

**July 7, 2023**

**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

### **MEETING**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, July 7, 2023 at 2:30 pm in Council Chambers. The scheduled June meeting was canceled as quorum was not achieved.

### **PRESENT**

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

### **Regrets**

Comm P. Lloyd

### **AGENDA**

Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Comm D. Taylor made a motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Comm S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the April 27, 2023 Police Commission meeting. Comm K. Mason made a motion that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Comm D. MacGillivray asked Chief Hobeck if he had indeed jumped into Halifax harbor and if it was cold. Chief Hobeck stated that he did, and it was colder than he expected. Chairman Knight stated that there were probably a few people who would have liked to have thrown the Chief in, to which the Chief agreed.

### **Monthly Activity Report**

Chief Hobeck went through the Monthly Activity Reports for May and June. In May, Chief Hobeck commented that they were quite active in motor vehicle violations with both charges and warnings. The Chief added that with the STEP program, a lot of contact was made with the driving public and is quite effective. There were several breach charges that mainly stemmed from one individual. The Chief stated that there were 244 calls for

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service, which is a busy month. There were several community events in which officers took part in.

In June, Chief Hobeck stated that there were also 244 calls and that the motor vehicle act enforcement continued to be a priority. There were also many community events that officers were a part of.

Comm D. Taylor asked about the number of charges involving impaired operation. The Chief responded that more than one person could be charged for a single event. Insp Pond added there are usually two charges when a single person is arrested for an impaired file. Insp pond added that there are stats from a joint enforcement initiative with New Glasgow Regional Police as well as the RCMP which they do not have access to.

A motion was made by Comm P. Kay to approve the Activity Reports for May and June 2023. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried**

### **Media Release-May 18, 2023**

Chief Hobeck stated this release was created by the Street Crime Unit regarding a search of a residence on Camby Avenue. This was after a 2-3 month investigation conducted by the Street Crime Unit members as well as Stellarton Police. There were several items seized including, drugs, packing material, scales, and ammunition. This seized ammunition alone was enough to have the resident's Condition Sentence Order rescinded and he was returned to prison to serve the rest of his sentence. (80 days) Chief Hobeck added that this residence is now vacant. Chairman Knight added that the public doesn't realize how much effort and time it takes to have something like this completed. Comm D. MacGillivray thanked both organizations for their persistence in achieving this. Comm D. Taylor added that neighbors in that area are very happy with the results.

### **Correspondence to CAO Higdon from Minister Johns. Re: Police Commission and Response.**

CAO S. Higdon reported that she had received correspondence from Ministers Johns in May ensuring that the town is compliant with Sections 44 and 57 of the Police Act. CAO Higdon stated that she did provide responses to Charcy Marchand indicating that the Town does have a municipal bylaw and that she confirmed that we have seven members

and that the board chair and the vice chair are chosen by the membership, and that the commission meets at least every three months.

### **Emergency Plan Update**

Comm D. Taylor stated that with all the recent wildfires and that there will probably be more, he wonders if the local EMO looks at everyone that has physical and mental disabilities and the challenges there would be in an evacuation. CAO Higdon responded that John Davidson is the local coordinator and that he is in contact with these people.

Comm D. MacGillivray stated that there was some talk at the NSFM Conference in the spring, the idea of a Provincial Vulnerable Persons list, adding there is not an official list at this time.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

- a. Modern Facility- CAO S. Higdon Representatives from the Town had a tour of the RCMP building on Foord Street that the Town is interested in.
- b. Police Volunteer Programs- CAO S. Higdon stated that Chief has tabled this for 2024.
- c. Upgrade and Improve Technology- Insp Pond indicated that progress is being made and it is going faster than anticipated, adding that computers would be added to the patrol vehicles in the near future. Comm D. MacGillivray questioned if we had the new server. Chief Hobeck responded that it was ordered. Insp Pond added that there was a lot of paperwork involved in having the new server but Luke Young (IT) was working on it.

**Next Meeting** September 7, 2023, at 2:30pm

**Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm