assault allegations by Taxi drivers in HRM as well as the discovery and removal of explosives at a construction site in Larry Uteck Boulevard.
- Noted ongoing work by HRP staff in relation to tracking down misplaced evidence identified from the Drug Exhibit Audit. He further noted that an update will be provided to the Board once the work is complete.

In response to a question from Commissioner Adams, Chief Blais advised that HRP analytics as well as the Diversity Coordinator will reviewing how suspect descriptions are to be provided to the public. He commented that HRP would like ensure that suspect descriptions are culturally appropriate while being as succinct as possible.

In response to a question in relation to auditing, Chief Blais provided an overview of the all of the audits conducted by Halifax Regional Police over the past ten years which were provided to the Board. He commented that once the current review of the Exhibit Audit is complete, the Board will receive a full de-brief. He advised that further information on any of the other Audit's that have been conducted can be provided to the Board if requested.

Further discussion among the Board ensued in relation to the benefits of Community Policing and strong public relations.

### **9.1.3 Bi-Monthly Strategic Plan Update**

The following was before the Board:

- *The Bi-Month Strategic Plan Updated – July 2016.*

Chief Blais gave an overview of the Bi-Monthly Strategic Plan Updated and noted the arrival of HRP's new research coordinator Dr. Chris Giacomantonio in August.

In response to a follow up question from Commissioner Graham, Chief Blais commented that leadership training includes practical leadership accountabilities and responsibilities, quality assurance and policy adherence.

## **9.2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS - NONE**

## **10. ADDED ITEMS**

### **10.1 RFP P16-052 Halifax Regional Police Leased Accommodations**

The following was before the Board:

- *An information report dated June 20, 2016*
- *A copy of Regional Council report dated June 28, 2016 – For Information Only*

Chief Blais gave an overview of the information report dated June 20, 2016 and responded to questions from the Board in relation to the RFP.

Further discussion ensued in relation to the procedures of the Board of Police Commissioners in reviewing reports prior to Councils approval, if warranted and the roles and responsibilities of the Board in providing administrative oversight.

### **10.2 Update – NSCPA & NSAPG 2016 Fall Conference**

Commissioner Walker gave an update with respect to the upcoming Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police and Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance 2016 Fall Conference, September 7-9, 2016 and encouraged participation from Board members. He advised that Registration forms will be sent to the members through the Municipal Clerk's Office.

## **11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 19, 2016**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Liam MacSween  
Legislative Assistant