

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2002

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Chief Beazley, HRP, Acting Police Chief  
Supt. Chris McNeil, HRP  
Supt. Tony Burbridge, HRP  
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP  
Mr. Robert Eyre, Policing and Victim Services, NS Dept. of Justice  
Mr. Barry Allen, Solicitor  
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Robert Eyre, Policing Services Consultant, Policing and Victim Services, Nova Scotia Department of Justice, who is replacing Mr. Dennis Kelly following restructuring, was introduced.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The following additions were made to the agenda:

Item 4.3 - Media Releases (Comm. Hetherington)

Item 6.1 - ATV Team (Supt. Ferguson)

Information Item 2, complaints associated with the demonstration against the G7 Finance Ministers meeting, transferred to the In Camera session.

**MOVED BY Comm. Adams and seconded by Comm. Hetherington that the agenda be adopted as revised. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY Comm. Adams and seconded by Comm. Hetherington that the minutes of the September 9, 2002 be adopted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

3.1 **2003 CAPB CONFERENCE - UPDATE**

The Clerk advised that Mr. Gillett, Coordinator, Civic Events and Festivals was unable to attend today's meeting as he is on vacation. It is his intention to attend the Board's November meeting.

Supt. McNeil advised the Board that he has been in contact with Mr. Gillett. Mr. Gillett indicated the organization of the few events the Board is responsible for will not be too taxing.

3.2 **SALE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - FLEA MARKETS**

Deputy Chief Beazley advised the situation is being looked into. Essentially he noted that their sale is looked at from different points of view in the courts. Police have been warning vendors that they could be in violation and these articles should be taken off the shelf and if they continue to be displayed, they could be charged.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **CAUSEWAY BAY COMPANIES OFFER TOWARDS KEEPING POLICE SERVICES ON GOTTINGEN STREET**

5. Correspondence between the Mayor and Mr. Pe-Tse, Causeway Bay Companies Ltd. related to an offer of \$50,000 to continue a one year policing project in the area of Uniacke and Brunswick Street.

Both Deputy Chief Beazley and Supt. McNeil explained to the Board why they could not recommend accepting Causeway Bay Companies' offer to pay salaries.

It was suggested that Police Services propose to Mr. Keung that he provide the \$50,000 to the Gottingen Street Business Commission for use towards crime prevention. Staff will follow-up and report back to the Board.

4.2 **WHITE PAPER ON POLICING**

6. Correspondence from Alex Steeves, Acting Executive Director, Policing and Victim Services, N.S. Department of Justice entitled "White Paper on Policing" to which an overview of the outcomes of the initiative were attached.

Deputy Chief Beazley noted that this is essentially an information item. He referred to the connections with the Police Study.

4.3 **MEDIA RELEASES**

Comm. Hetherington expressed concern that the media releases from the RCMP are no longer being forwarded. Supt. Ferguson indicated this practice should not have been discontinued. He will ensure that the practice is resumed.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

5.1 **POLICE STUDY - VERBAL REPORT**

Inspector Fraser was not in attendance to respond to the question posed at the last meeting by Comm. Adams re \$600,000 identified as surplus in the Police Study. Supt. Ferguson advised the Board that they are looking into the matter with Betty MacDonald. Item deferred to November.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

6.1 **ATV TEAM**

Supt. Ferguson referred to the RCMP's ATV Team who commenced work the middle of September. He reported to date the program has had good success particularly the education aspect. This is demonstrated in the reduced number of ATVs observed on the roads. He felt he should give an update as there has been coverage of the team in the newspapers.

Comm. Hetherington noted that Dartmouth By-laws don't permit ATVs on municipal property. Barry Allen confirmed that this by-law is still enforceable.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

As identified earlier, two added information items were circulated at the meeting related to the following:

8. October APB
9. A communique from the CAPB related to a reminder of the seminar on police and private agencies being held November 15, 2002 in Brampton, Ont.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES - STATISTICS REPORT - AUGUST 2002**

The Victim Services August 2002 Statistics Report and Counsellor Monthly Statistics were provided in the agenda package.

9. **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

It was decided to hold the next meeting, Monday, November 18, as the regular meeting date falls on Remembrance Day.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Adams.

The meeting reconvened following the in camera session to ratify a motion related to HRP Management.

Lynne Le Boutillier  
Assistant Municipal Clerk