

April 27, 2023

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MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

Regrets

Comm D. MacGillivray
Comm. K. Mason

AGENDA

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

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 30, 2023 Police Commission meeting. Comm S. Campbell made a motion that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried.**

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Monthly Activity Report

Chairman Knight asked if there were any questions concerning the Monthly Activity Report. Chief Hobeck reported on a couple of notable events to the end of the report. It is "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" where he had conducted an online presentation through the Sexual Assault Center on reporting to Police and Police Investigations and that this was the second year for this, and he thought it was accepted very well. Chief Hobeck then stated that on Saturday he will be jumping into Halifax Harbor for the "Polar Bear Plunge" for the Special Olympics. He also reported that the department had recently changed their software program for Police scheduling and that the information that use to be filled in by the Sergeants about their activities at the end of their shifts regarding

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foot/bike patrol, traffic enforcement and community relations would be added on the next report.

Comm D. Taylor stated that he had a few questions and stated that he had noticed that there several assaults reported, including one of an assault with a weapon and asked if they were of a serious nature. Insp Pond replied that they were not. Comm D, Taylor then asked about the occurrence under the Firearms Act. Insp Pond replied that this was not a serious incident and believed that it may have been a firearm that was turned in. Comm D. Taylor then asked about the sixteen thefts reported. Insp Pond responded that this was a result of the warmer weather and the thefts usually consisted of wire, catalytic converters, and car prowlings and added that there were also two vehicles reported stolen. Chairman Knight then asked for a motion to approve the Monthly Activity Report. A motion was made by Comm D Taylor to approve the Activity Report. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried**

MCC Recommendations Community Involvement

Chairman Knight stated that he had read the "Mass Casualty Report" and then went on to express his interest in a "Neighborhood Watch" program, as well as a "Block Parent" program being restarted in the town. Chairman Knight stated that these programs could help the Police. Chairman Knight then asked if they could look into having such programs again. Chief Hobeck then replied that he did have discussions with Westville about this, as they have a Neighborhood Watch program currently and this is something that could be looked at moving forward.

Next Meeting June 1st ,2023 at 2:30pm

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

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