



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
April 14, 2014**

PRESENT: Commissioner Micki Ruth, Chair
Commissioner Phillip Read, Vice Chair
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Michael Moreash

REGRETS: Commissioner Barry Dalrymple
Commissioner Tim Outhit
Commissioner Fred Honsberger

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais, HRP
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, HRP
Inspector Trish MacCormack, RCMP
Ms. Ashley Dutcher, Solicitor

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bpc/140414bopcAgenda.html>*

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. the Committee adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

▪ **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair Board of Police Commissioners**

Due to the absence of several Commissioners it was determined by the Board that the Election of Chair and Vice Chair be moved to the next meeting to be held on May 12, 2014.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Mosher that the election of chair be deferred to the next meeting to be held on May 12, 2014. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 17, 2014 & March 20, 2014

Deputy Chief Moore noted a grammatical error on page 6 of the March 17, 2014 minutes.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the minutes be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

There were no additions/deletions to the agenda.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the agenda be approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - NONE

6.3.1 Title

7. REPORTS

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 HRP Dashboard Reports

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- HRP Bi-Weekly Dashboard Report to March 23, 2014
- HRP Bi-Weekly Dashboard Report to April 6, 2014

The HRP Dashboard Reports were received by the Board as submitted.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- *HRP Reports, March 2014*

The HRP Reports were received by the Board as submitted.

7.1.3 RCMP Dashboard Reports

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- The RCMP Dashboard Reports dated April 16, 2014

Inspector Trish MacCormack noted that checkpoints have been increased in RCMP districts with respect to impaired driving and cell phone usage while operating a motor vehicle. She further noted that the RCMP has been proactive in terms of cottage patrols. She remarked that during the month of March, Halifax District RCMP conducted a number of seasonal property patrols in forty-two communities with the use of ATV's, RCMP Air Services (Helicopter), patrol vehicles as well as foot patrols. She advised that RCMP Members left behind business cards at the cottages alerting owners of their presence. She explained that the month of May typically is opening of seasonal properties and this effort enables police to know when the cottage was last secure.

Commissioner Mosher noted concerns relayed to her regarding increases in Graffiti crime in Cole Harbour. Inspector MacCormack noted that she was unaware of this issue but will speak to the RCMP Member in that area to obtain more information on the matter.

7.1.4 RCMP Reports

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- *The RCMP Reports dated March, 2014*

The RCMP Reports were received by the Board as submitted.

7.1.5 HRP Public Safety Office Report

Staff Sargent Scott R. MacDonald commented that he did not have a written update but will have a written update available by the end of May after the review of the Public Safety Office. He noted that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. He commented on the media campaign and noted that radio interviews on that subject were conducted. He commented that this is a joint effort with the RCMP.

Staff Sargent MacDonald commented on the Ceasefire HRM Program. He explained that the Ceasefire HRM project will be operating for the next several years under the coordination of the Community Justice Society. He noted that the program is based on a proven violence reduction model known as Cure Violence that is run out of the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. He remarked that the HRM Public Safety Office supported the Department of Justice and the Community Justice Society throughout the process to bring the Ceasefire program to HRM and that activity with regard to the program will be forthcoming.

Further discussion ensued.

7.1.6 Naming of Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards Representative

It was determined by Commissioner Ruth that this item be deferred until the next meeting due to absences.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the Naming of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards Representatives be deferred to the May 12, 2014 meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.7 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Commissioner Ruth commented that she believes that the Police Services should let the status quo go with respect to the current Citizen Satisfaction Survey. She recommended that the Board put a small group together and look at alternative options to improve the survey. She commented that the Canadian Association Police Governance (CAPG) is a viable organization to utilize and work with other Police Commissions to find common goals. She commented that it may be beneficial to approach a company to conduct a new survey. She further noted that if the cost to conduct the survey are above \$1000.00, it would have to go out to tender to comply with procurement guidelines.

Commissioner Moreash inquired if the Board has missed the deadlines for a Request for proposals for a new survey, do opportunities still exist to explore the alternatives. Commissioner Ruth commented that there would have to be a quick turnaround on the survey. She commented that the Board may have to go with the status quo this year and then explore the alternatives for the next year.

Deputy Chief Moore inquired if there is a standing committee at Canadian Association of Police Governance to explore this issue. Commissioner Ruth replied that there is not, but she is going to make that suggestion.

Commissioner Read inquired if the Citizen Satisfaction Survey can be linked in with upcoming CAPG convention. Commissioner Ruth stated that it can be raised at the workshops and that the convention would be a good forum for that discussion.

7.2 Commissioner Updates

7.2.1 Updates

Commissioner Mosher provided an update with respect to the upcoming Charity Golf tournament for the Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference in August.

7.2.2 Commissioner Read – Progress update on Halifax Regional Police Foundation

Commissioner Read stated that the request for the approval of the Halifax Regional Police Foundation is targeted to go before Council in May and that the support of the elected Commissioners on the Board would be needed.

Commissioner Ruth noted that there has been discussion regarding the funds that will be collected as a result of the CAPG Charity Golf Tournament in August. She stated that the monies that are to be collected should be split between the Halifax Regional Police Foundation, pending the approval of the foundation from Regional Council, and the Stetson and Spurs program with the RCMP.

MOVED by Commissioner MOSHER, seconded by Commissioner READ that the donations received from the Charity Golf tournament be split between the Halifax Regional Police Foundation (pending approval from Regional Council) and the Stetsons and Spurs Program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Further discussion ensued.

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. IN CAMERA – NONE

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2014

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant