

**MINUTES**  
**BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> , 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 and Palma Champoux.

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

Guest: D/Cst Derek CHILDS

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

Operation Christmas  
Department of Justice - Sexual assault audit

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

**Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE) Presentation – D/Cst Derek CHILDS**

A/Chief Feener introduced Det/Cst Derek Childs who is currently on the Street Enforcement Unit. CHILDS is one of three Drug Recognition Evaluator's in the County of Lunenburg. Two with Bridgewater PS and one with RCMP. Derek was invited to the meeting to explain the role of a DRE.

DRE's are the only tool available to police to determine impairment by drugs. If SFBT (Standard Field Sobriety Test) is given and individual is not impaired by alcohol, but clearly impaired, a DRE is called in to test.

A lengthy interview is conducted prior to a series of additional tests, which include eye test, blood pressure, pupil size, etc. These test assist in determining the type of drug the individual is impaired by.

Training takes place in Arizona or California and is three weeks in length. The first two weeks consists of classroom work and the final week, participants visit a local penitentiary to evaluate individuals impaired by drugs. To remain certified, four evaluations per year must be completed.

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Three DRE's for this area, seems to be suffice for our area for now, until marihuana is legalized in 2018.

The need for DRE's will most likely increase in future.

Due to the high travel costs associated with this training, local training is currently being considered. Two weeks of classroom study, followed by one week of evaluations in a penitentiary in the USA. This would reduce costs substantially.

## **MINUTES**

**17-029** Moved by Commissioner Champoux and seconded by Commissioner Thorburne the Minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting be approved as corrected. MOTION CARRIED.

Board Chair Pat Cappello commented on a name error in the CAPG portion of the Minutes: Dave Graham corrected to Steve Graham.

Minutes approved with changes as noted above.

## **CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION**

### **CAPG Update**

The CAPG Board retreat is being held October 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Plans for the upcoming year are made here.

### **NSAPG Update**

As part of a meeting at the conference, expanding board membership was discussed.

Every advisory board was contacted this year to ensure they were aware of the conference and aware they were welcome. As a result, five additional advisory boards attended.

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Annual membership invoices at \$400.00 were distributed.

- 17-030** Moved by Commissioner Thorburne and Seconded by Commissioner Oickle, to renew the NSAPG membership at \$400. MOTION CARRIED.

**WCB Statement**

**doc #17-034**

For information only, the WCB statement was circulated to members. This report shows BPS assessment has gone down as well as past history.

**Memo to Council Re: Dave McGinnis**

**doc # 17-035**

A Memo was sent to council from the Board suggesting a memorial of some type in the name of Dave McGinnis. We are awaiting a response.

A few suggestions were a street name, planting of a tree, boardroom named after him, etc.

A law trophy is presented at the Atlantic Police Academy annually on behalf of the late Chief Brent Crowhurst's. The BPS building is named after the late Chief Shirlen Seamone, and tree was planted at Lahave Landing also.

**Operation Christmas**

Department of Justice has approached A/Chief Feener inquiring about hosting Operation Christmas This event is an anti-drinking and driving ride program which will begin in early December which consists of road checks, social media awareness, etc. To mark the end of the event, there is a dinner, hosted by the Bridgewater Fire Department.

**Department of Justice - Sexual Assault Audit**

The Department of Justice completed an audit on BPS sexual assault investigations. Once the report is complete, it will be shared with the Board.

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## **BBUSINESS ARISING & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **September Month End Report**

***doc # 17-036***

BPS September monthly report was circulated.

Q. What are 19 G's?

A. Warnings.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2017 in the Community Room of the Police Service Building.

### **SSUNDRY**

Meeting change

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**17-031** Moved by Commissioner Oickle the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners be hereby adjourned. MOTION CARRIED. (Time: 6:29 p.m.)

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Patty Sleep  
 Commission Recording Secretary

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Pat Cappello  
 Chairperson