

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
May 4th 2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, May 4th , 2017, in the Community Room of the Police Service Building, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia commencing at 5:30 p.m. with Chairperson Pat Cappello presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners, Virginia Oickle, Wayne Thorburne, Palma Champoux and Jennifer McDonald.

Also present: Deputy Chief Scott Feener , CAO Ken Smith and Commission Recording Secretary Patty Sleep.

Regrets: Commissioner Dave Carey and David Mitchell

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Cancelled.

MINUTES

- 17-017** Moved by Commissioner McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Oickle the Minutes of the April 6th , 2017 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 17-018** Moved by Commissioner Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner Oickle to suspend Chief Collyer for 60 days with pay. MOTION CARRIED.
- 17-019** Moved by Commissioner McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Champoux, to send recommendation to Bridgewater Town Council to appoint Deputy Chief Feener Acting Chief. MOTION CARRIED.

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CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

CAPG Update

Pat Cappello advised the Board, he will be attending a meeting in Ottawa on Sunday to discuss topics such as economics on policing, mental health, marihuana legislation.

An update will be provided at the June meeting.

CAPG 2017 Conference Sponsorship

doc 17-023

The CAPG 2017 Conference sponsorship letter was circulate to the Commission. Past practice has been \$250 sponsorship when the conference location is outside of the Maritime Provinces and \$500 within.

- 17-020** Moved by Commissioner Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner Oickle to for the Commission to sponsor the 2017 CAPG Conference in the amount of \$250. MOTION CARRIED.

NSAPG Update

There is a meeting scheduled for May 17th, to discuss the legalization of marihuana as well as officer wait times with hospital patients. Pat Cappello will have a report next month.

Letters to Ministers

doc 17-018

As suggested at the last meeting, the Board Chair sent a letter to the Minister of Health, Minster of Justice, Minister of Municipal Affairs, our local MLA and MP. The purpose of this letter was to express concerns with officer wait time at SSRH when handling non-police calls for service.

A copy of the letter was circulated to board members; to date, a reply has not been received.

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Subject Behavior/Officer Response (SBOR) –Report *doc 17-019*

The SBOR Quarterly Report, prepared by Sgt Danny MacPhee, was circulated to the Board. This report is filed with the Department of Justice as it captures incidents which include use of force measures.

The report notes 2 incidents during this report period; 1 regarding joint locks and the second was K-9 deployment.

Standing Orders 43, 44, 46 & 47 *doc 17-020*

Updated four more standing orders – for information only.

The attached Standing Orders have been adopted by BPS and circulated to staff and are stored on each BPS desktop computer for quick reference.

School Police Protocol *doc 17-022*

The attached *School Police Protocol* was recently developed by the Department of Justice and Department of Education to standardize practices when dealing with students on school property. The protocol outlines individual roles and responsibilities.

Legislation on Marihuana

Commissioner McDonald asked for an update on recent marihuana legislation, if any.

The Deputy advised, the Federal Government has introduced basic rules and are now reaching out the provinces to streamline. It will up to individual provinces to create their own By-Laws in regards to the legalization of cannabis. There will be no additional costs to agencies, in terms of enforcement.

Legalization will be in effect by July 2018.

Pat Cappello will have opportunity to speak with our local MP while in Ottawa this month.

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BBUSINESS ARISING & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

June Meeting Date

The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday June 7th, 2017 @ 5:30 in the Community Room.

BPS Monthly Report –April

doc # 17-021

BPS April monthly report circulated to Board members.

DOJ Major Crime Audit-update

Deputy Feener advised the Board, the Department of Justice attended BPS and conducted an audit on Major Crime. A full report will follow and will be circulated at that time.

Sexual Assault Women's group – update

The Deputy Chief was invited to participate in a group discussion regarding Women's Sexual Assault with organizations such as Second Story Women's Center, Harour House, Be the Peace and SSLQA.

Participants were interested in discussing sexual assault investigations and details on how sexual assaults were captured for statistically (scored) as well as terminology.

The next Department of Justice audit will focus on sexual assaults.

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MISC

The public Town Hall meeting was held on Tuesday May 2nd, 2017 at the Days Inn in Bridgewater. The meeting was hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and members of BPS attended to present on topics such as K-9, legalization of cannabis and (Drug Recognition Expert) DRE testing.

The meeting was very well received by the citizens of Bridgewater, Town Councilors and Commission members.

The Chamber of Commerce announced a \$2000.00 donation to the Town to assist in the cost of installing cameras in the downtown core, specifically at the new park.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday June 7th at 530 p.m.** in the Community Room of the Police Service Building.

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ADJOURNMENT

17-021 Moved by Commissioner Thorburne, the May 4th , 2017 regular meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners be hereby adjourned. MOTION CARRIED. (Time: 7:08 p.m.)

Patty Sleep
 Commission Recording Secretary

Pat Cappello
 Chairperson