

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**April 19, 2010**

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair  
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Bill Karsten  
Commissioner James Perrin  
Commissioner Earl Gosse  
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police  
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police  
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP  
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - March 29, 2010**

**MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the minutes of March 29, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Update on Recent Shootings - Commissioner McCluskey
- 8.2 Correspondence from Ms. Jennifer Lanzon, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Police Boards - Commissioner McCluskey

**MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Parking Ticket Statistics**

- The Parking Ticket Statistics were before the Board.

The Chair indicated that the Parking Ticket Statistics had been provided by Deputy Chief Burbridge as requested by the Board.

It was noted that there are no metered parking areas in the RCMP Halifax Division area of HRM.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**5.1 Secretariate**

The Chair advised that the Board needed to decide what Perivale and Taylor Report recommendations to implement.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **5.2 Board Membership Terms - Commissioner Karsten**

Commissioner Karsten indicated that while he realized that the terms of all Councillors on the Board had been extended to November 2010, he respectfully suggested that the Board send a request to Regional Council that at least one Councillor remain past this date in order to obtain continuity.

It was noted that the HRM Membership Selection Committee governed the Board's composition along with the Police Act which outlined a two year membership.

Chief Beazley advised that he had written to the province to request that they review the Police Act and consider allowing extensions for Councillors sitting on the Board in order to obtain continuity. He stated that there had also been a discussion involving the appointment of women and minorities on the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that he would follow up on this matter.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **6.1 Correspondence - None**

### **6.2 Petitions - None**

### **6.3 Presentations - None**

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 RCMP Reports**

C The March 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that he had included the number of officers in his training report and had also included a volunteer report in keeping with the HRP submissions.

The RCMP reports were tabled as submitted.

### **7.2 HRP Reports**

C The March 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

The HRP reports were tabled as submitted.

### **7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer**

C The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 4 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer submitted public safety bookmarks for the purpose of being handed out at crime prevention events as well as door hangings to alert residents as to when community watch meetings were being held. He indicated that he could supply Councillors with these items for distribution in their Districts.

Commissioner Karsten expressed concern that old and faded Neighbourhood Watch signs in his District no longer acted as a crime deterrent as it became obvious to criminals that no prevention was taking place.

Superintendent Spicer advised that he would deal with this matter.

Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton will hold a Neighbourhood Watch presentation in Commissioner Karsten's District in order to encourage participation in this initiative.

Superintendent Spicer will organize this presentation.

## **8. ADDED ITEMS**

### **8.1 Update on Recent Shootings - Commissioner McCluskey**

Chief Beazley advised that he had Superintendent Beaton had met with the Minister of Justice, Mayor Kelly and select leaders within the African Nova Scotian community regarding the recent shootings in HRM. He indicated that there had been increased activity and what made the situation difficult was that the police were dealing with more than one group. Chief Beazley noted that he did feel comfortable in stating that virtually all the activity was between people who know each other or are related. Chief Beazley advised the Board that the HRP and RCMP were approaching the issue from a long term police safety perspective. He stated that they were also using a different approach through the use of public safety warrants and noted that police had been taking more guns off the street this year.

Superintendent Beaton noted that the police were trying to balance public safety and reassurance without jeopardizing their investigation. He stated that, despite the visible RCMP presence in Preston, shootings were still occurring.

Commissioner McCluskey expressed concern for the safety of officers as the shootings were so brazen. She stated that local ministers should get involved as this violence was beginning at a young age and children needed guidance.

A discussion on public communication ensued.

**8.2 Correspondence from Ms. Jennifer Lanzon, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Police Boards - Commissioner McCluskey**

Chief Beazley advised that a submission had already been made regarding this matter.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for May 10, 2010.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory  
Legislative Assistant