

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 9, 2008

PRESENT:

Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Russel Walker
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Beverly Peters
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

STAFF:

Superintendent Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Officer in Charge
Of Patrol Personnel
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil, HRP
Mr. Dan English, CAO
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner McCluskey called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Beverley Peters was sworn in as a member of the Board.

Mr. Douglas MacDonald was affirmed as a member of the Board.

Former members Ms. Terry Roane and Mr. William Walker will be contacted so that they can be presented with retirement badges and thanked for their service and contributions as members of the Board.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations received for Chair were Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Hill declined the nomination.

MOVED BY Commission Perrin seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that Commissioner Walker be elected as Chair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Nominations received for Vice Chair were Commissioner Snow and Commissioner MacCluskey. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Snow indicated that she would bow out. Commissioner MacCluskey will remain as Vice Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 12, 2008

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the minutes of May 12, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

ADDITIONS:

6.1 Fireworks

MOVED BY Commissioner MacCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that the order of Business be approved, as amended.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 *Bill 129 Trade Union Act Amendments*

Chief Beazily advised the Board of the impacts of this new legislation. Discussion ensued with Staff noting that this Bill could introduce legislation that would include minimum manning provisions and transfer of personnel issues. Members would like to have a chance to look at this legislation. Chief Beazily agreed to forward a copy of this Legislation to the Clerk's office.

MOVED BY Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner Peters that the matter of Bill 129 Trade Union Act Amendments be deferred to the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

Mr. English advised the Commission that Superintendent Barnett is retiring. HRM has had a great working relationship over the last four years and he, personally has enjoyed working with Superintendent. The Commissioners agreed that Superintendent Barnett would be missed.

Mr. Dan English left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

5. REPORTS

5.1 HRP REPORTS

Statistical Reports for the Month of May were before the Board for their review.

Chief Beazily advised the Board that the reports for May, 2008 were before them, noting that:

- Charges issued for cell phone use while driving were 60 and are climbing

- an education period for pan handling issues will be held for a short period of time before any charges will be laid

5.2 RCMP REPORTS

Statistical Reports for the Month of May were before the Board for their review.

Superintendent Barnett advised the Board that the reports for May, 2008 were before them and would answer any questions that the Board may have.

He also presented the Commission Performance Plan to the Board. He asked the Board Members to take the plan, review it, make any changes if need be and bring it back to the next meeting.

MOVED BY Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that this matter be deferred to the the next meeting of the Board.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Fireworks

Councillor Walker indicated that Fireworks that could be bought in corner stores were a menace to his community. He went on to say that they could be bought at any corner store at prices that were so low that anyone could buy them in quantity. They were being used without any regard for other people or property. Discussion ensued with Staff advising that the best course of action would be for Staff to bring a report on this matter back to the Board.

6.2 RCMP Office in Eastern Passage

Councillor Walker asked Staff to meet with Councillor Barkhouse to discuss this matter. A full report on RCMP Office in Eastern Passage will be ready to come back next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is July 21, 2008. **Please note the change in the date from the regularly scheduled meeting time.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to In Camera at 1:30 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant