

# **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Comm. Bryson, Chair  
Comm. Harvey  
Comm. Monard

**ALSO PRESENT:** Acting Deputy Chief Burbridge  
Acting Deputy Chief McNeil  
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP  
Mr. Robert Eyre, Policing & Victim Services, NS. Dept. of Justice  
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

**ABSENT:** Comm. Adams (regrets)  
Comm. Hetherington (regrets)  
Comm. North (regrets)  
Acting Chief Frank Beazley (regrets)

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

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

A/Deputy Chief McNeil requested item 4.3 - Interim Fee Schedule be added to the agenda.

The revised agenda was adopted by consensus.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY Comm. Monard and seconded by Comm. Harvey that the November 18, 2002 minutes be adopted, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 2003 CAPB CONFERENCE**

It was noted that a meeting with Wendy Feduc, Executive Director, CAPB was held a week ago re the organization of the 2003 Annual Meeting and Conference to be held in Halifax. A Committee was struck of Comm. Monard, incoming Comm. Blumenthal, Peter Astephen, Mike Gillett and A/Deputy Chief McNeil. A/Deputy Chief McNeil confirmed that a financial contribution in the order of \$5,000 to \$7,000 to host one of the events is required. He has set aside these funds in the Police Services budget. A meeting is planned for January to develop an agenda.

**3.2 NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS - TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

In addition to Comm. Monard, the Chair, Supt. Ferguson and Comm. North attended the workshop. The turnout from both the HRM and various parts of the province was excellent.

One of the subjects of discussion was the need for a proper method of evaluation of Police Chiefs. A template is to be developed and an evaluation process.

A/Deputy Chief McNeil noted that in the case of the HRP, the evaluation of the Chief has been conducted by the CAO. He noted that the Police Study addresses how the Board's input could be incorporated into the process.

The Chair anticipated that the subject will be raised at the next Association meeting.

**3.3 UPDATE ON THE REPORT "IN SEARCH OF SECURITY: THE ROLES OF PUBLIC POLICE AND PRIVATE AGENCIES"**

11. Letter to the Chair dated November 19, 2002 from Christopher Murphy dated November 19, 2002
12. Copy of correspondence from the Downtown Halifax Business Commission to A/Chief Beazley re report done for the Law Commission of Canada

A/Deputy Chief McNeil advised that HRP staff have started a review of the Discussion Paper submitted by the Law Commission of Canada. At the last meeting it was proposed that a joint submission of the Board and HRP might be made.

Reference was made to the correspondence from Dr. Murphy and whether the Board should respond. The Chair indicated he has tried to contact Dr. Murphy on several occasions to no avail.

**4. NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

**4.1 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

13. e-mail dated November 25, 2002 regarding Regional Council's appointments to the Board for the members' information.

The e-mail advises the current Councillor appointments have been extended to March 31, 2003. Councillor Blumenthal and Deputy Mayor McInroy have been appointed from March 2003 to November 2004 and Councillor Smith from March 2003 to November 2005.

**4.2 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS**

14. Membership Renewal Form
15. 2002 Annual Conference Report
16. Information pertaining to the 2003 CAPB Annual Meeting and Conference

The Secretary will forward a cheque and completed renewal form to the CAPB.

**4.3 INTERIM FEE SCHEDULE**

17. Report dated December 9, 2002 re Interim Fee Schedule from A/Deputy Chief McNeil.

In reviewing the report, A/Deputy Chief McNeil indicated that it was probably time to review

the entire fee structure/schedule of Police Services. He felt such a schedule should be brought to the Board for review and approval. In the interim, a fee structure associated with three elements related to motor vehicle accidents was recommended.

In response to a query, Supt. Ferguson indicated he believed the RCMP charges for only reconstructions of an accident.

During discussion of the report, which dealt with the recovery of basic costs of standard services associated with access to motor vehicle accident reports, concern was expressed that if the recommended fee structure was adopted, inconsistencies with charges levied by the RCMP and HRP might result. Supt. Ferguson referred to the situation associated with security checks and the fact this is still an outstanding issue.

Referring to the Policy Study, Comm. Harvey felt the recommendations should only be approved subject to the concern about inconsistencies being passed on to implementation committee associated with the Policy Study, as being something which has to be resolved. A/Deputy Chief McNeil indicated he could bring to their attention.

**MOVED BY Comm. Harvey and seconded by Comm. Monard that the following recommendations be approved in principle and sent to the Police Study Steering Committee to resolve the issue of inconsistencies in fees. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1. **MV Accident reports taken at police locations with no additional work required. Cost - \$28.75 (cover basic costs)**
2. **HRP officers attend accident scene minor/moderate accident. (Usually requires statements, investigation and may require additional officers). Cost - \$250.00**
3. **Accident Investigation Unit/Reconstruction Cost - \$1,500.00**
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**
- 5.1 **POLICE STUDY - REPORT RE \$600,000 SURPLUS**

Supt. Ferguson reported that he has raised the subject with Betty MacDonald and Comm. Adams to try to identify the \$600,000. In the absence of Comm. Adams, he requested that the item be deferred to the January meeting.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

**7. ADDED ITEMS**

See Item 1.

**8. STATISTICS**

**8.1 VICTIM SERVICES - STATISTICS REPORT AND COUNSELLOR MONTHLY STATISTICS**

The October 2002 Victim Services Statistics Report and Counsellor Monthly Statistics were circulated in the agenda package.

**9. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2002.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. on motion of Comm. Monard and Comm. Harvey to meet in Camera.

Lynne LeBoutillier  
Assistant Municipal Clerk