

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
June 2nd , 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, June 2nd , 2022 at the Bridgewater Police Service, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, NS, commencing at 530PM with Chair David Walker presiding.

Those in attendance: Commissioners Virginia Oickle, Cheryl Fougere, Darren Lipsett and Fay Patey

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

Regrets: Andrew Tanner, Mike Conklin

Guests: Det/Cst James Creaser, Det/Cst Gord Giffin

ORDER

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Old Business – Board Vacancy

New Business – South Shore Exhibition Support

TRAINING

CISNS – Det/Cst Gord Giffin –Det/Cst James Creaser

Chief Feener introduced Criminal Investigation Services of Nova Scotia (CISNS) members. Det/Cst James Creaser of BPS and Det/Cst Gordon Giffin, RCMP, the two members seconded to this integrated unit.

The CISNS program is funded by the province and is reportable to the Criminal Investigation Section Canada (CISC). The Province creates a threat assessment annually, which is submitted to DOJ where a PEC committee, comprised of Chief's and RCMP members, decide on enforcement targets/areas.

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CISNS is responsible for collecting and analyzing information on various crime related activity, such as drugs, human trafficking, extortion, money laundering and fraud. They also focus a large amount of time on biker groups, such as Hell's Angels.

Although this unit's jurisdiction runs from Chester to Barrington, they often assist the other five integrated units, where needed.

Developing confidential informants and collecting information takes time and can be challenging. All information gathered is shared with other police teams.

CISNS work closely with CDSA as well as Fisheries on various issues. Quite often, small issues result in uncovering higher levels of crime.

BPS secondment is a three year commitment, with the option of extending, where RCMP is eight.

It is a huge advantage for BPS to house this unit. When there is a local target, they assist with other units such as Street Crime Enforcement (SCEU) and General Investigation Section (GIS).

AGENDA

22-015 Moved by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Patey to approve the Agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

22-016 Moved by Commissioner Patey and seconded by Commissioner Oickle to approve the Minutes of the May 5th, 2022 of the regular meeting as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

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CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

NSAPG/CAPG

Board Chair D. Walker advised the group, Darrin Lipsett has been officially re-appointed as DoJ representative until 2025.

CAPG

The CAPG Strategic Plan is underway and includes two phases.

David Walker has received confirmation of participation in phase one.

UNFINISHED/OLD Business

Strategic Plan Timeline

The draft BPC Strategic Plan will be sent to Town Council for review.

A Strategic Plan discussion meeting, with a small group comprised of Board members and Councilors, will take place directly following the July 4th Council meeting at 6pm.

Traffic Position - Update

Chief Feener advised, an amendment to Collective Agreement has been developed for the new traffic position. This new position has been posted and subsequently filled by Cst Scott Norwood.

The position will remain vacant until the remainder of the equipment arrives to equip the Tesla.

The Traffic Speed Sign has been situated around Town in various areas to collect data. Cst Norwood can then target problem areas once in the new position.

As per the Strategic Plan, this traffic data will be shared with the Commission on a regular basis.

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Board applicants

Board Chair, David Walker informed board members of the five interested applicants for the civilian vacancy available this fall.

With the cut-off date for applicants of June 30th and a meeting scheduled for July 4th, seems timely to discuss applicants at the July meeting to choose a candidate.

It was suggested to perhaps reach out to the Multi-Culturalism Association to advise of this Board vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS

May Monthly Report

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The May monthly report was circulated to the Board with little discussion.

BBQ – June 8th @ 1130AM

The first 2022 BBQ for staff and commission members will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 1130-1:00pm.

SS Exhibition Support

Concerns were raised at the Council level and brought to the Board regarding the in-kind support the Town supplies to the South Shore Exhibition annually.

This in-kind contribution is primarily staff/,man hour for police personnel, public works support, traffic, etc.

In the past, the Town of Bridgewater has never billed the Exhibition for its support and believes recognition of some sort should be considered for this \$3500.00 donation.

Historically, BPS has heavily patrolled this event with extra bodies for the entire week. It is hugely disruptive to the schedule and our service as members are pulled from all specialized units.

Further discussions will take place, prior to making a decision on this.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1st , 2022 at 5:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

22-017 Moved to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Oickle and seconded by Commissioner Fougere. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

David Walker
Board Chair