

**October 3, 2024**

**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

## **MEETING**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, October 3, 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, Comm P. Lloyd, Comm D. MacGillivray, Chief Mark Hobeck, Insp Chris Pond and CAO S. Higdon.

## **Approval of 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 D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

## **Approval of the Minutes**

Comm P. Kay made a motion that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried**

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

1/ NSCC- Chief Hobeck reported that there was no update, however a call had been placed to the principal, he has not heard back. Chief Hobeck stated that he would follow up.

2/ Pat Carty Way- Chief Hobeck stated that it was up to the Town if they wanted to restrict after-hour access. CAO Higdon stated that this was about enforcement. Chairman Knight stated that it could be enforced with signage. CAO Higdon that signs could be ordered by Engineer Blain Murray.

3/ Traffic Studies- Chief Hobeck reported that the Provincial Traffic Authority stated that for speed limits to be lowered from 50 km/hour to 40 km/hour anywhere in town, the traffic study would need to show 85% of vehicles are travelling at or less 40 km/hour. Chief Hobeck added that only Old Foxbrook Road would qualify to have the speed limit lowered under this condition. Chief Hobeck also stated that traffic sign on South Foord is working on reducing speed as it works as a deterrent. Chairman Knight asked if the traffic sign on

MacGregor could be moved farther down. Chief Hobeck responded that he wants it where it is currently located as it is closer to the residential area.

4/ Park Street- Chairman Knight reported being contacted by a citizen about "School Zone Signs" being erected on Park Street. Chief Hobeck stated that these signs will be ordered.

### **Swearing in**

Chief Hobeck swore in Cst Jordan Wheeler and Cst Christian Ironside as the newest members of the Stellarton Police Service. The Commission welcomed both officers.

### **Monthly Activity Report**

D. Taylor asked about the large number of assaults. Insp Pond stated that there was no obvious reason for this. Comm D. Taylor asked about the high number of mental health calls and asked the new officers present about the training they had received at the academy. Cst Ironside responded that a large segment of time was spent on this. Crisis intervention and de-escalation being part of their training. Comm D. Taylor stated that one officer has advanced mental health training. Insp Pond then added that there will be one trained officer per shift with this training by November. Chairman Knight added that he would like to see all officers eventually have this training. Chairman Knight stated that with the third officer being added, he hoped there would be increased traffic enforcement. Comm D. Taylor then made a motion that the Monthly Activity Report be accepted. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried.**

### **Police Radios**

Insp Pond reported that with the addition of a third officer the department was running short on radios. Insp Pond added that they run especially short at special events when there are many officers working. One radio was sent away in May and has been lost by Motorola. This radio will be replaced by Motorola. Insp Pond stated that new radios are becoming available at a lower cost. Chief Hobeck added that this was not currently in the budget, and this would have to go to budget time in February. Chief Hobeck stated that in the case of an emergency, one radio could be purchased, but the cost to re-code one would be the same as to re-code three. Chairman Knight stated that this will be addressed at budget time in the new year.

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**Next Meeting**      November 7, 2024, at 2:30pm

**Meeting Adjourned**