

**July 4, 2024,
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 2:30 pm in the large committee room, Town Hall.

PRESENT

Chairman B. Knight, Comm P. Kay, Comm P. Lloyd, Comm D. Taylor, Comm S. Campbell, Comm D. MacGillivray (Late Arrival), Dan Guthro, Chief M. Hobeck, Insp. C. Pond, and CAO S. Higdon.

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 D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Knight asked if there were any discrepancies regarding the Minutes of the June 6th, 2024, Police Commission meeting, hearing none, asked for a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

Swearing in-Commissioner Dan Guthro

Chief Hobeck swore Dan Guthro in as the newest member of the Stellarton Police Commission. Form attached.

Monthly Activity Report

Insp Pond detailed the monthly activity report for June to the new member of the Commission. Chairman Knight stated that there are currently two officers per shift, however, this will be increased to three officers per shift for a variety of reasons, with retention being the main reason. Comm D. Taylor asked about the large number of suspicious persons calls on the report. Insp Pond responded that most of these are regarding the recent encampments and new homeless persons arriving in Town. Chairman Knight asked for a motion to approve the Monthly Activity Report. Comm D. Taylor made a motion that the Monthly Activity Report be accepted. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried.**

911 Ride-Sgt Veenhuis

Sgt Paul Veenhuis reported to the Commission that he had recently attended the annual 911 Ride. Sgt Veenhuis presented a montage of photos taken at this year's event and added that next year's event would be held in Stellarton. This event is a two-day escorted motorcycle ride which honors fallen officers and their families, raises funds for fallen officers' families through bursaries, provides funds for youth victims of crime and raises funds for the Mikey Network that provides AEDs to rinks, schools, fire departments etc. This ride is usually held in cities, however, will be held next year in Stellarton due to their commitment to this event since its inception in 2015. Sgt Veenhuis stated that this event will have 90-120 riders as well as approximately 40 officers from throughout the Maritimes. Sgt Veenhuis added that events will be held at the Wellness Center as well as the Holiday Inn. CAO S. Higdon noted to Sgt Veenhuis that if he needed anything from the Town to let her know. Host municipalities usually provide swag bags to those attending and there may be a need for transportation for those attending to get back and forth from the Wellness Center to the Holiday Inn. Sgt Veenhuis added that the Museum of Industry may put something on for the families of those attending. Sgt Veenhuis concluded by stating that since Stellarton is a somewhat central location, big numbers of participants are expected.

Correspondence- Hayley Crighton Re; Acknowledgement

CAO S. Higdon stated that this correspondence was regarding the sharing of a police chief between the Towns of Stellarton and Westville. CAO Higdon stated that in some situations the Department of Justice needed to be notified of changes, however not in this situation, but they did appreciate being notified. CAO Higdon added that recently the two Towns had talks of a merger with its Police Departments. however, this did not happen.

Comm D. MacGillivray asked whether there would be a dividing traffic line on South MacKay Street as was previously discussed. CAO Higdon stated that there would not be as it was not necessary, but the bushes would be trimmed bac

Next Meeting September 5th, 2024, at 2:
Adjourned Meeting adjourned.