

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
January 8, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker

REGRETS: Commissioner James Perrin
Councillor Krista Snow

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
STAFF: 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.

Councillors Johns and Mosher were presented with retirement badges and thanked for their service and contributions as members of the Board.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Councillor Russell Walker was sworn in as a member of the Board. Councillor Snow was not in attendance and will be sworn in at the February meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

John Dunlop Memorial Award - Cst. J.D. McKinnon

Mr. Fred Honsberger, Executive Director, Correctional Services, Department of Justice, presented Const. John D. McKinnon with the John Dunlop Memorial Award in recognition of his work within the community.

Chief Beazley and Ms. Roane congratulated Mr. McKinnon on his receipt of the award.

Chief's Commendation Presentations

At the request of Chief Beazley this item was deferred to the February meeting..

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 27, 2006

MOVED by Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the minutes of November 27, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

- 5.1 Chief Beazley - Police resource consulting proposal
- 5.2 Chief Beazley - Ministers task force on safer streets and communities

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Gouthro, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REPORTS

4.1 HRP Recognition Review Board - 2007

Chief Beazley noted there is a review board that looks at all recognition or recommendations for such things as Chief's commendations and letters of recognition. Traditionally a member of the Board would sit on that committee and he was seeking a volunteer from the Board to sit as a Board representative on this committee. Commissioner McCluskey volunteered to sit on the committee.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Chief Beazley - Police Resource Consulting Proposal

The chief circulated a report entitled "Terms of Reference: Police Resource Consulting Proposal" noting the Board was asked to review the HRM policing services with a view to developing an effective long term resource strategy for the policing services and submit a report to Council. The Board was also tasked to assess the impact of any changes to the service delivery model of policing resulting from upcoming negotiations of the NS Provincial Policing contract and submit a report to Council.

Chief Beazley requested members of the Board review the terms of reference and prior to the next meeting, communicate any issues or thoughts on the terms to Mr. English, CAO, Ms. Roane, Supt. Barnett and himself. If there are any changes they will be made prior to next meeting.

Once the terms of reference are approved, HRM will then develop an RFP to seek an outside consulting firm to do the research on behalf of the Board. Staffing resources will be provided from HRM to do the research and prepare a report for Council. He noted he and Supt. Barnett will be there to support the protocol but will not actively participate.

In response to Commissioner Roane, Chief Beazley advised the process would be the Board would approve the terms of reference and then direct the CAO's office to move forward with the preparation of the RFP.

5.2 Chief Beazley - Ministers Task Force On Safer Streets and Communities

Chief Beazley advised the Minister of Justice has formed a task force and directed it to help him develop a provincial crime prevention strategy. The direction he has given the task force is to gather ideas and information on community programs, legislation, government services and policing initiatives that currently exist in Nova Scotia that are believed to be helpful and effective in addressing and preventing crime in communities.

He noted the Minister is looking to identify best practices and promote programs and actions that are making a positive impact on communities in Nova Scotia, highlight best practices and legislation being used in other areas of the country and abroad for consideration and identify ways to support communities which are making efforts to address situations that have a negative impact on their neighbourhoods.

Chief Beazley advised a meeting will take place to identify community issues and how they are being dealt with. He noted all meetings and consultation will be completed culminating in a report to be written by May 29th. He advised Mayor Kelly is contemplating something similar but will focus on violent crime.

Chief Beazley asked that if the Board knows of any persons or groups that should come to the focus groups and participate to provide him with the contact information.

Chief Beazley requested this be an ongoing agenda item and he will provide monthly updates.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:31 p.m

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant