

**April 4, 2024**

**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

### **MEETING**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 2:30 pm in Council Chambers.

### **PRESENT**

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

### **REGRETS**

Comm S. Campbell

### **AGENDA**

Chairman Knight asked if there were any additions to the agenda, hearing none, Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve. Comm D. Taylor made a motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Comm K. Mason. **Motion Carried.**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chairman Knight asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Minutes of the March 7, 2024, Police Commission meeting. Comm K. Mason stated that he would like the minutes to reflect a reference to the \$50,000 that was allotted in the budget for the Livescan system. CAO Higdon clarified this will be in the next fiscal capital budget. With this clarification a motion was made by Comm P. Lloyd that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm K. Mason. **Motion Carried.**

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **Monthly Activity Report**

Comm K. Mason asked if there were any issues with dispatch and their receiving of 911 calls. Chief Hobeck stated that there were no issues. Comm D. Taylor asked about the number of "serious incidents" in the town asking if the missing young person has been located. Insp Pond responded that he had not been found. Comm D. Taylor asked about the high number of mental health calls, asking if this was continuing. Insp Pond stated that these were individual calls and were consistent with the time of year. Comm D. Taylor asked if the number of wellbeing checks were mostly elderly persons. Insp Pond

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responded that they were a mix. Comm D. MacGillivray asked about the high-speed chase. Insp Pond responded that this was an RCMP pursuit that started in River John that included their helicopter and the ERT team. Chief Hobeck added that Stellarton Police were not involved in this pursuit. Insp Pond stated that there are one or two pursuits every month and that it is well known that police cannot chase. Chief Hobeck added that there are several factors on whether police can be involved in a high-speed chase, including time of day, area, speed limit and the type of offence. Chairman Knight stated for information purposes he received a call from a citizen about a police vehicle travelling at high speed up Acadia Avenue. Chief Hobeck stated that he had investigated this and that police had cause for this action. Comm P. Lloyd then asked about the “causing an animal unnecessary suffering” occurrence, asking what had become of this file. Insp Pond stated that an Information had been laid and the accused had been given a court date, adding that accused was also on conditions not to have any domesticated animals and that the dogs related to this had been rehomed. Comm K. Mason then asked about the one protest listed. Insp Pond responded that this was related to the possible job action at the NSCC that did not take place. A motion was then made by Comm D. MacGillivray to accept the Monthly Activity report. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

**Next Meeting**      May 16, 2024, at 2:30pm

**Adjourned**        Meeting adjourned.

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