

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
January 9th , 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, January 9th, 2020 in the Community Room of the Police Service Building, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia commencing at 5:30 p.m. with Chair David Walker presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners David Mitchell, Wayne Thorburne, Virginia Oickle, Fay Patey, Jennifer McDonald and Darren Lipsett.

Also present: Chief Scott Feener, Deputy Chief Danny MacPhee, CAO Tammy Crowder and Commission Recording Secretary, Patty Sleep

ORDER

Elections

Board Chair

CAO, Tammy Crowder asked the members for nomination for Board Chair. David Mitchell nominated David Walker, seconded by Virginia Oickle. Two additional call outs for nomination, no other nominations. David Walker accepted.

Vice Chair

Board Chair, David Walker asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Virginia Oickle nominated Wayne Thorburne, seconded by Faye Patey. Two additional call outs to members with no other nominations. Wayne Thorburne accepted the position.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

New Business -Crossing guards

AGENDA

20-001 Moved by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Thorburne to approve Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Info Session – Law Co-op Program –Steve Shipley

School Safety Resource Officer, Steve Shipley attended the meeting to explain the fairly new Law Co-op program which has only been in existence for the last few years.

It is a work experience program offered to third year students interested in law programs from Lunenburg and Queens Counties. Students' law interests vary from policing, conservation, lawyer, etc.

The students typically spend a full day with Cst Shipley where many in-house presentations take place, such as K-9 Unit, crime techniques, investigative files, 9-1-1 and dispatch. The students also visit outside agencies such as the courthouse to chat with crown attorneys, defense council and on occasion, a provincial court judge.

BPS is one of the few agencies who still offer a ride a long program to students interested. Parents are informed and waivers signed.

Cst Shipley feels this is a very worthwhile program and learning opportunity for the students. It also is a great opportunity for police to interact with teenagers whose perception of policing is nothing like the actual.

Crossing Guards

Concerns raised regarding speed limit signage held by civilian near the elementary school during school hours.

Discussions will continue in the In-Camera portion of the meeting.

In-Car Camera Demonstration

A demonstration on the updated 'In-Car Cameras' was presented by Chief Feener.

Video footage of cameras in three patrol cars equipped with new system and software viewed. Board members have a visual of the three angles of coverage; front, rear and back seat.

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Upon activation, the camera backdates two minutes. It tracks speed, gps and streams live back to the office. The activated footage is the only portion which is saved and stored.

The fourth patrol car will be equipped/updated next budget year.

MINUTES

20-002 Moved by Commissioner Darrin Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner David Mitchell Minutes of the October 2019 regular meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

NSAPG/CAPG Update **doc # 20-007**

NSAPG and CAPG update was supplied by Board Chair David Walker, document attached.

The next NSAPG Executive meeting will be held in Halifax on January 23rd, 2020.

The list of upcoming CAPG webinar topics are now available.

Letter –NS Health & Wellness **doc # 20-001**

A letter from Department of Health and Wellness was received, complimenting our police service on the participation in the mock disaster held in fall of 2019. In particular, Deputy Chief Danny MacPhee and his team were named!

Domestic Violence Audit Results **doc # 20-004**

The results of Department of Justice Domestic Violence Audit is very positive.

The Chief and Deputy met with DOJ Representative, Sharon Mitchell in late December to discuss the findings. No major issues identified.

BPS has designed and implemented an internal template for domestic investigations. This template has shared and subsequently adopted by other agencies as well.

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SIRT Summary of Investigation **doc # 20-005**

The SIRT investigation regarding Cst Jamie Dearing and Cst James Creaser has been concluded with findings of no wrongdoing or liability.

Video footage from video room clearly showed what happened.

Letter from Municipal Affairs **doc # 20-006**

Letter received from Municipal Affairs outlining changes to the Municipal Government Act.

Unfortunately, the letter did not ask for input, but rather circulated the changes made.

Improvements in communication to be discussed at the next NSCPA meeting.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

SBOR Quarterly reports **doc # 19-040/041**

These are documents from November meeting. Circulated for discussion and questions, if any.

Commission By-Law **doc # 19-042**

The Commission By-Law has been approved by Town Council.

Board Policies will be discussed at next month's meeting. Chair, David Walker to supply documentation for the committee to review and revised.

BPS October Month End **doc # 19-044**

October month end report circulated. No questions or discussion.

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NEW BUSINESS

BPS November Report **doc # 20-002**

November month end report circulated. No questions or discussion.

BPS December Report **doc # 003**

December month end circulated.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at 5:30pm in the David B. McGinnis Community Room.

SUNDRY

Board Chair, David Walker took a moment to congratulate everyone on the work done by the board as well as the level of police service provided. He is hearing very positive comments from colleagues.

2020-003 Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Virginia Oickle. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

David Walker
Board Chair