

**January 8, 2026, 530pm
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the large committee room, Town Hall.

PRESENT

Chair D. Stroud, Co-Chair D. Taylor, Comm P. Kay, Comm P. Lloyd, Comm D. Guthro, Comm S. Campbell, Insp Chris Pond, Chief Mark Hobeck and CAO Alanna Grover.

Approval of Agenda

Chair D. Stroud asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Comm G. Pentz stated that he would like to add the traffic lights at Bridge Avenue and Foord Street. With this addition (listed as item #5), Chair D. Stroud asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Comm D. Guthro made a motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes- November 6, 2025, and December 4, 2025

Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the minutes of these two meetings be approved as written. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from the Minutes

1/ Comm S. Campbell asked about the deceased deer that was brought up at the previous meeting. Insp Pond had advised Comm G. Pentz that this deer had injuries that indicate it was hit by a vehicle.

2/ Comm S. Campbell asked Chief Hobeck about the crosswalk between the Sobeys Square and Union Street that was brought up at the previous meeting. Chief Hobeck responded that this would be corrected in the spring when lines can be painted.

Monthly Activity Report- December 2025

Chief Hobeck stated that there were 175 calls for service for the month of December which was down slightly from the same month the previous year. Chief Hobeck added that there were 2603 calls for service in 2025 and that there was a breakdown of occurrences for December in the report that indicated days and times as well as the number of calls pertaining to "Roots for Youth/YMCA Housing" that were down a little from the month before. Chief Hobeck then went on to state the various events that the department took part in, including, escorting the Sleigh Ride/Christmas Party for GR Saunders Elementary, Insp Pond giving a tour of the station to clients from Career Connections, Cst Vandergrift taking part in "Operation Christmas" in New Glasgow and he and Insp Pond attending Gr Saunders for a turkey dinner and finally, the Department escorting Santa on the fire truck throughout Stellarton. Chief Hobeck then mentioned that the IT migration from the RCMP had been completed.

Comm D. Taylor commented on the low number of Impaired Operation occurrences and the increased number of Flights from Police occurrences.

Comm S. Campbell asked about the Transportation Fraud occurrence. Chief Hobeck responded that this would have involved a taxi. Comm S. Campbell asked about the 31 Municipal Bylaw occurrences. Insp Pond responded that this would be occurrences that would be created each day during the month and that they would involve vehicles violating the winter parking ban.

Chief Hobeck then spoke of an initiative around Christmas where tags were made up and presented to homeowners whose lights and decorations were observed to be very impressive. Chairman Stroud asked what a Coroner's Act occurrence was. Chief Hobeck responded that this would be a sudden death at home deemed not to be suspicious. Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the report be accepted as written. Seconded by Comm S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Traffic Lights at Bridge Avenue and Foord Street

Comm G. Pentz stated that citizens were reporting to him that traffic lights at this intersection were not working as they should and that at times these lights were staying green for only a few seconds. Chief Hobeck responded that during bad weather there are issues with the sensors and that they are now working as they should and there have been no complaints since the last storm. The Chief added that the town is responsible for the lights, however the town then contacts a contractor to have the lights serviced.

Next Meeting

February 5th, 2025.

Adjournment

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