

**MINUTES**  
**BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup> , 2020**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Community Room of the Police Service Building, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia commencing at 5:28 p.m. with Chair David Walker presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners David Mitchell, Wayne Thorburne, Jennifer McDonald, Virginia Oickle, Faye Patey and Darren Lipsett.

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

## **ORDER**

## **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

## **AGENDA**

**20-008**            Moved by Commissioner Wayne Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner David Mitchell to approve Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

## **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

### **Presentation – Sharon Goodwin, Senior Crown Attorney**

Sharon Goodwin, Senior Crown Attorney joined the meeting to explain the role of the Public Crown Prosecutors.

Following the Criminal Code of Canada, once the police lay a charge, the Crown reviews the file and then decides whether or not to prosecute. This largely depends on whether or not it will hold up in court and there is realistic prospect of conviction.

The Crown has a very close working relationship with BPS, providing advice, reviewing files, seeking clarification, etc. to police for legal clarification-they do not investigate or dictate investigations.

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Sharon described the working relationship between the Crown and BPS as extremely good. BPS team provides quality material in a timely manner.

Once the decision is made to move forward with a charge, the file is then left in the hands of the court system.

There is a financial component to member's attending court. A minimum of a four hour call out is paid to each member attending court while not on duty, either at time and one half or double time.

The Crown works closely with BPS to streamline who is required by way of trial notices and update immediately if a plea bargain is reached, avoiding court altogether. Sometimes this is unavoidable as defense will change their plea before trial starts.

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**20-009** Moved by Commissioner Oickle and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting be approved as circulated.  
 MOTION CARRIED.

## **CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION**

### **NSAPG/CAPG Update**

*doc # 20-012*

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

David Walker spoke to document circulated on topics listed.

- New logo
- Spring workshop
- Review Police Act and Regulations-send recommendations
- DOJ Appointee
- Fall conference

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### **Roadside Screening**

The Department of Justice have provided money to upgrade our roadside screening devices. These are for alcohol screening only.

Deputy MacPhee compared the old screening devices with the new, smaller design. These are a digital model and very easy to use.

The Chief submitted a written proposal to the Department of Justice seeking cost recovery for the purchase of roadside devices. DOJ has approved the purchase of five devices at a cost of \$850 each.

Additional items for funding included, K-9 training (requested, but turned down) and intoxilyzer training.

### **UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Board Policies – Oickle / Patey**

At the direction of the Board Chair, the committee, comprised of Commissioners Patey, Oickle and Thorburne will meet to draft new policies.

There are two board policies to be reviewed as well as an orientation/welcome package for new members to be developed.

The committee to give an update to the board at the April meeting.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BPS February Report**

**doc # 20-011**

The February monthly report was circulated to Board members.

Question was asked if a meeting was held in regards to vehicle speed which was erected near the schools.

SSRO Steve Shipley met with the School Board, Public Works and discussed the findings of the speed sign. In three weeks, 20 thousand vehicles passed by the sign with the highest speed recorded at 78 (possibly a patrol vehicle/fire/unknown time).

The average speed is in the 30's. Total hours - not school specific.

### **Sergeant Promotion**

The sergeant promotional routine is complete; Paul Rogers as the successful applicant.

The process included an exam, essay, interview as well as file review and seniority.

Sgt Rogers will be presented with his epaulets on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> , 2020 at 1pm in our BPS Community room. Everyone welcome!

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2020 at 5:30 pm in the David B. McGinnis Community Room.

## **Adjournment**

**20-010** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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Patty Sleep  
 Recording Secretary

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David Walker  
 Board Chair