

March 30, 2023

STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

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

PRESENT

Chairman B. Knight, Comm D. MacGillivray, Comm. P. Kay, Comm P. Lloyd, Comm K. Mason, Chief M. Hobeck, Insp. C. Pond and CAO S. Higdon.

Regrets

Comm S. Campbell, D Taylor

AGENDA

Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Comm P. Lloyd made a motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Comm K. Mason. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 2, 2023 Police Commission meeting. Comm P. Kay made a motion that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm. D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Chairman Knight spoke of the annual NSAPG Conference coming up and that the Commission usually sent a member. Chairman Knight asked Comm K. Mason if he would be interested. Comm K. Mason stated that he would, depending on the location and the date. Chairman Knight stated that if Comm K. Mason was to go, the Commission would like to have a report of what was discussed.

Chairman Knight then asked if a letter was sent to former Police Commission member Nancy Terris, to thank her for her service. CAO S Higdon replied that there was.

Chairman Knight asked about the parking issues at 145 Foord Street. Chief Hobeck responded that there were no tickets issued, but Police were continuing to monitor.

Monthly Activity Report

Chairman Knight asked if there were any questions concerning the Activity Report. Comm D. MacGillivray asked if the STEP (Selective Traffic) was a new category. Insp Pond replied that STEP is Selective Traffic Enforcement and that it addresses specific traffic complaints to a particular area that are brought forward. Insp Pond also stated that there were seven occurrences generated in these areas, with three charges and twelve warnings issued. Insp Pond added that MacGregor Avenue was focused on. Chairman Knight asked for a motion to accept the Monthly Activity Report. A motion was made by Comm K. Mason to approve the Activity Report. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried**

Correspondence

CAO S Higdon stated that a letter had been sent to Minister Sean Fraser back in December regarding the Policing Program and a response was received from Deputy Commissioner of Federal Policing Mike Duheme. CAO S. Higdon then read this response letter from Mr. Duheme to Commission members.

2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

Chairman Knight asked if anyone had any questions on the Preliminary Budget. CAO S Higdon then stated that they were looking at a 3% increase and this was done by Chief Hobeck, herself, and Finance. CAO Higdon stated a few reasons for the increase, that included increases in cost for Dispatch, an increase in WCB rates and there was also an increase in legal and prosecution fees that included the late arrival of an invoice. Comm K Mason asked why there was a drop in the IT budget. CAO Higdon stated that a lot of work was done the previous year and will not be needed this year. Comm D MacGillivray stated that they were over budget by about \$150,000 last year, so they had increased the budget by 3 % for this year and hoped the budget would be met. Comm Knight asked for a motion to send a recommendation to accept the preliminary budget from the Commission onto Council. Com K Mason made a motion that this be done. Seconded by Comm D. MacGillivray who then asked if there was any capital budget. Chief Hobeck responded that there was not. **Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting April 27th, 2023, at 3:00pm

Adjourn Meeting adjourned