

**September 5, 2024,  
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

## **MEETING**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 2:30 pm in the large committee room, Town Hall.

## **PRESENT**

Chairman B. Knight, Comm P. Kay, Comm D. Taylor, Comm S. Campbell, Comm D. Guthro, Chief Mark Hobeck, Insp Chris Pond and CAO S. Higdon.

## **REGRETS**

Comm P. Lloyd and Comm D. MacGillivray

## **AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

Pioneer Coal Track

Parking at the NSCC

Swearing in of Cst Keigan Smith

Comm D. Taylor made a motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Comm S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

## **Approval of the Minutes**

Comm S. Campbell made a motion that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried**

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **Swearing in**

Chief Hobeck swore in Cst Keigan Smith as the newest member of the Stellarton Police Service. The Commission welcomed Cst. Smith to the Stellarton Police Department.

## **Monthly Activity Report**

Comm D. Taylor stated that he notices that Suspicious Persons calls are remaining high. Insp Pond stated that in some cases there are calls for Amazon drivers who are simply looking for an address, which can appear suspicious to some. Comm D. Guthro asked about the voyeurism file. Insp Pond indicated that this was a boarding house where a

camera was installed in a shared bathroom. Comm D. Gouthro made a motion that the Monthly Activity Report be accepted. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

### **Car Lease**

Chief Hobeck stated that the lease for Patrol Car # 36 was up and needed to be returned by September 30<sup>th</sup> or purchased. Chief Hobeck stated that previously he did not get a response from GM or Ford for a quote, however, Dodge Durangos were available, and the lease price would be close to what is being paid currently. Chief Hobeck suggested that the vehicle be purchased and the decals would remain on the vehicle as a marked vehicle until a new vehicle arrives. At that point the decals could be removed, and it would be used as an admin/training vehicle. CAO S Higdon added that the insurance cost is higher for a marked police vehicle. Chief Hobeck added that many components could be moved from an old vehicle to a new one. A motion was made by D. Gouthro to purchase out the lease and leave it as marked and a decision could be made later as to its use. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

### **Traffic**

Comm D. Taylor stated that school is back in and at NSCC there are many loud vehicles as well as vehicles travelling at high-speed coming and going from that location. Comm D. Taylor requested that the Police have a discussion with administration at NSCC to address the issues that are occurring. Comm S. Cambel asked about a decimal reader. Chief Hobeck stated that to testify in court, you need training, and you would need to show the accuracy of the instrument. Insp Pond indicated that officers can be in the area at certain times to be visible. Insp Pond stated that Vehicle Compliance would be willing to attend and advise police pertaining to enforcement. Chairman Knight stated he would like a letter sent to NSCC administration to pass the word along to students that traffic enforcement will be occurring.

### **Update on traffic studies for speed limits**

Chief Hobeck reported to the Commission that the Provincial Traffic Authority had resigned. A new person had been hired recently and Chief Hobeck stated that he would be speaking to that person soon.

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### **Crosswalk on Jubilee**

CAO S Higdon stated that this was regarding a complaint/concern received to the Mayor about traffic and the crosswalk at that location. Chief Hobeck stated that "School Zone" signs had been ordered for this location that indicate 7am to 5pm.

### **Pat Carty Way**

Chairman B. Knight stated that he had received a concern from a citizen of persons driving up Pat Carty Way after dark. Chairman Knight asked Chief Hobeck if anything could be done. Chief Hobeck stated that a sign could be put up, stating "No Entry After Dusk", but the issue would be enforcement. Chairman B. Knight asked Chief Hobeck if he could look into this before the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**      October 3, 2024, at 2:30pm

**Meeting Adjourned**