



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 17, 2016**

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Steve Graham, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Steve Adams
Commissioner Steve Craig
Commissioner Ed MacMaster
Commissioner Jeff Mitchell
Commissioner Sylvia Parris

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman, RCMP
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Mr. Jacques Dube, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Katherine Salsman, Solicitor
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bpc/161017bopc-agenda.php>*

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. and adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Russell Walker, Chair called the meeting to order in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

- **Introduction – Jason Popik, Inspector of East Operations, RCMP**

Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman, RCMP introduced Inspector Jason Popik, Inspector of East Operations, with the RCMP. Introductory comments among the Board ensued.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Craig

THAT the minutes of September 19, 2016 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

Commissioner MacMaster – Update on CAPG Webinar - Best Practices in Police Service Performance Measurement

MOVED by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Adams,

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 HRP/RCMP Combined Dashboard

The following was before the Board:

- *The HRP/RCMP Combined Dashboard report for October*

Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman, RCMP and Chief Jean-Michel Blais, HRP provided an overview of the HRP/RCMP Combined Dashboard report.

The HRP/RCMP Combined Dashboard report was received by the Board as submitted.

9.1.2 Chief's Report

Inspector Jeff Dowling, RCMP gave an overview of the Chief's report. He delivered background information with respect to the RCMP's training activities and personnel statistics, and community outreach activities. He noted the following:

- The RCMP have been investigating the recent rash of bomb threats, he advised that there have been no further threats received.
- The RCMP is stepping up enforcement and communication activities with respect to the recent rash of individuals dressing up like clowns and scaring people.

Chief Superintendent Bergerman noted the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement conference and thanked Commissioner Craig for his participation in the ceremony for Fallen Police Officers.

Chief Blais gave an overview of the Chief's report. He delivered background information with respect to HRP's training activities, personnel statistics, and community outreach activities. He provided commentary on the following:

- Annual block training for HRP will run from January to April 2017
- HRP and Halifax District RCMP have laid 51 impaired driving charges over the past month.
- HRP is conducting an Audit of Amber alert protocols the results of which will be circulated to the Board
- An update will be provided to the Board with respect to the new leased facility in Burnside.

In response to a question from the Board, Chief Blais commented that there is very robust interagency communication system in place as well as a two to three day strategic communications training program which is available for staff.

The Chief's Report was received by the Board as submitted.

9.1.3 Bi-monthly Strategic Plan Update

The following was before the Board:

- *The Bi-monthly Strategic Plan for October*

Chief Blais and Deputy Chief Moore, HRP provided an overview of the Bi-Monthly Strategic Plan report and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

The Bi-monthly Strategic Plan was received by the Board as submitted.

9.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS – NONE

9.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Commissioner MacMaster–Update on CAPG Webinar - Best Practices in Police Service Performance Measurement

Commissioner MacMaster provided an overview of the CAPG Best Practices in Police Service Performance Measurement webinar. He advised that it was very beneficial and covered topics such as the cost of policing vs. value of policing, ethics and professionalism, issue of media and confidence in

communicating police and police related information. He further advised that the webinar touched on the issue of how Police Boards can best communicate to the public.

Mr. Jacques Dube, Chief Administrative Officer provided further information with respect to Municipal Benchmarking Network and advised that he would be interested in gaining some advice and direction from the Board as to how to strengthen and improve benchmarking and best practices with respect to police services.

11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

11.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – September 19, 2016

The following motion was passed in public session:

MOVED by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Graham

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the In Camera minutes of September 19, 2016 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 12, 2016

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant