

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
April 4th , 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday, April 4th, 2024 at the Bridgewater Police Service, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, NS, commencing at 5:27PM with Board Chair Darren Lipsett presiding.

Those in attendance: Commissioners, Andrew Tanner, Cheryl Fougere, Fay Patey, Mike Conklin and Diane Spencer.

Also present: Chief Feener, Deputy Chief Danny MacPhee, Deputy CAO Mark Flint and Commission Recording Secretary, Patty Sleep.

Guest: Det/Cst Aaron Clark

ORDER

Call to order at 5:30PM

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

DECLARATION OF Conflict of Interest

AGENDA

24-013 Moved by Commissioner Conklin and seconded by Commissioner Fougere, the April 2024 Agenda be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

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TRAINING

Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) - Det/Cst Aaron Clark

Chief Feener introduced BPS member Det/Cst Aaron Clarke. Aaron was seconded to the Street Crime Enforcement Unit approximately two years ago. This is a three-person unit comprised of one BPS member and two RCMP members (one constable and one corporal).

SCEU members work closely with the Crime Investigation Division (CID) as well as Criminal Investigation Section of NS (CISNS).

The focus of this unit is primarily street drugs which subsequently leads to other crimes, such as illegal firearms, stolen property, etc.

Aaron gave a detailed report on the number of joint projects these teams have been involved in over the last year. He explained how these teams work together with larger teams in the province, so definitely a team effort.

The larger, joint investigations, conducted with the Kings County team resulted in 16 investigations, 12 search warrants, 29 arrests and 113 charges.

The smaller- end projects totaled 5 investigations and the charges including firearm violations, cocaine and pill possession.

BPS handle human sources is consistent with policy and procedures of other agencies. Members develop relationships with individuals who are associated to these illegal activities and financial incentives are used to acquire information. Surveillance is conducted to confirm information, once enough is seen, search warrant is issued and executed.

A short Q&A followed the above discussion to conclude Aaron's visit.

Chief & Deputy commented on the great work Aaron and his team are doing.

The SCEU spot is not 100 percent funded by the province, but it is hoped it will be after the APO review.

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24-014 Moved by Commissioner Fougere and seconded by Commissioner Tanner to approve the Minutes of the March 7th , 2024 regular meeting as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

Extra/Private Duty & BPS Policy Revisions **doc # 24-017**

Revisions made to the By-Law as well as BPS policy in terms of the Private/Extra duty costs.

All have been implemented.

DOJ Annual Report **doc # 24-018**

Attached letter and Organizational Chart submitted to DOJ.

The Annual Report (booklet) submitted to DOJ has not been completed since 2016.

We are obligated to submit a report, so the attached, modified report was sent this month with the most recent BPS Organizational Chart.

Policing Review **doc # 24-020**

Information Chief Feener pulled off website on the policing review was circulated.

Deloitte is conducting the review and it is unsure when it will begin or conclude.

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UNFINISHED/OLD Business

Operational Budget 2024/25

The 2024-25 Operational Budget is on the Council agenda for Monday, April 8th, 2024. All seems to be in order.

Capital Budget 2024/25

The Capital Budget is in place with pre-approval received on the purchase of the electric vehicle.

Chief will provide an update after Monday's Town Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

March Monthly Report

doc # 24-019

Circulated to Board members.

125th BPS Anniversary

2024 marks the 125th Anniversary for the Town and it's police force.

A new crest has been designed to promote police service. Decals are being made and will be place on patrol vehicles.

Chief is looking to the Commission for ideas as to what event or activities should take place. A community bbq was suggested as well as a chance for the public to meet the new police service dog arriving the end of April or first of May.

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The Town will also be hosting events to promote this anniversary. It has not been decided if BPS will have it's own or join the Town. Additional discussion will take place in May.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd , 2024.

Board Chair, Darren Lipsett will be attending the NSAPG workshop in Truro on this date. Chair Fougere will Chair the May meeting.

Cheryl will chair

ADJOURNMENT

24-015 Motion to adjourn regular meeting by Commissioner Patey. Meeting adjourned.

Patty Sleep
Recording Secretary

Darren Lipsett
Board Chair