

Halifax Board of Police Commissioners - Objectives for 2013

Introduction:

The main intent of this list of objectives is to highlight the specific items unique to this year that have to be dealt with in 2013. There was no intent to list all of the standing terms of responsibility of the board or to drill down into the ongoing objectives, responsibilities, and duties of the HRP and RCMP. Our overriding and ongoing responsibility/objective of the board is to provide civilian governance in regard to strategic policy planning and policy driven budget planning for police service delivery within HRM by the HRP, and to carry out an advisory role in respect of police matters within HRM serviced by RCMP. The objectives listed below are simply meant for planning purposes for the immediate year.

Suggested objectives are as follows:

1. Progress preparations for hosting the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference, in particular host the 2013 breakfast

Background: At a fall 2011 meeting the Halifax board decided to offer to host the CAPB conference for 2012 or 2013. That was communicated to CAPB who suggested that 2014 may be a year when our bid would be received favourably. The bid was accepted for 2014 and financial commitments honoured. For this year we will need to continue liaison with the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) and CAPB in preparing for hosting this conference. We will also have to host the 2013 breakfast on the final day of the conference.

2. Review the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence

Review the outcome of the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence to get the status of what needs to be done in order to complete the recommendations and to come up with a strategy to move those issues forward.

3. Inclusion of the Board Budget in the CAO's

It was decided at a Dec 2012 meeting that this budget be set in place for 2013. This needs to be finally established in 2013.

4. Communication/Public Relations Campaign for Public Engagement

A public relations campaign to aid in the work already being done by the Public Safety Office to get the public further engaged in taking back their communities. To come up with ideas to further engage the public and develop a communications plan.

5. HRP Contract Negotiations

We are approaching the point where contract negotiations need to be dealt with in a concrete manner. For 2013 the board will need to firmly establish its role in those negotiations and have that role understood and agreed to well before negotiations.

6. Provide input to the Chief's 10 Year Plan

Chief Blais has stated that he intended establishing a 10 year plan for HRP and will need board participation.

7. Conduct 2013 Strategic Planning

Possibility of strategic planning was discussed in 2012. 2013 may be the year to undertake this process.