

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. Adams
Comm. North
Comm. Harvey
Comm. Hetherington

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Chief Beazley, HRP
Supt. Chris McNeil, HRP
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP
Mr. Dennis Kelly, Nova Scotia, Department of Justice
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Deputy Chief Barss, HRP

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Meeting called to order by the Chair at 12:40 p.m., Training Room, City Hall.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Added Items lists were circulated, together a copy of the 2002 Annual Report, Organized Crime in Canada.

The following additions were made to the agenda:

Under New Business, Item 4.2 - Recognition Board (Deputy Chief Beazley)

Under New Business (RCMP), Item 6.1 - Sexual Assault Investigation Team (SAIT) - Inspector Fraser

Under Added Items:

Item 7.1 - Request HECC for update on the Status of the Pawn Shop By-law.

Item 7.2 - Status Sheet

Item 7.3 - CISC - 2002 Annual Report (Organized Crime in Canada)

Added Information Items:

C CAPB Bulletin #63 Re Federal Government Releases - Consultation Document on Lawful Access & Lawful Access Consultation Paper

C Information pertaining to an International Conference on Policing and Security, previously referred to in the CAPB's Bulletin #59.

The agenda was adopted, as circulated, on a motion of Comm. Adams and Comm. Hetherington.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 19 and 27 meetings were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Comm. Adams and Comm. Hetherington.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 POLICE STUDY

The Chair asked if anyone present had any concerns regarding the Police Study.

Inspector Fraser noted that the RCMP had an opportunity to question and comment previously, thus they have little to comment upon at this time.

Supt. McNeil referred to discussions between the HRP and RCMP about making a joint submission from a policing perspective.

Comm. Adams posed a question to Inspector Fraser about an extra \$600,000 identified as surplus. Inspector Fraser will look into and report back as an information item.

4. NEW BUSINESS (HRP)

4.1 2003 CAPB CONFERENCE

The Chair reflected on the attendance of three of the Board's members to the 2002 CAPB Conference in Ottawa. He noted how well run the Conference had been. He recalled that it was agreed that the 2003 Conference would be hosted in Halifax. Efforts to organize the Conference should not be overlooked.

Comm. Harvey advised that he had an opportunity to speak with Mike Gillett, Coordinator Civic Events and Festivals. Mr. Gillett, along with Supt. McNeil are both heavily involved with the Police Chiefs Conference held subsequent to the CAPB Conference. Mr. Gillett has agreed to assist the Board. Similarly, Supt. McNeil is willing to help. Mr. Gillett has been supplied the contact numbers for Wendy Fedec, Executive Director, CAPB to determine what exactly is expected of the Board in its role as host.

It was concluded that this should be an item on upcoming agendas. It was requested that Mr. Gillett attend the next meeting to provide an update.

4.2 RECOGNITION BOARD

Deputy Chief Beazley noted that Comm. MacVicar had been the Board's representative on the Recognition Board. He was seeking a volunteer to attend the meetings, chaired by the Deputy Chief, every three months to replace Comm. MacVicar.

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Adams that Comm. Gregory North be the Board's representative on the Recognition Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)

6.1 SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION TEAM (SAIT)

Inspector Fraser reported on a trial one year project, involving a two officer team employed full time to deal with sexual assaults involving both children and adults. The program will be monitored closely and a decision made on whether to continue it following the trial period. He noted that the HRP has a dedicated team already. It is recognized that there is a need for consistency in this area. It is an area that the Police Study highlights as needing improvement. He advised that nine individuals have expressed interest in joining the team. Results will be provided to the Commission.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the better rapport the HRP have established with agencies since as Avalon, since the HRP established a dedicated team and conducted training. It was noted that the RCMP has been invited to courses put on in association with the SANE Program scheduled for this fall and spring.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 HECC - PAWNSHOP BYLAW

- C Memo dated September 6, 2002 from Harbour East Community Council regarding a motion requesting an update on the status of the Pawnshop By-law. Information Report requested by their October 3, 2002 meeting.

Deputy Chief Beazley referred to a draft Pawnshop By-law prepared with Barry Allen's assistance. Reference was made to contact with the Provincial Department of Justice. It was noted that a Committee has been struck to put together provincial wide legislation re pawnshops, flea markets, etc. A presentation of the new provincial draft will be made at the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Conference in October. Deputy Chief Beazley will endeavour to get a copy of the draft to the members.

Mr. Kelly indicated that he did not feel the Flea Market Act failed, but enforcement aspects of the Act need to be improved and a Committee has been meeting regularly in this regard.

Concern was expressed by Comm. Hetherington regarding the sale of drug paraphernalia at flea markets. A discussion ensued on whether there were any Federal, Provincial or Municipal laws to deal with this. He noted that he has seen police officers walk through the flea markets, but no action is taken against the vendors. He therefore wondered if their sale

was legal. If under the Criminal Code, why isn't something done about the practice. Deputy Chief Beazley indicated he will look into the situation.

7.2 STATUS SHEET

A copy of the updated status sheet was circulated.

8. STATISTICS

8.1 VICTIM SERVICES

Copies of the July Statistics Report and Victim Services Counsellor Monthly Statistics had been circulated in the agenda package.

9. NEXT MEETING

Since the regularly scheduled meeting falls on Thanksgiving, it was decided to hold the next meeting, Monday, October 7.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to meet in camera, on motion of Comm. Adams and Comm. Hetherington.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk