

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

March 7, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Jim Perrin
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Russell Walker

REGRETS: Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley
Deputy Chief McNeil
Inspector Brad Sullivan, RCMP
Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER -

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 11, 2008

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of February 11, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

- 5.1 Halifax Regional Police Report - Commissioners agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda
- 5.2 RCMP Report - Commissioners agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda
- 5.3 Police Resourcing Study Update - Commissioners agreed to remain at the end of the In Camera Session to discuss the processes of the meeting.

5.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE REPORT - Chief Beazily

Chief Beazily advised the Board that both he and Superintendent Barnett would like to present a year end report on crime statistics from HRM. He went to state that he would speak to the Halifax Regional Police Crimes Report while Superintendent Barnett will speak to the RCMP report. He noted the following:

- < Both reports are good news reports from a crime perspective
- < Numbers are down on all types of crimes with the exception of prostitution and other Criminal Codes offences (Project Breach is driving these numbers up)
- < Drug enforcement is up
- < Enforcement of Provincial Statutes is up
- < Criminal Code matters in relation with traffic are up, collisions are up - 18 fatalities region wide which is not a good news story

Chief Beazily then went on to give a break down of the numbers per districts.

5.2 RCMP Report

Superintendent Barnett gave an overview of the Halifax District of the RCMP of where they were at, at the year end 2007 as opposed to the year end 2006 noting the following:

- < crimes against persons is down
- < property crimes - decrease in numbers by about 3%
- < other Criminal Code offences decrease overall
- < other Provincial Statutes are down
- < collisions have increased with fatalities numbers increasing

Superintendent Barnett advised the Board that he would look into using the same terminology for the different crimes, i.e., moral crimes and prostitution.

Superintendent Barnett then went on to give a break down of the numbers per districts. He stated that Middle Musquodoboit was a new area and he could give an oral report and should the Board want a report on this area, he could provide it. He stated that the numbers were very low.

Superintendent Barnett explained that Directive Enforcement number's being "up" means "getting more people".

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 City Watch (Commissioner Snow) - deferred until April 14, 2008

4.2 Halifax Regional Police Volunteer Program - (Commissioner Snow)

Commissioner Snow advised that she had met with Chief Beazily and discussed this report dated February 11, 2008. This can now be removed from the agenda with the understanding that it can be raised again.

5. REPORTS

5.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE REPORT - Chief Beazily

Commissioners agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda. (See Page 3)

5.2 RCMP REPORT - Superintendent Barnett

Commissioners agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda (See Page 3)

5.3 Police Resourcing Study Update

The consultants of Perivale and Taylor met with the Commissioners on February 29, 2008 to discuss the shape of the report that they are drafting. The consultants will now complete

their draft of the report. The Commissioners are asked to stay behind to discuss the next steps of the Study.

As the results of questions, the RFP for this contract and Strategic Goal # 3 will be redistributed.

Just for clarification, it was noted that Commissioner Snow and Commissioner Walker were selected to sit on the Selection Committee and this is why other members of the Board did not have copies of the above mentioned documents. Commissioner Snow and Commissioner Walker would have received their copies at the Selection Committee.

5.4 Sex Industry - Safety and Stabilization (Councillor Snow)

Commissioner Snow advised that she and other Council members had been emailed this document. She feels that it is not a matter for Council nor the Board but should be a police matter. It was agreed to forward the document onto Chief Beazily and Superintendent Barnett to deal with it on an operational level.

5.5 Fred Sandford, Director of Public Safety Investigations, Department of Justice - Deferred until April 14, 2008

6. ADDED ITEMS - None

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant