

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
February 6th , 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, February 6th, 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, Jennifer McDonald and Darren Lipsett.

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

Guests: Financial Director, Dawn Kaizer.

Regrets: Commissioners Faye Patey and Virginia Oickle.

ORDER

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

New Business – ATV's on Centennial Trail
Old Business – Crosswalks

AGENDA

- 20-004 Moved by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation–Police Commission Commendation Certificate- Cst Alex (Sandy) Sparrow

Cst Sandy Sparrow attended the meeting and was presented with a *Police Board Commendation Award* for administering naloxone spray to a member of the public, which saved his life.

The Board thanked Sandy for his quick thinking and outstanding service!

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Naloxone Spray

The Department of Justice began purchasing Naloxone spray as the opioid epidemic entered our region. All BPS and EHS members have been trained to administer, primarily for personal protection, however it can also be used on the public, if necessary.

Naloxone is a quick fix for opioid overdose and cannot hurt anyone once administered.

BPS was the first agency in the province to administer naloxone where a life was saved; all usage is tracked and reported to DOJ.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and its partners have made recent changes to the program pertaining to timing and retention.

The program was created to provide support/assistance to survivors of sexual assault. Nurse examiners have been trained specifically for the collection of these kits. Nurses are now available 24/7 in Lunenburg County and soon to be implemented in Queens County.

The kits, previously stored at BPS for a five-year period, will now be kept at South Shore Regional Hospital for a six-month period.

MINUTES

20-005 Moved by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Minutes of the January 2020 regular meeting be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

NSAPG/CAPG Update

doc # 20-010

Board Chair David Walker circulated a memo updating all Board members on NSAPG and CAPB matters.

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Couple of key notes:

- April Board meeting to discuss CAPG Conference.
- Summit on January 23rd was well attended.
- The next CAPG Webinar will be held February 25th
- NSAPG logo proposals attached
- Police Act to be placed on spring agenda
- An updated list of Board and members is in the works

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

Crosswalks

A digital speed sign was borrowed from the Town of Mahone Bay and has been posted in the school zone.

SSRO, Steve Shipley has reiterated the enthusiasm from parents and others regarding the sign.

No one has exceeded the speed limit since the sign has been mounted.

Money allotted in the 2020/21 operational budget for BPS to purchase a similar speed sign. It will not be entirely for use in the school area, as it may be needed elsewhere in the Town.

Board members suggest, the positive data be passed on via social media (i.e. number of days without speeders) as the perception is all motorists are exceeding the limit.

Targeted Enforcement update

At the January meeting, the commission was advised there was a push on targeted traffic enforcement at a variety of intersections. Nine (9) SOTs and 52 warnings were issued in this reporting month.

The Deputy Chief has assigned *distracted driving* in and around Town for the next target and will report findings at next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

BPS January Report

doc # 20-008

The January Report circulated to Board members.

Compliments to the Chief and members on the large amount of professional development.

Parking meter revenue will remain at zero due to staff shortages at BMO. Finance Department will follow up on this with the bank.

By-Law Enforcement is up and running with only Warnings being issued at this time.

2020-21 Operational Budget

doc # 20-009

Dawn Kaizer, Finance Directed, explained the budget outline as it has changed slightly.

The 'adjusted baseline' column is for additional detail (same service with an increase) for each account while the 'additional funding' account is for items which previously did not have a budget.

Various accounts discussed:

Revenue

- Large increase in revenue, due to Fees for Service increase & Kentville dispatch
- Police 'reserve' account suggested for revenue (police specific)

Expenditures

- Board Expenses increased slightly
- IT expenses increased for new firewall (one time cost)
- Workers Compensation figure is best guess, based on years of past history
- By-Law position currently 20 hours per week
- DOJ funded positions:
 - CISNS & DRE (Entire cost funded Federally)
 - SSRO & Street Squad positions (\$100k funded Provincially)
- Cell Block remains status quo – ongoing MOU reviewed yearly.

20-006

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell to allocate \$30,000.00 from Fees for Service revenue of the 2020-21 Operational Budget into a reserve account dedicated to police. Seconded by Commissioner Thorburne. MOTION CARRIED.

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ATV's travelling on Centennial Trail

A complaint was made regarding ATV travelling on the Centennial Trail.

The tracks were followed by By-Law Officer, however, machine was not located. In order to lay charges, the machine must be found 'in action'. BPS has a 'no-pursuit' policy for four wheelers, due to liability.

Board members agreed, additional 'no four wheelers' signage should be posted as it is minimal.

Suggestions discussed regarding allowing ATV access to the town via the trail in designated areas for fuel, etc. Police Commission will discuss further with Town Council.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

20-007 Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

David Walker
Board Chair