January 5, 2023
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING
A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, January 5,2023 at 2:30 pm in Council Chambers.

PRESENT
Chairman B. Knight (via Zoom), Comm. D. MacGillivray, Comm K. Mason, Comm S. Campbell, Comm. P. Kay, Comm P. Lloyd, Chief M. Hobeck and CAO S. Higdon.

Regrets
Comm N.Terris

Chairman Knight stated that since he was joining via Zoom, he has asked vice chair, Mayor D. MacGillivray to chair the meeting. Mayor D. MacGillivray accepted.

AGENDA
Mayor D. MacGillivray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Moved by Comm S. Campbell, seconded by Comm. K. Mason "to add service awards" **Motioned Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes
Comm K. Mason made a motion that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Business Arising from the Minutes.
There was no business arising from the minutes.

Service Awards

Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that they were happy to present Sgt. Paul Pentz with his 30 years of service award for the Stellarton Police Service and that the town was lucky to have his experience and knowledge. Chief Hobeck also presented Sgt. Pentz with a "Challenge Coin" for his contribution. Mayor D. MacGillivray thanked Sgt. Pentz for his service. Co- Chair D. MacGillivray also stated that they would like to recognize Insp. Chris Pond for his 15 years of service and added that the Inspector was not able to attend as he was dealing with a call. Mayor MacGillivray thanked him for his service.

Monthly Activity Report

Chief Hobeck asked if there were any questions on the November/December Reports. Comm K. Mason asked Chief Hobeck to remind him what STEP Enforcement was. Chief Hobeck responded that this was combined checkpoints conducted with the RCMP and New Glasgow Regional Police. Comm K. Mason asked about the number of charges on the report in relation to traffic collisions. Comm K. Mason then asked the Chief to clarify data on the Speed Sign Report from Weir Avenue and wondered if the speed limit was posted. Chief Hobeck indicated that it was.

Comm S. Campbell then asked about the number of Break and Enters in December and asked the Chief to clarify that there were six, with only one charge. Chief Hobeck indicated that the rest would still be under investigation. Comm. S. Campbell then asked about the seven thefts and the two thefts of vehicles with no charges. Chief Hobeck stated that one of these cases would be reflected in the January report with several charges pending and the rest would still be under investigation. Chief Hobeck also stated that 195 calls were a bit down from recent months, but typical for the time of year. Chief Hobeck added that there were a number of community events in the past couple months. Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that community involvement is very important and is appreciated. Chair B. Knight made a motion that the Police Commission Reports for November and December be approved. Seconded by K. Mason. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman B. Knight asked Chief Hobeck if he would like to speak of the recent arrest of an individual who had committed property theft across the province. Chief Hobeck indicated that this would be reflected in the January report, however added that the file involved the seizure of a U-Haul that was involved in thefts from the Antigonish area all the way to Westville and was full of stolen property and a suspect was arrested after a foot chase. Officers are working on finding owners of this property and having it returned.

There was no other business.

Next Meeting February 2nd , 2023, at 2:30pm

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm with a motion of Comm P. Lloyd.