

**October 1, 2020**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

### **MEETING**

A virtual regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 1:00 PM via the platform zoom. There were technical difficulties that delayed the meeting to 1:15 PM.

### **PRESENT**

Chair B. Knight, Comms. S. Campbell, D. Taylor, B. Atkinson and N. Terris. Also present, Town Clerk S. Higdon, and Police Chief M. Hobeck.

### **AGENDA**

Comm. D. Taylor moved the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Comm. S. Campbell with the addition of:

- 4 (a.) Flyers Re: Drug Activity
- 4 (b.) Loud Vehicles on Poplar
- 4 (c.) Halloween

**Motion Carried.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting was approved on motion Comm. S. Campbell, seconded by Comm. B. Atkinson. **Motion Carried.**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **Dispatch**

Chief Hobeck updated the commission on the dispatch situation. Samantha Tree was hired and began on September 21. She is doing very well and could go on her own at any time. We will have a spare and after October 20, 2020 the contract with the Commissionaires will be done and an offer will go to the current Commissionaires. Chief Hobeck noted that the transition went smooth and Mark Thibeau stepped up and made it go very well. Commissioner Taylor asked that something be put in his file noting this.

#### **Verbal Judo**

Comms. D. Taylor asked if any more information was available on this program. Chief Hobeck has spoken with Chief Kinsella from Halifax and he will check on the availability of the instructors, then Chief Hobeck will put some dates together.

It was noted today that the Aberdeen Hospital will now be taking over the withdrawal unit.

Chief Hobeck noted that the new vehicle is now in operation.

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### **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – September 2020**

Chief M. Hobeck presented the Monthly Activity Report for September. A brief discussion took place on a few items in the report.

The two assaults with weapons were not against the members of the department.

Question on the counterfeit money, Commissioner Taylor asked that an email blitz could be sent to the businesses to be on the look out for these bills. The more involved we are with the business community the better.

The Monthly Activity Report for September was accepted as presented on motion Comm. N.Terris seconded by Comm. B.Atkinson **Motion Carried.**

### **Flyers Re: Drug Reporting**

Commissioner Terris asked if there could be flyers distributed to the community noting that they can report a drug activity in their neighbourhood. She said people are nervous and think that if they call Crime Stoppers they would be called to court. Both the Chief and Commissioner Taylor reiterated that Crime Stoppers is 100% anonymous and in fact the Police Departments do not even get the names of the tipsters. Commissioner Taylor offered to do a Crime Stoppers presentation at the next meeting.

### **Loud Vehicles**

Commissioner Terris brought up the issue of loud vehicles on Poplar St. The Chief noted they are getting the decibel reader in the next day or two and if the cars read over the certain decibel as laid out in the noise bylaw they can issue fines.

### **Halloween Times**

Commissioner Terris noted that in a community that she previously lived they would sound a whistle at 6:00 PM to begin trick or treating and then sound it again at 8:00 PM noting that trick or treating would be over. She understands this is a Council decision, so she is recommending that question be brought to them for consideration.

Moved by Commissioner N. Terris, "To recommend to council to consider hours for Trick or Treating on October 31 be between the hours of 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM" seconded by Commissioner D. Taylor. Motion carried.

### **Drug Issue**

At the previous council meeting, Councillor Pentz brought up complaints that he had been hearing on the campaign trail about drugs. Chair B. Knight noted that there will be serious consideration given to a full time day time officer in the next budget to help with consistent investigations. The

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Chief has brought the issues up with the Street Crime unit, who have been looking at certain streets in Town.

B. Knight left the Zoom meeting.

Chief Hobeck stated, the Officer on day shift would coordinate operations, and coordinate the files. Calls for service have doubled in 2020, having consistency would go a long way.

The consensus of the Commission was to go for a full time day time officer in the next budget. Safety is number one priority.

There was no other business.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is scheduled for November 5, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Comms. N Terris, the meeting adjourned.

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**