

**MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
May 5th , 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, May 5th, 2022 at the Bridgewater Police Service, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, NS, commencing at 530PM with Chair David Walker presiding.

Those in attendance: Commissioners Mike Conklin, Virginia Oickle, Cheryl Fougere (departed at 6:20pm), Darren Lipsett, Fay Patey (arrived 5:50pm, departed 6:30pm)

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

Regrets: Andrew Tanner

ORDER

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

TRAINING

School Safety Resource Officer – Cst Wil Creamer

Chief Feener introduced Cst Will Creamer, currently in the role of School Safety Resource Officer (SSRO). Cst Creamer attended the meeting to provide an overview of his role within the three schools.

The primary role of the SSRO is to be positive role model and develop relationships with both students and teachers. Cst Creamer strategically visits three schools daily dealing with not only criminal activity, but also various other issues such as bullying, student complaints and internal disciplinary.

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Cst Creamer works closely with the teachers, principals and provides support where necessary.

Ongoing matters are drug use, improper use of gender-neutral washrooms, lack of mental health support, inappropriate language, bullying to name a few.

Chief spoke highly of Will afterwards, describing his presence at the school as a very positive one. He has been informed by school staff, he is held in high regard and very well thought of by students and staff.

AGENDA

22-012 Moved by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Fougere to approve the Agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

22-013 Moved by Commissioner Oickle seconded by Commissioner Conklin to approve the Minutes of the April 7th, 2022 of the regular meeting as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

CAPG

doc # 22-013

Memo from Board Chair David Walker circulated with CAPG and NSAPG updates.

Our Board is currently registered, virtually, for the September conference.

Two interesting webinars for May entitled Survivor Led Human Trafficking Detection and Data Driven Decision making. Individual emails have been submitted to CAPG so webinar links can be sent directly.

On the NSAPG front, the AGM was held in Truro on April 22nd. New executive are named in the Memo with no one offering for Vice President and it remains vacant.

Haley Crichton, DoJ presented by way of Zoom on topics such as Audit Modernization and Provincial Policing Priorities.

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Meaningful dialogue held with NSCP and NSFM regarding the development of hybrid meeting models.

NSAPG and NSCPA Executives agree there is a strong interest in resuming the joint conference, typically held in the fall.

Update – Provincial Policing

Chief Feener and Deputy Chief MacPhee attended NSCPA meetings in Truro this past week where Provincial Policing was an item of discussion.

Chief talked about the existing Service Exchange Agreement between the Province and Municipal agencies and the anticipated changes. These changes will not be implemented until the current inquiries outcomes on the Desmond, Mass Casualties and Wortman reports are complete. There is an expectation that policing changes will be forthcoming in regards to RCMP Provincial Police priorities/capacity. The RCMP are not required to provide specialized policing services to any municipality who aren't policed by them.

These changes may have a financial impact on the Town as development of additional specialized units may be necessary.

UNFINISHED/OLD Business

Strategic Plan

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Strategic Plan, prepared by Patrick Hirtle was emailed to board members.

Since the circulation of this document, changes have been made, primarily in the public engagement portion of the report. A revised copy will be included in the June meeting documents.

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NEW BUSINESS

April Monthly Report

doc # 22-011

Circulated to members no discussion

Questions around the financial portion of this report.

Chief Feener advised that the moratorium on fines has reopened and the province will be collecting Summary Offence Ticket money which had been delayed due to the pandemic.

Comments made in terms of the SSRO and his enthusiastic attitude regarding his position.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2nd , 2022 at 5:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

22-014 Moved to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Oickle and seconded by Commissioner Lipsett. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

David Walker
Board Chair