

May 12, 2022

STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 2:30 pm in Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Chairman B. Knight, Comm. D MacGillivray (via zoom) , Comm. K. Mason (via zoom) Peter Kay, Chief of Police M. Hobeck, CAO S. Higdon, Inspector C. Pond and Dispatch Supervisor M. Thibeau.

Regrets

Comm. N. Terris and Comm. S. Campbell

AGENDA

Comm. K. Mason made a motion that the agenda be approved as circulated, seconded by Comm. D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

Swearing in of new Police Commission Member

Chief Hobeck swore in Citizen Peter Kay as a new member of The Stellarton Police Commission. Chairman B. Knight welcomed Comm. P. Kay to the Commission.

Approval of the Minutes

Comm. D. MacGillivray made a motion to accept the April 7, 2022 Police Commission minutes, seconded by Comm. K. Mason. **Motion Carried.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Chairman B. Knight stated the Town of Stellarton 2022-02023 budget has passed with the addition of another full time officer. Chairman B. Knight also reported that he had been speaking with Charcy Marchand of the Department of Justice in regards to the Provincial Representative position and Ms. Marchand had indicated that it had passed through the department and the final step would be made by another committee. Chairman Knight indicated that he had phoned MLA Pat Dunn's office in the attempt to get this moving quickly. CAO S. Higdon stated that the town has never been notified that any one was appointed and added that when the advertisement for Agencies, Boards and Commission was released, a position on the Stellarton Police Commission was on the list, however it is not now.

Introduction of new Police Constable Charles Munro

Cst. Munro addressed the Commission and stated that his previous experience included being with the Amherst Police Department for four years having graduated from The Atlantic Police Academy in 2014 and is originally from Truro. Chairman B. Knight welcomed Cst. Munro aboard.

Monthly Activity Report

Approval of the Monthly Activity Report

Comm. K. Mason made a motion to accept the Monthly Activity Report for April 2022, seconded by Comm. D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried**

Comm. K. Mason indicated that he had some questions in regard to traffic, however he would speak directly to the Chief about this at a later point.

Street Crime Unit

Chief Hobeck indicated that Cst. Rideout had been with this unit for three years and his term was up on April 1st. Chief Hobeck also stated that Cst. Cave (formally McCullough) had expressed interest in going to the Street Crime Unit and as such has been transferred there as of May 1. Cst. Rideout has returned to regular duty with Stellarton Police.

Police Week

Chief Hobeck stated there is an event planned for the back parking lot of the Town Hall on Friday, May 20th. The time of day is yet to be determined as he will need to check with the school. This event will include Police and the Fire Department, which will have vehicles on display as well as a small bike course.

Stellarton Police Service Strategic Planning Updates

a) Update on Youth Corp

Sgt. Paul Veenhuis spoke to the Commission about the Youth Corp, indicating that it was established approximately seven years ago and is shared between Stellarton and Westville, although participants can be from anywhere in the County. Sgt. Veenhuis stated that the Youth Corp meet every Thursday evening and the sessions are split between Stellarton and Westville. Recently, they had an evening where they learned how to write a resume. They have also had Physical Training nights as well Police Science sessions. Chief Howard Dunbar has Outdoor Venture training the last Thursday of the month. In the past there have been yearly trips to the Police Academy as well as an air show. There are currently nine members of the Youth Corp. Chairman B. Knight thanked Sgt. Veenhuis for his efforts with this group. Comm. K. Mason stated that he should know by the end of next week about a possible donation from the local Masonic lodge.

b) Upgrade and Improve Technology

Chief Hobeck stated that there was no update and that this was now in the hands of Lucas Technology. Chief Hobeck also stated that new body cams had been ordered.

c) Overview of Approved Budget

CAO S. Higdon stated that with the Protective Services for Policing, there was an approved 6% increase, from 1.9 million to 2.027 million and that policing represents 23% of the town budget.

d) Police Dispatch Update

Chairman B. Knight asked Dispatch Supervisor M. Thibeau for an update. M. Thibeau stated that of the two dispatchers recently hired, one has decided that it was not for her and that he is currently looking for another candidate,

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2022 at 230 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Comm. K. Mason, the meeting was adjourned.