

October 5, 2023

STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

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

PRESENT

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

Regrets

Comm D. MacGillivray and Comm P. Lloyd

AGENDA

Chairman Knight asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Comm D. Taylor stated that he would like to add "Crime Reporting On-Line", "Additional Speed Signs" and "Police Vehicle Leasing". Comm K. Mason stated that he would like to add his update from the Fall Police Commission Conference. Chairman Knight stated that these would be items 6,7,8 and 9 respectfully. Chairman Knight then asked for a motion that the agenda be approved. Comm K. Mason made a motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 7th Police Commission meeting. 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.

Monthly Activity Report

Chairman Knight asked if there were any questions on the Monthly Activity Report. Comm D. Taylor asked about the number of traffic warnings and tickets under the Motor Vehicle Act (18 warnings and 15 tickets). Comm D Taylor then asked about the number of reported thefts (15) with no charges. Insp Pond responded that a number of these were stolen license plates from the River Street area and that these were still under investigation. Comm K. Mason then asked if there were any issues from 911 calls going

to Truro Police Service and then dispatched to our agency. Insp Pond reported that there were no issues. Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve the Monthly Activity Report. Comm D. Taylor made a motion that the Monthly Activity Report be approved. Seconded by Comm S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Strategic Planning

- a. Modern Facility- CAO Higdon stated that there was no update and will update accordingly until Council approves a plan which will be in the next fiscal year.
- b. Police Volunteer Programs- CAO Higdon stated that this will be tabled in 2024.
- c. Upgrade and Improve Technology- Insp Pond reported that as of two days previous, the new server had been installed and everything had been switched over except the scheduling software which should be completed in the next few days. Insp Pond added that there was an NCACR meeting earlier in the day and that they were still waiting for the rack to arrive for Luke (Lucas Tech) to install, adding that Public Works would be building a cage around this for security reasons. Insp Pond then stated that there were 18 pages of revisions that had to be completed and that Luke was still working on this. Chairman Knight then asked Insp Pond about computers in the patrol cars. Insp Pond stated that this will happen once everything else is complete. Comm K. Mason then stated that he had a list of names and email addresses for individuals in Halifax who could assist with patrol car computers. (PROS/PAT) Comm D. Taylor then asked if they had a supplier for these in-car computers. Chief Hobeck responded that they did not.

Crime Reporting On-Line

Comm D. Taylor reported that the RCMP had launched a website where crime could be reported on-line and that this site resembled the Crime Stoppers website but was not anonymous. Comm D. Taylor then asked if Truro Dispatch had considered something like this. Chief Hobeck responded that he was in support of on-line reporting as you would need someone monitoring this around the clock, adding that they had received reports of crime through their Facebook account which is not appropriate. Chief Hobeck then stated that this could be helpful with some non-urgent reporting.

Additional Speed Signs

Comm D. Taylor asked about possible funding for the purchase of additional speed signs for the town. Chief Hobeck responded that they had received a new digital speed sign and that it will be placed on MacGregor Avenue once programmed. Chairman Knight added that he would like to purchase one additional speed sign each year for the entry points to the town.

Police Vehicle Leasing

Comm D Taylor asked when the leases were up on the current patrol vehicles. Chief Hobeck stated that one is up this year and the other next year and that they had been looking and there is very little out there adding that the vehicle lease that is up this year will be bought out and will be used until a new vehicle can be located. Chief Hobeck added that he feels that Police have been moving towards electric vehicles which involve charging challenges.

Fall Police Commissioner Conference

Comm K. Mason thanked the Commission for allowing him to attend the conference which took place September 13-15 at the Best Western in Bridgewater. Comm K. Mason stated that he was able to connect with the RCMP as well as most municipal services as well as Police Commission members from throughout the province. Comm K Mason added that there were several excellent presentations at this conference that were very informative, adding the event was very worthwhile.

Next Meeting November 2, 2023, at 230pm

Adjourned Meeting adjourned.