

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
April 1st , 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, April 1st , 2021 at the Bridgewater Police Service, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, NS, commencing at 5:30PM with Chair David Walker presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners David Mitchell, Fay Patey, Cheryl Fougere, and Andrew Tanner.

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

Regrets: Virginia Oickle

Guests: Darrin Lipsett, Senior Safety Coordinators Chris Acomb, Carole Hipwell and Penny Carver.

ORDER

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

AGENDA

21-011 Moved by Commissioner Tanner and seconded by Commissioner Fougere to approve the Agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Senior Safety Presentation – Chris Acomb, Carole Hipwell, Penny Carver

Penny Carver, Chris Acomb and Carole Hipwell attended the meeting to give an overview on the services provided as part of the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program.

This, not for profit, community based program provides education and support primarily to senior's aged 55 and above.

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This is a voluntary service and anyone can be referred. The Safety Coordinators provide assistance and resources to seniors to allow them to live at home longer, in a safe environment.

The education component of the program touches on topics such as raising awareness of elder abuse and legal document accessibility.

The program is exceptionally busy, due to the large territory. In 2020 the program accepted 339 referrals, visited 334 homes and distributed 520 Vials of Life.

Funding partners include MODL, MODC, Town of Bridgewater, Town of Lunenburg, Town of Mahone Bay, United Way, Dept of Seniors and the Law Foundation of NS.

Q&A

- Q. Is the program utilizing the contingency fund? Is it hurting?
A. Funds and grants are definitely being used -services are in high demand.
- Q. Commissioner Mitchell asks 'why not ask each municipality for \$500.00, separate from regular donations. Could be used for contingency each year.
A. Staffing is the issue – demand is much more than can be provided. The program needs two full time staff members to service the entire county and things have become more complex during the pandemic.

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- 21-012** Moved by Commissioner Patey and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the Minutes of the March 4th , 2021 regular meeting as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

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CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

NSAPG/CAPG Update

CAPG

Board Chair, David Walker, has not yet viewed the two March webinars.

The April webinar's topic has been changed to policies in terms of Body Worn Cameras.

NSAPG

The NSAPG AGM will be held on April 8th. David will report afterwards.

Letter from DOJ Re: Cst K. Dudhatra

doc# 21-013

Sharon Flannagan with Department of Justice, completed an audit earlier in 2021.

The letter was to recognize Cst Dudhatra, not only for his participation in the audit, but how accommodating and helpful he was during the process.

The letter will be kept on his personnel file.

Copy of Letter from DOJ to Chief Cecchetto

doc# 21-014

Chief Cecchetto shared a letter received from DOJ regarding the policing staffing review.

For information only.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PIMA Update

No additional information to pass on, since PIMA Bill No. 1 as circulated.

BPS will no longer participate in the shoulder patch swap. In lieu of that, we are in the process of creating a custom BPS Challenge Coin.

The coins are made in Alberta and will continue to promote our service.

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Policing Review

The Board is hopeful the Policing Review will be complete in a timely manner.

Strategic Plan

It was decided to hold the Strategic Planning sessions on Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th at the Best Western Bridgewater. CAO, Tammy Crowder will facilitate.

TMR Radio Update

BPS radios have been switched to full encryption; all radio transmissions are now private.

Al Cycles was a key player in the training as well as the change-over.

It was suggested to invite Mr. Cycles to a meeting as a training opportunity to talk about the new radios while at the same time, present a certificate of thanks to him to recognize his work.

NEW BUSINESS

BPS March Monthly Report

doc # 21-015

The March monthly report was circulated to Board members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6th , 2021 at 5:30 pm.

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SUNDRY

ADJOURNMENT

21-013 Moved to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Patey and seconded by Commissioner Fougere MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

David Walker
Board Chair