

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
June 4th , 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, June 4th , 2020 virtually, by way of 'Zoom' commencing at 5:31 PM with Chair David Walker presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners David Mitchell, Wayne Thorburne, Virginia Oickle, Faye 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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

AGENDA

- 20-017 Moved by Commissioner Thorburne and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the Agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Alert Ready System

Alert Ready is the system used to broadcast a message to the public to alert of danger by way of tv, radio and cell phones. The system involves many partners, including provincial, territorial, federal and EMO with only authorized government agencies able to send out an alert.

Deputy Chief explained, the Portapique, NS mass shooting incident raised a lot of questions as to why the Alert Ready system was not used to warn civilians of the danger during this tragic event.

The Alert Ready online site outlines the types of alerts which are considered a threat to life. The list includes fire, natural, hazardous, environmental, terrorist and civil. These types of alerts should be circulated immediately on television, radio and wireless

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devices. This system has not been used to alert the public on live attackers, as these types of situations are typically over in minutes.

From a tactical standpoint, most likely an alert would not have been accepted in a Portapique-type situation under current policy.

All cell phones have the capability to receive these alerts in all locations as it disseminates from the cell towers.

The Province is currently reviewing the criteria and creating standardized policies to allow police to have a broader spectrum for usage.

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20-018 Moved by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Patey, the Minutes of the May 7th regular meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

It was suggested the board consider color coded cards for zoom meetings; yellow to speak, green to vote yes and red to vote no.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

NSAPG/CAPG Update

doc # 20-020

Board Chair, David Walker will circulate NSAPG/CAPG document 20-020 update by of email. A few highlights mentioned below:

CAPG

The 2020 annual CAPG Conference, to be held in Victoria, has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The webinar held in May was on *Human Trafficking* and the topic for the June webinar is *Financial Literacy*, scheduled for the 10th.

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NSAPG

The new Deputy Minister is Candace Thomas and new DOJ executive is David MacLean.

NSAPG AGM to be held on September 14th by way of Zoom.

The NSAPG fall conference has been cancelled.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

Commission Policies

doc 20-018/20-019

Documents 20-018 (Off Duty Employment) and 20-019 (Extra Duty Employment) were circulated to the Board. Please review as they will be discussed and voted on at the September meeting.

Commissioner Patey explained, the policies are a very short version of what was in place and is to reflect what is in the Act with direct expectations to off duty and extra duty.

The Policy Committee (Commissioners Patey, Oickle and Thorburne) suggest the policies be compiled and a manual created as an independent document.

Board Chair Walker noted, the topic for the CAPG webinar in July is *Policy Development*, which is timely and could be useful in our policy process.

Internal policies on these topics will be circulated to Board members by Chief Feener. Commissioner Patey suggests internal policies accompany the Board policies.

The Chief explained that BPS members have off duty employment where there is no conflict. Members must submit a written request for approval to the Chief.

The reason for the review of policies is to compartmentalize what is there on the administration side of things, not operational.

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Covid 19 -Staffing/Budget implications

Due to budget challenges, Board Chair, David Walker made the decision not to participate in the Annual CAPG Conference slotted for October in Victoria, BC. All municipalities are facing additional costs due to the pandemic, therefore non-essential travel cannot be justified.

The Provincial conference is also cancelled, which will bring additional savings.

Chief Feener added, discussions at the Senior Management level, Council has asked departments to cut costs and BPS is trying to do their part without impacting front line members.

The bottom line of the 2020-21 Operational Budget should be under budget due to Covid 19 .

NEW BUSINESS

Virginia Oickle-Term 3

Commissioner Oickle began her third, three year term on October 2019. Council will need to be notified and approve.

20-019 Moved by Commissioner Patey and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to send Memo to Council to approve Commissioner Oickle's third term Motion CARRIED.

BPS May Monthly Report

doc # 20-017

The May monthly report was circulated to Board members.

Commissioner Oickle noted the good work being accomplished by the Senior Safety Program.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the David B. McGinnis Community Room.

*Suggestion of Policy Development webinar as the training opportunity for the September meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm. (Motion not made)

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

David Walker
Board Chair