

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
October 1st , 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 at the Bridgewater Fire Hall commencing at 5:33 PM with Chair David Walker presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners David Mitchell, Wayne Thorburne, Faye Patey and Darren Lipsett.

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

Regrets: Deputy Chief Danny MacPhee, Commissioners Virginia Oickle and Jennifer McDonald.

ORDER

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Council Approval –Appointment Term 2 -David Walker

AGENDA

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The CAPG Webinar entitled: *Current and Emerging Challenges in Policing Issues that should keep you awake (if they aren't already)* was viewed as a group.

Board Chair David Walker will email the slide deck for this webinar as soon as he receives it from CAPG.

Topics of discussion:

Framing the problem:

- Civil /Police relations
- High vs. low policing
- The Human Rights Revolution

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Police Governance

- Establishing priorities, objectives and policies for police services in their community
- Monitoring performance of their police service and it's leader

Key concept: 'Operations'

Civil-police relations

Structural changes

- Professionalization-accreditation
- Officer career progression framework
- Civilianization and civilian administration
- Remuneration: decoupling rank/seniority from skillsets

Political changes

Service delivery model modification

MINUTES

20-025 Moved by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Patey to approve the Minutes of the September 3rd , 2020 of the regular meeting, as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

Council Approval -Appointment- 2nd Term David Walker

Documentation received, Bridgewater Town Council has approved the appointment of David Walker's second term.

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NSAPG/CAPG Update

doc 20-033

Document circulated on NSAPG and CAPG updates.

Key notes:

- CAPG virtual conference will take place October 30th - November 2nd. BPS Community Room has been reserved during this time for Board members.
- The topic of the October webinar is *Training and Knowing your Board*.
- NSAPG held their AGM and the executive has returned for another year.
- During teleconference- opportunity for Board Chair to meet Manager of Policing Services and Deputy Minister of Justice

STATS Canada

doc # 20-030

The 2019 Crime Severity Index was circulated to Board members. These statistics capture violent and non- violent crimes against people.

An additional lengthy report will come later, which explains numbers in more detail.

Mental Health Calls

doc # 20-031

A chart was circulated to Board members listing total number of mental health and well-being calls for service over a three year period.

The NSCPA have created a committee to deal with this issue in an effort to push for resources for police. Department of Health as well as Justice are key players in these discussions.

Board members decided, collectively, it's time to create a concrete action plan, specific to Bridgewater. A business case is to be prepared and presented to the local MLA for further dialogue.

This issue to be further discussed at the November meeting.

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OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By-Law Policies – Handbook

The Board's By-Law Committee, comprised of Commissioners Patey, Thorburne and Oickle, have been directed to continue reviewing and updating existing policies and By-Laws.

Recommendations to be brought to the Board for approval of these updates and new options.

Boots to the Street update

Chief Feener advised the Board, there has been no clear direction yet from the Province on the Boots to the Street program. In the meantime, BPS has filled the School Safety Resource Officer position.

More discussions to be held in the coming weeks, Chief Feener will continue to update the Board as the information becomes available.

If the Commission believe both SSRO and the Human Trafficking position are of worth, there is the option of increasing our complement by one.

NEW BUSINESS

BPS September Monthly Report

doc # 20-032

September monthly report circulated to members - no discussion.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th , 2020 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

20-026 Moved to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Thorburne. MOTION CARRIED.
 Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

 Patty Sleep
 Recording Secretary

 David Walker
 Board Chair