

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
March 1st , 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday March 1st, 2018, in the Community Room of the Police Service Building, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia commencing at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson David Mitchell presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners, Virginia Oickle, Jennifer McDonald, Wayne Thorburne, Pat Cappello and Palma Champoux

Also present: Acting Chief Scott Feener, CAO Richard MacLellan and Commission Recording Secretary Patty Sleep.

Regrets: Commissioner Palma Champoux and Commissioner Pat Cappello.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

18-007 Moved by Commissioner Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner McDonald to approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Senior Safety Presentation

Ms. Shona Brown is filling the full time Senior Safety Coordinator position for a ten-month period while Chris Acomb is off on parental leave. Ms. Brown has completed eight weeks in this new role and describes the position as extremely busy.

The need for this program in our communities is enormous. It has served 250 clients in Lunenburg County including 476 home visits and 196 new referrals this year. The volumes are too great for one person to manage. If additional funding can be secured, a part timer will be hired to assist. There has been a slight increase in budget as of late, to allow a support person to assist 8 hours per week.

The main reason for its success, is the collaborative approach with other service providers, in particular, Bridgewater Police Service and the RCMP. When police respond to a call for service involving seniors, which is not a police matter, it is often referred to the Senior Coordinator where an assessment is made. These calls range from mental health, fraud, elder abuse, a fall, etc.

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The needs for our seniors are very complex. Once they have entered into the program, issues can be multi- dimensional, therefore, very time consuming. The program has quickly evolved and grown and making tremendous headway in terms of working with Senior Care Teams at South Shore Regional Hospital.

The advisory board meeting reiterated poor conditions, in some cases, our seniors live in. Urban groups are looking for common problems to go to the Province looking for solutions. There is a program for the solution, but no funding.

On behalf of the program, Shona wanted to say thank you for the support and thank you for recognizing the work.

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18-008 Moved by Commissioner Oickle seconded by Commissioner Thorburne the Minutes of the February 1st, 2018 regular meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

NSAPG Update

A meeting will be scheduled in late April to begin planning the 2018 NS Chiefs of Police and NS Association of Police Governance joint conference being held in Bridgewater this fall.

BUSINESS ARISING & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dave B. McGinnis Memorial

A/Chief Feener spoke with Angela McGinnis in regards to the suggestion of the BPS Community Room named after her late husband, Dave. She is fine with whatever the Board has decided and will be happy to participate when the event takes place.

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Update on Shelburne

A/Chief Feener, Commissioners Thorburne, Oickle and Cappello as well as Det/Cst Childs and Cst Gibson attended the public meeting held in the Town of Shelburne in February. There were approximately seventy people in attendance.

There is a joint council meeting scheduled for March 14th, 2018 to be held with the Municipality of Queens. At this point, a decision has not been made as several policing options are being discussed and considered.

NEW BUSINESS

BPS 2018/19 Operational Budget

doc# 18-009A

At the direction of Town Council, BPS was to take a second look at the BPS 2018/19 Operational Budget to attempt to reduce it by \$62,000.00.

Finance, payroll and BPS staff took a closer look at all accounts and were able to make adjustments in various areas. A/Chief Feener outlined the changes, some of which included legal fees, professional fees, travel, automotive and computer software. This reduced the overall budget to \$ 3,799,116.00.

It may be possible for BPS to purchase computers at a reduced cost through MODL. A/Chief Feener will discuss with IT support, compare and report back to the group.

- 18-009** Moved by Commissioner Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner Oickle to approve the 2018/19 Operational Budget, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

BPS Capital Budget- preapproval

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A memo regarding preapproval of capital item was circulated. A/Chief explained, this item has been approved to purchase, however, just seeking pre-approval

- 18-010** Moved by Commissioner Oickle and seconded by Commissioner McDonald for Police Commission to send request to Town Council seeking pre-approval to purchase patrol vehicle, a 2018/19 capital budget item. MOTION CARRIED.

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Questions in regards to the cost of a new firewall, a 2018/19 Capital Budget item. A/Chief Feener will discuss with IT Support and let the Commission know if this price is accurate and if there may be less expensive options.

February Month End Report

doc # 18-011

The Bridgewater Police Service February Month End Report was circulated to members.

The Board is hoping for tickets to be written in school zones, rather than warnings, as there are noticeably, too many infractions.

Q. Will the percentages noted on the pie chart submitted from Senior Safety Coordinator be adjusted to reflect accuracy ?

A. Yes and a revised report will be circulated.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 5th , 2018 in the Community Room of the Police Service Building.

SUNDRY

ADJOURNMENT

18-011 Moved by Commissioner Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner McDonald the March 1st, 2018 Regular meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners be hereby adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Patty Sleep
 Commission Recording Secretary

David Mitchell
 Chairperson