

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
April 10, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Acting Chair
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner William White

REGRETS: Commissioner Brad Johns

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mr. William White was sworn in as a new member of the Board.

Chief Beazley and Supt. Barnett made a presentation to Mr. Trevor Johnson thanking him for his service to the Board.

3. MINUTES - NONE

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 8.1 Chief Beazley - Police Week
- 8.2 Chief Beazley - Traffic Unit Activity
- 8.3. Commissioner Mosher - Squeegee People at Willow Tree

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

7. DEFERRED ITEMS

7.1 Community Newspaper Article

Chief Beazley noted the article on deterring auto theft and advised that the article could be used by any Councillor or in community newspapers .

Commissioner Mosher suggested the Chief examine the possibility of placing the article on both the HRM and HRP website.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Chief Beazley - Police Week

Chief Beazley advised Police Week will be held at the Dartmouth Sportsplex starting on May 11th running through to May 13th. The theme is celebrating 10 years of amalgamation. He noted that as part of the program, officers will be assisting girl guides and scouts in obtaining their law awareness badges.

8.2 Chief Beazley - Traffic Unit Activity

Chief Beazley advised last month the unit checked over 6000 vehicles, ten were towed, over 2,000 safety pamphlets were passed out, 829 moving violations were issued.

8.3 Commissioner Mosher - Squeegee People at Willow Tree

Commissioner Mosher noted an instance with squeegee people and asked if anything could be done to address this matter. Chief Beazley advised this would come under the Pan Handling By-Law which is at the Department of Justice at the present time.

Ms. Hannah advised she would look check the status of this and provide an update at the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2006.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 12:49 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 11, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Brad Johns
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernesting Gouthro

STAFF
AND OTHERS: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Mr. Brian Carter, Department of Justice

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 14, 2005

MOVED by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of February 14, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

Community Response Model - Chief Beazley
Role of Mr. Brian Carter - Commissioner Johnson
Public Presentations to Board - Commissioner Johnson

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Johns, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE

6. REPORTS:

6.1 Commissioner Johnson - Youth Crime

Commissioner Johnson ask if there was a strategy in place given the present situation with youth crime.

Chief Beazley noted there is a sense of fear in the community that is not warranted. He stated what is being referred to as swarmings are assaults, noting robberies, youth complaints and assaults have dropped since last year.

He advised special operations are addressing these types of issues and talks are continuing with different levels of government. He noted they have targeted approximately one hundred individuals for a period of three months and are continuing to target the knowns and identify the unknowns. He stated there needs to be a greater community response and things need to be toughened up from the justice system perspective. He advised staff is currently checking if there is something other than curfew to address the situation with youth. He advised communication strategies are being put out on a day to day basis.

6.2 Community Response - Chief Beazley

Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, with the aid of a Powerpoint presentation, presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Smith, the Board was advised that all officers on day patrol are in sector policing.

In response to Commissioner Mosher, the Board was advised that there is both an internal and external plan.

In response to Commissioner Johnson, the Board was advised there are foot patrols on Spring Garden Road and Downtown as well as on a 24/7 basis on Gottingen Street.

Mr. North thanked staff for their presentation.

6.3 Role of Mr. Brian Carter - Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Johnson suggested the Board consider recognizing Mr. Carter as the first reference for a question and, if he cannot, then HRM legal resources. He noted Mr. Carter is a consultant to Board and is funded by the province but his role has not received any official recognition.

Mr. Carter advised his role is as a resource to the Board.

It was agreed that Mr. Carter would be consulted on a case by case situation noting representatives would be in attendance at the next meeting and Mr. Carter's role could be further clarified at that time.

6.4 Public Presentations to Board - Commissioner Johnson

It was noted that the criteria for presentation was outlined in Administrative Order Number One.

Commissioner Johnson stated he was asking that consideration be given to providing opportunity to the community to come forward and make presentations.

MOVED by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Mosher that the criteria for public presentations be held in accordance with Administrative Order Number One. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.5 Status Sheet

6.5.1 Community Policing Procedures

It was agreed to remove this item from the status sheet.

6.5.2 Rewards for Unsolved Crimes

To remain on status sheet. Still being researched and regulations are being developed.

6.5.3 Update on photo radar

Chief Beazley advised the Ottawa model has been examined. He advised it may be a longer term study and staff has asked the Department of Justice to come to a future meeting to discuss the matter. It was agreed this item would remain on the status sheet for regular updates.

The Board agreed that the status sheet would also contain the names of the mover and seconder of an item.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2005.

It was requested "Length of Board Meetings" be placed as an item on the next agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 3:05 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

April 11, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Peter Kelly

REGRETS: Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31p.m. at the RCMP Cole Harbour Detachment.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

The Legislative Assistant swore in Commissioners Phillip Read and Michael Moreash as new members of the Board of Police Commissioners.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (re: motion of January 10, 2011)

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that Commissioner Gosse continue as Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners for 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that Commissioner Ruth be elected as Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners for 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 14, 2011

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that the minutes of March 14, 2011 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

10.2 HRP & RCMP 2010 Town Hall Meetings

MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

6.1 Police Fleet – Mr. Larry Hilton & Mr. Paul Beauchamp, HRM Fleet Services

A document titled Fleet Re-Capitalization Police Services was submitted.

Mr. Larry Hilton, Coordinator of Technical and Admin Services, and Mr. Paul Beauchamp, Manager of Corporate Fleet and Equipment, provided the presentation on the Police Fleet. Highlights were as follows:

- Of the current 285 police vehicles, 100 require replacement
- Staff are requesting \$2,100,000 in the Capital Budget each year for the next three years to replace these vehicles and bring the fleet back up to where it needs to be
- If all goes as planned, only 27 cars will be left to replace in 2014/15
- Patrol vehicles over three years old are only used for eight hour service days to obtain a longer use life in the fleet
- It is not the vehicle itself but the usage that creates the need for replacement
- The useful life of fleet vehicles is as follows: three years for police cruisers, five years for vans and non patrol vehicles, and 10 to 15 years for heavier vehicles and motor bikes

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions.

Mr. Hilton indicated that this was the last production run on the Crown Victoria police car and staff did not know what model they would switch to; noting the RCMP and other departments use this vehicle as well. He advised that the new cars would cost in the \$35,000 range.

Regarding retention times, Superintendent Beaton advised that the RCMP fleet in HRM was managed through their Atlantic Region Office and that cars were covered in the FTE cost of the RCMP member. He indicated that retention times would probably be similar in this environment; noting that the RCMP does not usually keep their vehicles beyond the 160,000 to 200,000 kilometre mark.

Regarding the cost of fuel and maintenance, Chief Beazley indicated that HRP purchases their own gas and vehicles may fuel up at one of 11 HRM fuel sites. He stated that they do not pay Provincial road tax as all cars have fuel cards with them and that fuel is currently purchased at .96 cents a litre. Chief Beazley advised that maintenance is done in house as well with some work being contracted out. He stated that the shop rate was \$45 per hour; noting that the HRP does get some price reductions for parts as they purchase so many and that warranty work goes out when cars are purchased.

The Chair thanked Mr. Hilton and Mr. Beauchamp for their presentation.

6.2 Meeting with the Minister of Justice – Feedback – Chair & Chief Beazley

The agenda from the March 23, 2011 Minister's Meeting was submitted.

Correspondence dated March 25, 2011 from Deputy Chief McNeil, President, Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association, was submitted.

The Chair advised that he, Superintendent Beaton and Chief Beazley had attended the meeting with the Minister of Justice, Chiefs of Police and the RCMP Commanding Officers on March 23, 2011. He reviewed the details of the meeting and concerns

presented by HRM for the benefit of new members. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- Minister Landry advised that the Province would negotiate with HRM regarding its contribution to the Serious Incident Response Team
- The HRM position will not necessarily be taken from Boots on the Street Program personnel
- Provincial Policing Service Agreement (PPSA) negotiations will be effected by the Federal Election
- Minister Landry stated that there would be no change to the Additional Officer Program this year; however, that will change in following years and that the Program should not be used to augment policing
- Minister Landry wants to look at policing in Nova Scotia generally and to look at standards as he believes that policing is becoming expensive
- Minister Landry would like to discuss this with the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police
- Chief Beazley advised Minister Landry that policing is a municipal responsibility and suggested he speak with municipalities or the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) first
- Minister Landry is concerned about impaired driving and would like Nova Scotia's favourable MADD rating to continue
- Minister Landry requested ideas on proposed changes to the Motor Vehicle Act so the Board should write to the Department of Justice with suggestions

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence - None

8.2 Petitions - None

8.3 Presentations

8.3.1 Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) and Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) – Mr. David Walker, President NSAPB

A presentation from the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) was submitted.

Mr. David Walker, President of NSAPB, indicated that direction was given at the 2010 annual general meeting of the NSAPB to visit each of the 11 Boards of Police across Nova Scotia to provide an overview of the Association. Mr. Walker provided a presentation on the NSAPB for the Board's information.

In closing, Mr. Walker invited the Commissioners to attend the annual joint conference with the NSAPB and Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police in Bridgewater from September 15 to 17, 2011. He noted that he hoped that HRM was still planning to host the 2014 conference and welcomed the Board to contact the NSAPB with any questions or comments they may have.

10.1 Chief Superintendent Alphonse MacNeil, Commanding Officer 'H' Division - Introduction

Deputy Commissioner Alphonse MacNeil, Commanding Officer 'H' Division RCMP, stated that he had been in his current position since December 2010 and wished to introduce himself to the Board and make an announcement. He advised that Superintendent Beaton's current position was being upgraded from Superintendent to Chief Superintendent, therefore, a competition for a new commanding officer for the RCMP Halifax District would be held. Deputy Commissioner MacNeil indicated that this was an opportunity for the RCMP to show a commitment to HRM by conducting a national bulletin to find the right candidate for the job as HRM was the largest detachment east of the Rockies and should have a higher ranking Chief Superintendent. He stated that RCMP staff would return to the Board in approximately six weeks for their input once a short list is compiled and that Superintendent Beaton would remain in his position until the new Chief Superintendent is found. In closing, Deputy Commissioner MacNeil advised the Board that this change in rank would create no extra cost to HRM as it would be done within the existing RCMP budget.

9. REPORTS

9.1 RCMP Reports

The March 2011 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

The RCMP 2010/11 Training Report was submitted.

Superintendent Beaton advised that the March 2011 RCMP reports were as submitted; noting that, with regards to the Training Report, the RCMP had done almost twice as much training this fiscal year.

**MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the March 2011 RCMP reports as submitted.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

9.2 HRP Reports

The March 2011 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the March 2011 HRP reports were as submitted; noting that up until March 1, 2011, HRP had 128 officers and civilians complete block training.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read, that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the March 2011 HRP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.1 HRP Budget Update

Chief Beazley advised that he had no new updates as the budget remained the same as presented in February 2011 and a report would be forwarded to Council from the Board endorsing the Police Budget.

9.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 4 was submitted.

The Public Safety Strategic Plan booklet was submitted.

The Public Safety Communication Strategy was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 4 was as submitted.

Commissioner Uteck expressed concern that there appeared to be an in house disagreement regarding legitimate public art and graffiti in HRM.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the difference between graffiti and art was permission and that, as such, all graffiti was a crime and the disagreements were probably an issue of terminology. He stated that there would be a staff meeting to address some of these concerns to ensure all HRM staff is on the same page and that opportunities for urban art are provided.

Superintendent Spicer then presented the first HRM Public Safety Strategic Plan and reviewed the submitted booklet. He noted one error on page 3 of the booklet that should read 64 rather than 60 recommendations for action. Superintendent Spicer welcomed Commissioners to contact him with any comments or questions and advised that the information would be put on the Public Safety webpage now that it has been reviewed by the Board.

Ms. Theresa Rath, Manager of Public Relations, HRP, reviewed the Public Safety Communication Strategy with the Board; noting that staff were open to feedback.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the Public Safety reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS

**10.1 Chief Superintendent Alphonse MacNeil, Commanding Officer 'H'
Division – Introduction**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 6.

10.2 HRP & RCMP 2010 Town Hall Meetings

The Halifax District RCMP 2010 Town Hall Report was submitted.

The HRP 2010 Town Hall Meetings Final Report was submitted.

It was noted that the 2010 RCMP and HRP Town Hall Meeting reports would be tabled for the Board to review and could be added to the next agenda if members had questions.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE - May 16, 2011

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

April 14, 2003

PRESENT: Comm. Greg North, Chair
Comm. Jerry Blumenthal
Comm. Harry McInroy
Comm. James Perrin
Comm. Trevor Johnson
Comm. Eartha Monard

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Police Chief Beazley, HRP
Supt. Mike Burns, Training Officer, HRP
Inspector Vern Fraser (RCMP)
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Legislative Assistant

ABSENT: Councillor Jim Smith (regrets)

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0.1 **SWEARING IN**

Commissioners Harry McInroy and Jerry Blumenthal were sworn in by Barry Allen.

0.2 **COMMENDATION**

A commendation was presented to Cst. Jeffrey Winters for the role he played in saving the lives of a mother and her son following a road accident which left their vehicle submerged.

0.3 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Comm. McInroy moved the nomination of Comm. Johnson for Vice-Chair. This nomination was seconded by Comm. Blumenthal. There being no further nominations, Comm. McInroy moved nominations cease. **Comm. Trevor Johnson was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.**

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Circulated at the meeting were the following:

C Information Item - Complaint of Mr. Victor Harris against HRP

Added to the agenda were the following:

- Item 7.1 - Letters of Appreciation for former Board Members (Comm. Johnson)
- Item 7.2 - Bullying Bylaw (Comm. Monard)
- Item 7.3 - NSAPB Invoice (Comm. Monard)
- Item 6.4 - Training Session - Winnipeg (Inspector Fraser)
- Item 6.5 - Tour of RCMP Regina Facilities

The agenda was adopted as amended.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY Comm. Monard and Comm. Perrin that the minutes of the March 10, 2003 meeting be adopted as circulated. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/STATUS SHEET**

3.1 **POLICING STUDY**

Sgt. Bill Moore circulated to the Board the HRM Policing Review Information Flow Chart and List of Recommendations.

He updated the Board on the process to date. During this review he noted the following:

- C Final report of Perivale and Taylor presented August 2002. Any members without a copy of this report can obtain a copy through Sgt. Moore.
- C His secondment to act as Project Manager.
- C Board's involvement had been deferred pending the appointment of new Board members. He sought direction from the Board on how they wished to proceed.
- C Composition and activities of the HRM Police Study Steering Committee and Policing Study Project Coordination Group.
- C Process, i.e. internal review, discussion of recommendations by groups jointly, with resultant recommendations to be taken to the Steering Committee.
- C Reference was made to the training program referred to in point 10. Sgt. Moore noted that Wendy Feduc, Executive Director, CAPB had provided him with a document on training. Reference was also made to a CD from the CAPB which Raymond Cusson, Department of Justice has.

During the ensuing discussion, the following were discussed:

- C Need for the entire Board to be involved or a sub-committee, which would bring the recommendations to the Board for approval and forwarding on to the Steering Committee.
- C Development of a priority list.
- C Identification of what the Police Act requires in terms of the Boards' roles and responsibilities, when reviewing the report's recommendations.
- C The holding of a session facilitated by Sgt. Moore to discuss the recommendations and the impact on the Board. Mr. McLellan may participate.
- C Concern that the Board is being asked to address recommendations when they have not been through a training program.
- C The pros and cons of the Steering Committee bringing recommendations to the Board.
- C The importance of training Board members and how the review could fit into it.
- C New Board members need an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the operation of the HRP and RCMP.

MOVED by Comm. McInroy and seconded by Comm. Perrin that the Board hold a special session with Sgt. Moore focusing on the Policing Study.

Comm. Johnson proposed an amendment to the motion related to inviting RCMP and HRP representatives to discuss their operations with the Board over the course of several

lunch hour sessions to help increase the Board's knowledge and understanding of the police operations.

A/Chief Beazley advised that Inspector Fraser and he had discussed holding such an overview session with the Board. Comm. Johnson withdrew his proposed amendment. Sgt. Moore will discuss the best way to handle the two aspects with those involved and coordinate setting a meeting date(s) with the Board's Secretary.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **HRP PROFILE - BLACK CULTURAL CENTRE**

C Report from Acting Chief Beazley dated April 9, 2003 circulated at the meeting

In attendance for this item were Theresa Rath-Brien and Louie Coutinho, Director of Human Resources for HRM, who were introduced by the Acting Chief.

A/Chief Beazley reviewed the report with the Board. Essentially the HRP has been approached by the Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia as to whether they would like to set up a display similar to the RCMP's which recognizes black police officers. Mr. Coutinho commented on the benefits of the initiative in increasing recruitment and bridging the gap between the community and police services.

MOVED by Comm. Monard and seconded by Comm. McInroy that Halifax Regional Police work with the staff of the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia to set up a display of the Black Officers of HRP. This display will cost approximately \$3,000, with funding to be provided by the Human Resources section of HRM. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

During discussion, the following points were made by members:

- C The CAPB Conference to be held this summer in Halifax. It would be desirable to have the display in place in time for tours associated with the Conference.
- C While the initiative is a good idea, concern was expressed that other minorities are being left out.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

6.1 **PRESENTATION ON ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES DOCUMENT**

- C Memorandum of Understanding between HRM, Board of Police Commissioners and RCMP (circulated at meeting)
- C Statement of Roles and Responsibilities between Town of Wolfville and RCMP and NS Department of Justice.

Darrell Harvey of the RCMP gave a presentation to the Board regarding Memorandums of Understanding and Statements of Roles and Responsibilities. During his presentation, he noted that the Memorandum of Understanding is not a legal document. It is intended to be a living document. It is intended that it be revisited annually. The similarities between the two forms were addressed and the impact the Policing Study may have on them in future.

6.2 **PRESENTATION OF HALIFAX DETACHMENT REVIEW**

Inspector Fraser noted that during the Business Planning process there had been requests for additional resources from both the Halifax Detachment and HRP. The CAO had requested information on what is being done with present resources. An internal review was conducted of the Halifax Detachment which is now complete. Inspector Fraser has referred it back to the review team for some clarification. He anticipates the final report being ready for the Board's May meeting. Copies will be provided to the Board and Acting Police Chief prior to the presentation.

6.3 **DISCUSSION ON HRM SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICES (VOLUNTEERS)**

Inspector Fraser noted that this subject was before the Board a couple of months ago. As of April 1, 2003 all fees charged for services have been made consistent with the HRP, except for those involving volunteer checks. Inspector Fraser sought approval of the Board to waive these fees for a further six months.

MOVED by Comm. McInroy and seconded by Comm. Monard that the fees associated with volunteers be waived for a further six months. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

6.4 **DISCUSSION - OFF ROAD VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT PENALTY**

Inspector Fraser advised that concern was expressed by Councillor Colwell regarding provisions related to impoundment of off road vehicles. Inspector Fraser confirmed that

under the Provincial Act such vehicles can only be impounded for 24 hours. The By-law Committee has been asked to give consideration of the situation, i.e. the possibility of HRM levying a substantial impoundment fee.

6.5 **INVITATION TO BOARD MEMBERS TO TOUR REGINA'S FACILITIES**

Inspector Fraser, referring to the number of new members on the Board, noted that there is provision in the RCMP's budget to take Board members to Regina to tour their facilities and observe training. The members need only let him know and he will see the necessary arrangements are made. The tour would likely be this fall.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

7.1 **LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

Comm. Johnson advised that from a review of past Board minutes, it appears that there is a practice of sending letters of appreciation to former Board members. He felt consideration should be given to an additional gesture, perhaps in the form of a plaque. Reference was made by Comm. Monard to recognition given former Board members at the recent Dedication Dinner and Dance, including the presentation of a wallet with a retired police commissioner's badge. A/Chief Beazley will consider some other options.

7.2 **BULLYING BYLAWS**

Comm. Monard referred to the Bullying Hotline. She asked for a report on the number of calls received and whether it is making a difference. Reference was made to an associated bylaw. Mayor Kelly has expressed interest in its development. It is currently in the hands of the Bylaw Committee. Acting Chief Beazley will provide a report for the next meeting. He was not sure if any progress on the Bylaw will be made by the Bylaw Committee for the May meeting.

7.3 **NSAPB INVOICE**

Comm. Monard advised that the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards had only received partial payment of the annual membership dues. The amount outstanding being \$700 not \$200. She left the invoice with the Acting Chief Beazley.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES**

Acting Chief Beazley reviewed the statistics for February. He cautioned that the statistics with respect to Domestic Assaults needed explanation. The 32% increase does not indicate that such assaults have risen by that percentage. The figures reflect the number of contacts. One case can result in multiple contacts.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, May 12, 2003.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular portion of the meeting adjourned on motion of Comm. Blumenthal and Commissioner Johnson to go in camera.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
April 19, 2004**

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal

STAFF: Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil
Mr. Brian Carter
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

i) Presentation to Ms. Ertha Monard

Commissioner North, on behalf of Mayor Kelly and Regional Council, thanked Ms. Monard for her service as a member of the Board and Deputy Chief Burbridge presented Ms. Monard with a retirement badge on behalf of the Commission.

MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that Commissioner Johnson replace former Commissioner Monard on the Nova Scotia Board of Police Commissions. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii) Swearing In of Ms. Ernestine Gouthro

Mr. Barry Allen, Municipal Solicitor, performed the Swearing In of Ms. Ernestine Gouthro as a member of the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

6.1 Commissioner Johnson - Orientation and Policy Binders

MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 23, 2004

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of February 23, 2004, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE

5. REPORTS

5.1 PRESENTATIONS

5.1.1 Verona Singer, Coordinator Victim Services HRP

Ms. Verona Singer, Coordinator Victim Services, HRP, made a presentation to the Board regarding Victim Services, its goals and programs. During her presentation, Ms. Singer highlighted the victim services, on-scene response and high risk for lethality programs. Ms. Singer circulated a yearly statistics report for 2003 to the commission.

5.1.2 Julia Rustad, RCMP Community Assistance Program

Ms. Julia Rustad, Program Manager for the Province for RCMP Community Assistance Program, made a presentation to the Board regarding the various aspects associated with the program. She outlined the program and the types of assistance provided by the service.

Commissioner North thanked the presenters for their presentations.

5.2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

5.2.1 Commissioner Smith

i) Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

Commissioner Smith stated that the rewards posted for the Jason MacCullough and Tyrone Oliver cases had not been substantive enough or not posted for a long enough time period to be effective. The Commissioner suggested that consideration be given for the establishment of a dedicated reward program and that a new reward be posted for the MacCullough and Oliver cases.

Commissioner Smith noted that reports had been before Regional Council on two occasions and the Board on one occasion and placed the following motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that HRM request a collaborative updated report from HRP and RCMP on a dedicated reward program. Further, that the reposting of the reward for the MacCullough and Oliver cases be considered.

Deputy Chief Burbridge noted that in order to undertake a rewards program, money needs to be included in the budget and it was noted that the rewards program is not administered

by the police.

Supt. Fraser advised the annual RCMP budget does not include monies to be put into a rewards program and it is a process outside the RCMP.

Commissioner McInroy suggested maybe a witness protection program could be examined rather than a rewards program as people may not come forward in fear of retaliation.

Commissioner Johnson suggested that the reports presented to Council and the Board be evaluated.

Commissioner Blumenthal suggested discussion be held and subsequent to those discussions, find out where the money is going to be funded for the program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii) Weekly Crime Stats to Media

Commissioner Smith questioned why HRP and RCMP stats are provided by District, provided weekly, what are the benefits, and do newspapers have free access to this information. In response, Deputy Chief Burbridge advised the stats are public information and have been available for many years to anyone requesting the information. He noted the information can be broken down in various ways such as District, area, etc.

5.3 CORRESPONDENCE

5.3.1 Fee for Criminal Records Checks

Commissioner Johnson questioned whether these fees impose a hardship.

Commissioner Perrin noted that many of the volunteers of the Meals on Wheels program are senior citizens and on a fixed income.

Commissioner McInroy stated background checks need to be done and does not feel that age should be a determining factor as the fee charged for the check is not high.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised he would provide a report on what the associated costs are for organizations.

Commissioner Johnson requested the report include the amount raised for fees from volunteer groups.

5.4 4th Quarter Stats - HRP

Statistic reports were circulated from both the HRP and RCMP for the information of the Board.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Commissioner Johnson - Orientation and Policy Binders

MOVED by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that a Board orientation and operating/policy manual be developed to provide a source of continuity and adequate briefing for new members. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioners Johnson and Perrin will work with Superintendent Bill Moore on the development of an orientation and policy binder for the Board.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2004

8. ADJOURNMENT

The regular session adjourned into the In Camera session at 2:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

April 19, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - March 29, 2010

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the minutes of March 29, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1 Update on Recent Shootings - Commissioner McCluskey
- 8.2 Correspondence from Ms. Jennifer Lanzon, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Police Boards - Commissioner McCluskey

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Parking Ticket Statistics

- The Parking Ticket Statistics were before the Board.

The Chair indicated that the Parking Ticket Statistics had been provided by Deputy Chief Burbridge as requested by the Board.

It was noted that there are no metered parking areas in the RCMP Halifax Division area of HRM.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Secretariate

The Chair advised that the Board needed to decide what Perivale and Taylor Report recommendations to implement.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.2 Board Membership Terms - Commissioner Karsten

Commissioner Karsten indicated that while he realized that the terms of all Councillors on the Board had been extended to November 2010, he respectfully suggested that the Board send a request to Regional Council that at least one Councillor remain past this date in order to obtain continuity.

It was noted that the HRM Membership Selection Committee governed the Board's composition along with the Police Act which outlined a two year membership.

Chief Beazley advised that he had written to the province to request that they review the Police Act and consider allowing extensions for Councillors sitting on the Board in order to obtain continuity. He stated that there had also been a discussion involving the appointment of women and minorities on the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that he would follow up on this matter.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C The March 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that he had included the number of officers in his training report and had also included a volunteer report in keeping with the HRP submissions.

The RCMP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.2 HRP Reports

C The March 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

The HRP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

C The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 4 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer submitted public safety bookmarks for the purpose of being handed out at crime prevention events as well as door hangings to alert residents as to when community watch meetings were being held. He indicated that he could supply Councillors with these items for distribution in their Districts.

Commissioner Karsten expressed concern that old and faded Neighbourhood Watch signs in his District no longer acted as a crime deterrent as it became obvious to criminals that no prevention was taking place.

Superintendent Spicer advised that he would deal with this matter.

Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton will hold a Neighbourhood Watch presentation in Commissioner Karsten's District in order to encourage participation in this initiative.

Superintendent Spicer will organize this presentation.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Update on Recent Shootings - Commissioner McCluskey

Chief Beazley advised that he had Superintendent Beaton had met with the Minister of Justice, Mayor Kelly and select leaders within the African Nova Scotian community regarding the recent shootings in HRM. He indicated that there had been increased activity and what made the situation difficult was that the police were dealing with more than one group. Chief Beazley noted that he did feel comfortable in stating that virtually all the activity was between people who know each other or are related. Chief Beazley advised the Board that the HRP and RCMP were approaching the issue from a long term police safety perspective. He stated that they were also using a different approach through the use of public safety warrants and noted that police had been taking more guns off the street this year.

Superintendent Beaton noted that the police were trying to balance public safety and reassurance without jeopardizing their investigation. He stated that, despite the visible RCMP presence in Preston, shootings were still occurring.

Commissioner McCluskey expressed concern for the safety of officers as the shootings were so brazen. She stated that local ministers should get involved as this violence was beginning at a young age and children needed guidance.

A discussion on public communication ensued.

8.2 Correspondence from Ms. Jennifer Lanzon, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Police Boards - Commissioner McCluskey

Chief Beazley advised that a submission had already been made regarding this matter.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for May 10, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

April 6, 2009

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Earl Gosse

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - January 26 & February 9, 2009

Amendments:

January 26, 2009 - titles will be changed from Councillor, Mr. and Mrs. to Commissioner

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of January 26 & February 9, 2009 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

7.1 Mayor's Roundtable - Update from Superintendent Spicer - Chief Beazley

7.2 Off Duty Employment - Chief Beazley

7.3 2008 Canadian Association of Police Board Conference - Former Commissioner Beverley Peters

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. REPORTS

6.1 RCMP Reports

C A copy of the April 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton advised that there had been a decrease in calls for service which he attributed to the RCMP's reference around crime reduction.

It was noted that impaired driving was up by 5%.

The Board accepted the RCMP Reports as information.

6.2 HRP Reports

C A copy of the HRP reports for April 2009 were before the Board.

As there were no questions, the Board accepted the HRP Reports as information.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Mayor's Roundtable - Update from Superintendent Spicer - Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley advised that in the short time since being appointed, Superintendent Spicer had been meeting with City Officials and the media regarding his new role. Superintendent Spicer had also met with Dr. Clairmont and Dr. Murphy to see if they would continue to play a role in this study from an oversight perspective. Additionally, Chief Beazley stated that he and Superintendent Spicer had met with the Cape Breton Regional Police and Edmonton Police Service as well representatives from the province, IWK and Community Development. He stated that Superintendent Spicer's next plan was to put together a workshop which he would be coordinating along with Mr. Allan Waye, Executive Officer, and the Commissioners would be invited to attend. Superintendent Spicer will also be working on a strategic plan which staff would be helping him with after budget deliberations. In closing, Chief Beazley indicated that he was pleased with Superintendent Spicer's first month noting that they had made some outreach to the African Nova Scotian Community and were planning to meet with leaders.

7.2 Off Duty Employment - Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley advised that once this policy was approved there had been 42 requests to participate from a wide range of job opportunities as well as volunteer work.

7.3 2008 Canadian Association of Police Board Conference

C An information package was submitted.

Ms. Beverley Peters, former Commissioner, provided a brief summary of her trip to Toronto to attend the 2008 Canadian Association of Police Board Conference. She stated that the 2009 conference would be taking place in Cape Breton in August.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2009.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following item was added as information:

1. APB - Volume 13 Issue 3

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. S. David Bryson, Chair
Comm. Eartha Monard
Comm. Bob Harvey
Comm. Bruce Hetherington

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, David McKinnon, HRP
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP
Mr. Dennis Kelly, N.S. Dept. of Justice
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

REGRETS: Comm. Adams

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m., Training Room, City Hall. The Chair introduced Mr. Paul Boudreau who was auditing today's meeting.

1.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

An item was added to the agenda as item 7.1 - Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes.

2.0 **MINUTES**

The March 11, 2002 minutes were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Harvey.

3.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

4.0 **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.2 **CAPB CONFERENCE 2003**

An e-mail had been received from Wendy Fedec enquiring whether the Board had decided on a reception at the Casino Nova Scotia Hotel for Wednesday evening, August 20, 2003 or a golf tournament and BBQ that day. She was signing the contract with the hotel April 11, 2002.

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Judy Pal providing an update. Ms. Pal explained in the e-mail that a Board member would take over from her once the groundwork had been done and coordinate the details. It was suggested that Comm. Monard consider setting up the social program.

It had been noted at a previous meeting, that the other commissioners terms will be up before the Conference.

Comm. Hetherington felt Judy Pal should contact the Councillor's Office and/or George MacLellen for help through for instance Andrew Cox, Special Events Coordinator. He did not feel this should be a function of the Board.

The Chair felt Ms. Fedec should be able to sign the contract to reserve the hotel space, but pass on the catering component, until a Social Committee is formed.

4.1 **ROLE OF MILITARY POLICE**

At the invitation of the Board, Lieutenant-Commander Mark Cullum, Naval Provost Marshal (Atlantic) was in attendance to explain the relationship the Military Police have with the RCMP and HRP. Comm. Hetherington had raised the subject at the February 2001 meeting.

Lieutenant-Commander Cullum left with the Clerk information pertaining to the Canadian Forces Military Police which he discussed during the course of his presentation.

He noted that there are two times when the Military Police and the HRP/RCMP's paths cross almost daily, i.e. during transit and on the water. Reference was made to the patrols of the Harbour now being 24 hours a day, seven days a week since September 11th to provide safety and security for the naval vessels and visiting vessels.

He noted that there is a lot of communications at all levels between the HRP/RCMP and the Military Police. A good relationship exists between the three forces.

Comm. Hetherington sought clarification on the role the Military Police will have related to Shearwater when it is turned over to HRM. It was noted that generally the RCMP or the HRP are involved in policing the streets where military housing is located, while problems on their property are handled by the Military Police. Lieutenant-Commander Cullum indicated that there is no intention to stop providing policing services to Shearwater.

Comm. Hetherington felt the presentation had been very worthwhile and proposed a similar presentation be scheduled, every year or two, to keep the Board members up to date.

5.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

None.

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

7.0 **ADDED ITEMS**

7.1 **REWARDS FOR MAJOR UNSOLVED CRIMES**

Copies of an Information Report, prepared by Chief McKinnon, on the above noted subject were circulated to the members. This report had been prepared in response to a document Councillor Jim Smith had requested be placed on the December 2001 Board's agenda. A number of questions were posed in this document with respect to offering rewards for major unsolved crimes. As a result of the Board's discussion, a survey was conducted of four other police agencies.

Chief McKinnon reviewed the report's contents with the Board. During this review it was noted that none of the agencies contacted reported rewards being claimed or crimes solved as a result of these initiatives. The size of awards was addressed in the report, the nature of the crime which resulted in a reward being offered, the length of time a reward is offered for, generation of funds, etc. The Chief noted that the last question posed by Councillor Smith related to whether the HRP would post rewards again related to the McCulloch and Oliver cases. The Board was advised that HRP representatives have met with the McCulloch family and were advised that when and if an opportunity arises indicating it may be worthwhile to repost the rewards, the HRP will consider.

POLICE STUDY

The Chief was questioned on the status of the Police Study. He advised that the final draft is not yet available.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD

Comm. Harvey, who is a member of the Membership Selection Committee, advised the Board that they are awaiting information from Mr. McLellan before proceeding with a recommendation to Regional Council.

8.0 **STATISTICS**

The Board was advised that starting this Sunday, the Daily News will include a map in their publication identifying geographical areas where crimes took place the previous week. It was noted that this information is already provided on the HRP Web page. Councillor Hetherington suggested that Judy Pal provide this information to the Councillors beforehand.

Comm. Harvey questioned whether the RCMP is planning to do something similar. Supt. Ferguson indicated they will be providing information, in a similar format, within a few weeks or months.

9.0 **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, May 13, 2002. The Chair and Chief McKinnon advised they would be unable to attend the May meeting. A decision will be made by the Chair and Comm. Harvey towards the end of April on whether or not to cancel the May meeting.

COMMUNITY CONSTABLE PROGRAM

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Boudreau commended the RCMP on their Community Constable Program. He applauded their efforts to get minorities involved in policing.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned to meet in camera on motion of Comm. Hetherington.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

August 10, 2009

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Sergeant Steve Merrick, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - July 13, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the minutes of July 13, 2009, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C Copies of the July 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Sergeant Steve Merrick advised that he was sitting in for Superintendent Beaton who was attending a conference. He noted that there were no stand out differentiating numbers in the second quarter RCMP statistics for 2009. He reviewed the statistics as per the July 2009 RCMP reports.

The Chair requested an update on those members who would be attending the Vancouver Olympics at the next meeting.

7.2 HRP Reports

C Copies of the July 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

Deputy Chief Burbridge indicated that 20 HRP members had volunteered to attend the Olympics; noting that it would not effect HRP coverage in HRM and the members would be going to Vancouver approximately one week to ten days prior to the Olympics and leaving several days after the closing ceremonies. He stated that all expenses and overtime was being paid for by the Federal Government.

Deputy Chief Burbridge indicated that the statistics were relatively positive as per the overall picture, however there had been an increase in violent crimes in two categories and there were concerns regarding robberies as they were up by 22%. He stated that it was harder to control the youth person to person robbery than store robberies and advised that despite the increase this quarter there had only been 172 robberies to date which was down from two years ago when robberies topped out at approximately 600.

Chief Burbridge advised that he would provide copies of the 2008 robbery apprehension record for the Commissioners.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

August 16, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Commissioner Earl Gosse

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIRED MEMBER'S BADGE - Mr. James Perrin

This item was dealt with later in the meeting. Please see page 4.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - July 26, 2010

Amendment:

Item 7.3, Page 6 - *working with* rather than *created the HEAT UNIT*

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the minutes of July 26, 2010 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

9.1 Motorcycle Petition - Karsten

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2.1 HRP Budget Update

Chief Beazley advised that the latest numbers show that HRP is \$411, 399 overspent for overtime. He stated that there was \$445,310 in the vacancy management piece; noting that this number would not increase as much as the HRP had recently completed a recruitment. He indicated that August would be the HRP's peak month in demand and calls for service; noting that they had a good summer up until the weekend prior. In closing, Chief Beazley advised that there would not be a police school this year.

8.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

- The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 8 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the Public Safety Update was as submitted.

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the bill accept the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 8. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 HRP Reports

C The July 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley stated that the second quarter police statistics were out; noting that the crime statistics had been increased due to instances of breaking and entering and theft. He advised that staff were happy to announce that crimes against persons were down. He indicated that the HRP and RCMP had been putting out joint media releases regarding the breaking and entering issue; noting that theft from cars was occurring as well. In closing, Chief Beazley stated that there has been success in arresting prolific offenders; advising that one man confessed to over 50 break and enters.

Commissioner McCluskey requested a record of johns as well as prostitutes.

Chief Beazley advised that the ratio of johns to prostitutes was usually 50/50.

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIRED MEMBER'S BADGE - Mr. James Perrin

The Chair, Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton presented Mr. Perrin with his Board of Police Commissioners' retirement badge and thanked him for his over seven years of service.

Mr. Perrin thanked Chief Beazley, Superintendent Beaton, HRM staff and the Commissioners and wished them all the best; stating that it had been a pleasure.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentations - None

8. REPORTS

8.1 RCMP Reports

C The July 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton stated that he would allow Chief Beazley's comments to stand regarding the combined statistics report. He advised that property crime had a significant increase of almost 20% which was directly attributed to the theft under \$5000 situation. Superintendent Beaton indicated that, on a positive note, common assaults had decreased from 2009 and, in the area of pro active enforcement, there had been an increase in drug related offences. In closing, he advised that there were 27 victim services files in July 2010 which was not an overly large number, however, staff were hoping to improve.

Commissioner McCluskey posed a question regarding police training in dealing with residents with Autism.

Chief Beazley indicated that some Autism training is provided by the Mobile Mental Health Training Unit as well as via a video program.

Superintendent Spicer noted that resources are given to officers regarding who to contact in such cases.

8.2 HRP Reports

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 4.

8.2.1 HRP Budget Update

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

8.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Motorcycle Petition

Commissioner McCluskey indicated that she had submitted a petition at the August 10, 2010 Regional Council meeting on behalf of residents from downtown Dartmouth where there was a motorcycle issue regarding excessive noise.

Chief Beazley stated that the petition had come to HRP staff and that Superintendent Bill Moore had been assigned to respond. He advised that what they could do was minimal and that excessive noise could be investigated under the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA). Chief Beazley indicated that Councillor Uteck had requested that police investigate this issue several years ago and, at that time, there was no equipment that could monitor motorcycle equipment for noise. He stated that if motorcycle baffles are broken or malfunctioning HRP will lay charges as those things are to be safety inspected.

Superintendent Beaton advised that he had spoken to the Department of National Resources regarding ATVs and his research found that these bikes are all sold with factory installed equipment and after market mufflers were then bought and installed. He stated that this matter involved Provincial legislation under the MVA and was difficult to enforce.

Superintendent Spicer advised that there was a successful By-law from the city of Edmonton which the Province was investigating.

Commissioner McCluskey requested that Superintendent Moore include information regarding Edmonton's By-law in his report.

Commissioner Karsten noted that much had changed since Councillor Uteck had brought this issue forward several years prior as there was now a decibel reader available for motorcycles. He stated that the Edmonton model was workable and that it had received favourable reports across Canada.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for September 20, 2010.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. Adams
Comm. North
Comm. Hetherington

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Comm. Monard
Comm. Harvey

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Chief Barss, HRP
Deputy Chief Beazley, HRP
Supt. Chris McNeil, HRP
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Dennis Kelly, NS Dept. of Justice
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Manager, Financial Planning Services
Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Meeting called to order by the Chair at 12:30 p.m., Training Room, City Hall.

0.1 SWEARING IN

The Chair introduced the Board's new member, Gregory Ian North, who took the Oath of Office.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

An added items list was circulated containing the following items:

- 7.1 Nomination to Board of Directors - CAPB
- 7.2 Golden Jubilee Medals

Also circulated were the following:

- 8.2 Halifax Regional Police - 2nd Quarter Statistics
- 8.3 RCMP - 2nd Quarter and Year-to-Date

Information Item(s):

- 2. Added Info Items List containing the following information items:
 - 3. CAPB Bulletins re Fed. Gov. Issues Consultation Paper on DNA Data Bank Legislation & Seminar on the Future Roles of Public Police and Private Security Agencies
 - 4. Realignment of Executive Management Responsibilities
- C Correspondence from Supt. Ferguson to Supt. McNeil re integration of Canine Units.

It was requested that the Information Report, previously circulated, on Realignment of Executive Management Responsibilities, dated August 14, 2002, be moved to the In Camera Session.

The revised agenda, was adopted by consensus.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 10, 2002 meeting were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Comm. Adams and Comm. Hetherington.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 POLICE STUDY

Ms. Betty MacDonald, circulated to the members the Table of Contents from the Police Study. In her summary of the report, she noted that both the HRP and RCMP were felt to be very professional agencies and HRM was well served by them. While not being critical, the study identified some gaps and duplications. She noted that a number of recommendations are specifically related to the Board, which she illustrated with examples, i.e. the Board should have a more proactive role in high level policy making and budgeting, etc.

She noted that the consultants will be making their presentation to Council at the August 27, 2002 Committee of the Whole. HRM staff plan to prepare a report on the study. A phased in action plan will need to be prepared by staff for Council.

News releases are being coordinated by John O'Brien, HRM's Corporate Communications Officer and it is intended that the HRP and RCMP receive a joint communication prior to release of the study. Ms. MacDonald felt the Board of Police Commissioners may also wish to make some general comments in advance of the release.

Given the amount of detail in the report, it was suggested that the consultants give a special briefing to the Commission prior to the presentation to Regional Council. This briefing will focus on elements of the study associated with the Board's role. It was decided to hold a special session, Tuesday, August 27, at 10:00 a.m., Council Chambers. Mr. Kelly will not be able to attend the session, but Weldon Myers will attend in his place. While some of the senior HRP staff will be unable to attend, Supt. Burbridge and Deputy Chief Beazley can attend.

Ms. MacDonald noted that the report is 280 pages in length. She will endeavour to pull out items associated with the Board and provide to the members prior to the meeting. There are at least a dozen specific recommendations related to the Board of the 80 to 90 recommendations.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 PRESENTATION - STRATEGIC PLAN

In attendance for this item were Staff Sgt. Mike Bell, Sgt. Bill Moore and Staff Sgt. Burns. It was noted that Brenda Zima had also been part of the Working Group. Copies of the Vision and Goals had been circulated in the agenda package.

In the presentation, Staff Sgt. Bell noted that Chief McKinnon had initiated the process which will determine the direction the HRP will take in the next three to five years. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board would be asked to answer the following questions:

- C Do you approve of the work done to date?
- C Can we proceed with our next steps?
- C Do you have any other direction for us?

During the presentation, reference was made to the 87% approval rate the HRP has. Nevertheless, it was emphasized that the Police Services endeavours to improve its performance through changes to its business practices. A number of areas have been identified through both public and internal input.

Staff Sgt. Bell explained to the Board the process to date, the outcome of which is being reviewed today. A question and answer session followed. Reference was made to the large turnover in police officers expected in the near future and the benefit of establishing basically a template. Reference was made to the desire to align individual and section goals with the objectives of the organization, thus promoting working together as a unit. The Board was assured that quarterly statistics and an audit will be provided to the Commission. Reference was made to the trend from community oriented policing to problem oriented policing.

During review of Goal Two, some concern was expressed regarding the use of the word 'ethical' in relation to partnering processes.

Outlined to the Board were the next steps, if the Board gave the go ahead today, which included training of staff. The goal is to have the first round of objectives report prepared by June 2003.

Referring to the third question, it was noted that it will have a lot to do with the soon to be released Police Study. At the time the presentation was drafted, it had been anticipated that it would have been released.

A Board member questioned how do you ensure both the HRP and RCMP's vision and mission are consistent. Ms. MacDonald noted that philosophies of policing should be similar and one of the action plans coming out the Police Study, the Board may wish to peruse with the two agencies, would be to meet with representatives to identify any differences.

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and Comm. North that the Board answer in the affirmative to the first two questions. A response to the third question to be deferred until after the presentation of the Police Study. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS RCMP

None.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 NOMINATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS

An exchange of e-mails between Comm. Monard and the Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Police Board, regarding interest Comm. Monard had expressed in serving as a Director on the CAPB, was circulated at the meeting. The Clerk noted that Comm. Monard wished to ensure the Board supported her pursuing the nomination to the Board and the budget for the Police Commission could cover the associated costs. During the brief debate, it was suggested that the RCMP share in such costs. There was consensus on the Board that Comm. Monard pursue the nomination, as it was felt having a representative on the Board would be beneficial.

7.2 GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDALS

Circulated were copies of a letter from the Acting Executive Director, NS Dept. of Justice, Policing and Victim Services Division. The letter explains a medal program to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne. Nominations were sought by today's date.

A similar letter had been sent to Chiefs of Police and the Board was assured that nominations have been made or will be made by the HRP. It is scheduled that the final decision be made September 15th on nominations. The Board decided to leave the nominations to the HRP.

8. STATISTICS

8.1 VICTIM SERVICES

The May and June 2002 statistics were circulated in the agenda package.

8.2 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE 2ND QUARTER STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

Circulated at the meeting were copies of the HRP 2nd Quarter Statistics.

8.3 RCMP 2ND QUARTER AND YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW

Statistics were circulated at the meeting and reviewed by Supt. Ferguson.

9. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2002.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular session adjourned on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Adams to meet in camera.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
August 8, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Gregory North, Chair
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Brad Johns
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Linda Mosher

STAFF
AND OTHERS: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Insp. Tom Jones, RCMP
Mr. Brian Carter, Department of Justice
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Chief Beazley and Mr. North presented Letters of Recognition to Mr. Brian Carter, Ms. Lisa Jackson, Mr. Chris Paley and Mr. Roy Kennedy and Certificates of Merit to Mr. Doug Given and the Halifax Shopping Centre.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 13, 2005

MOVED by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the minutes of June 13, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 7.1 Commissioner Johns - Traffic Issue - Lucasville Road and Hammonds Plains Road
- 7.2 Representation at Police Boards Meeting
- 7.3 Fall Conference

MOVED by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1.1 Governance

No information at this time. Item to remain on status sheet.

5.1.2 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

No further update at this time. Item to remain on status sheet.

5.1.3 Use of Photo Radar and Traffic Light Cameras

No further update at this time. Item to remain on status sheet.

6. REPORT

6.1 HRP

6.1.1 2nd Quarter 2005 Statistical Report

This was circulated for information.

6.1.2 Statistical Report, May and June, 2005

This was circulated for information.

6.2 RCMP

6.2.1 2nd Quarter Year to Date Statistical Overview

This was circulated for information.

6.2.2 Halifax County District Detachment Volunteers - July, 2005

This was circulated for information.

6.2.3 Halifax County District Detachment Crime Prevention Victim Services Reports

This was circulated for information.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Commissioner Johns - Traffic Issue - Lucasville Road and Hammonds Plains Road

Commissioner Johns advised there is an ongoing concern in Districts 19 and 23 regarding speeding. He noted there are three different speed limits along the Lucasville Road and requested Insp. Jones investigate the possibility of one consistent speed limit along the road. He stated his objective would be that a recommendation come forward

from the RCMP to traffic services.

Insp. Jones advised he would take it forward to the traffic authority and provide a response back to the Board.

7.2 Fall Conference Meeting

Chief Beazley noted Commissioners Gouthro and Johnson were registered and requested Commissioners Smith and Perrin contact the office of the Chief to complete their registration forms.

7.3 Canadian Association of Police Boards

It was noted Commissioner North will be the Board representative at the conference.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for September 12, 2005

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
December 10, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner William White

REGRETS: Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Jim Perrin
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP

STAFF: Deputy Chief McNeil
Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Councillor Walker

The meeting was called to order at 12: 35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 26, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the minutes of November 26, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

ADDITIONS:

5.1 POLICE RESOURCING STUDY UPDATE

5.2 CITY WATCH

City Watch was deferred from last meeting. Commissioner Roane asked the it be placed as an addition on the agenda for today's meeting. However, Commissioner McCluskey asked and it was agreed that it be deferred till Commissioner Snow could be present and could speak to the matter.

4. REPORTS

4.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION REPORT 3RD QUARTER

The Board looked at the HRP stats noting that crime is definitely on the downward trend. Some numbers appear to be higher perhaps causing false alarm, However, what it actually means is that enforcement is higher and there have been more charges laid.

It would be beneficial if the numbers of assaults could be broken out to reflect the number of domestic assaults. It would give a sense of comfort to the public to know that these numbers do not represent numbers of random attacks; they also represent the numbers of domestic assaults as well. This should increase their sense of safety on the street. It was noted that most all HRP's resources were allocated to crime in the street in the past. Now there needs to be an analysis of domestic assaults. The police need to look at what is going on and are present tactics dealing with these types of assaults enough. Should there be a change in the tactics used in domestic assaults as opposed to the tactics used in regular assaults. The police may need to see what other jurisdictions are doing. The

Board will either see the results of this analysis in the reporting of stats or in the form of an official report.

As mentioned before some numbers are up and one being prostitution. There has just been a major sweep in the area with the parties being charged and court dates set.

Commissioner McCluskey asked if the names of the "johns" have been released yet and if not, whose responsibility is it to publish the names. She was told that they have not been and that the police did not release names; that it was a matter of public record. The police will continue to sweep both sides of the bridge.

There is only one homicide left open to investigation.

4.2 RCMP REPORT - NOVEMBER 2007

It is noted again that increased enforcement gives increased numbers; i.e., with drug stats with more charges being laid.

The Board was advised that there is no shortage in speeders. Speed is the number one cause in accidents and fatalities. There is an increased number of accident fatalities this year. There is also a real spike in DWI's.

4.3 LETTER OF RESIGNATION DATED DECEMBER 3, 2007 - WILLIAM H. WHITE

Deferred until next meeting. Commissioners White offered some comments/suggestions:

- < New appointee should be invited to attend the meetings before they actually become a member to give them some sense of what goes on.
- < Packages should be given to the appointments well in advance of actually sitting on the Board. This package should include Terms of Reference, a digest of the makeup of HRP, documentation that outlines the procedures and workings of HRP and Sackville detachment RCMP.

Commissioner Roane told the group that she did not know if there were any Terms of Reference and perhaps that is something that should be looked at. The Legislative Assistant will ask the Municipal Clerk if Terms of Reference do exist and report back to the Commissioner Roane. We need to look at if there are none, can we do our own Terms of Reference and/or how far we can change the existing ones. This should be added to next meeting for discussion.

The question was raised as to how does one get appointed to the Board and what is the criteria to be appointed to the Board. Can we suggest to the Selection Committee who we want. Commissioner Roane will look into it and report back to the Board.

5. ADDED ITEMS

None

5.1 POLICE RESOURCING STUDY UPDATE:

Commissioner Roane met with Marion Currie, Project Coordinator, to obtain an update on this matter. She had asked Ms. Currie prior to this meeting to obtain a status report from Keith Taylor. It was noted in this report that the consultants have three (3) more interviews to do. Commissioner Roane is to contact Marion Currie to inquire when these interviews will be done. The draft proposal is due January 10 and be available to review at the next meeting.

The question was raised as to whether a special meeting should be held to review this document as it is a lengthy document. It was suggested that at the next meeting an executive summary could be drafted. The Board would then peruse this summary to make certain that the mandate of the RFP has been met. Another meeting could be reschedule to discuss this more in depth. Commissioner Roane is to email group with the particulars.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2008.

The 2008 Schedule will be re-issued by the Clerk's Office to reflect the changes of the following meeting dates:

- < March 17, 2008
- < October 20, 2008

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1. p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
December 12, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Brad Johns
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey

STAFF: Supt. Barnett, RCMP
Chief Beazley, HRP
Ms. Karen Brown, Legal Services
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner North thanked Commissioner Smith for his participation as a member of the Board and presented him with a retirement badge.

Ms. Karen Brown, Municipal Solicitor, swore in Councillor McCluskey as a member of the Board.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Johns, that Commissioner North be nominated as Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Johns, that nominations cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner North assumed the chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that Commissioner Johns be appointed as Vice Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that nominations cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. MINUTES - NONE

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

8.1 Commissioner Johns - Call Centre Dispatch and the 490-5020 number.

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Johns, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS

6.1.1 Governance

No information received. To remain on status sheet.

6.1.2 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

No information received. To remain on status sheet.

6.1.3 Use of Photo Radar and Traffic Light Cameras

Update to be provided by provincial representative at the January 9, 2006 meeting.

7. REPORTS

7.1 2005 Town Hall Meetings - Final Report

- A report entitled "RCMP Halifax Detachment Community (Town Hall) Meeting Final Report" was before the Board.
- A report entitled "Halifax Regional Police 2005 Town Hall Meetings Final Report" was before the Board.

Chief Beazley outlined the report for the information of the Board. He advised he will bring a proposed plan to the next meeting to address the issues and the plans are for the upcoming year.

Supt. Barnett outlined the RCMP report for the information of the Board. He advised he will be bringing the priorities for the coming year to a future meeting.

In response to Commissioner McCluskey, Mr. Barnett advised Halifax Detachment works extensively with Parks and Recreation and Community Response with respect to ongoing issues and initiatives.

7.2 2006 Meeting Schedule

- A copy of the proposed 2006 meeting schedule was circulated to the Board.

The schedule was approved with the amendments that the March meeting be March 20th and the October meeting be October 16th.

7.3 Integrated Traffic Services

An information report from Chief Beazley, dated December 7, 2005, on the above noted, was before the Board.

Discussion ensued with members of the Board receiving clarification on various aspects of the report.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Commissioner Johns - Call Centre Dispatch and the 490-5020 Number

Commissioner Johns advised he called the 911 centre with regards to a vehicle break in and was told it was not an emergency and was advised to call HRP. He stated that his concern was that when he asked who he was speaking with the staff person was not cooperative. He suggested the operators identify themselves either by name or number.

The Commissioner expressed concern with another incident that occurred with a number of youth trying to break into a home where a teenager was home alone. When the young man called 911 he was told to call another number.

9. NEXT MEETING

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2006.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 2:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

December 14, 2009

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Mr. Allan Wayne, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. at the Northbrook Centre, 2 Chapman Drive, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - October 19, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the minutes of October 10, 2009 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1 HRP Training Update - Chief Beazley
- 8.2 Community Town Hall Meetings - Superintendent Beaton
- 8.3 Letter from Councillor Barkhouse re: Needs Assessment Eastern Passage - Superintendent Beaton
- 8.4 Programs for Autistic Children - Commissioner McCluskey

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C The October & November 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board

Superintendent Beaton and Chief Beazley presented the combined HRP and RCMP statistics.

Chief Beazley indicated that these were the third quarter statistics and that they continued to be driven by the shootings which had occurred during the first quarter of the fiscal year. He advised that incidents of property crime were close to being level or just up a bit and that incidents of violent crime may be down, however, shootings were driving the attempted murder category. Chief Beazley stated that the Federal Government was going to be putting out a report regarding solvability. He indicated that the HRP and RCMP were doing well in this regard despite what members may have read; noting they had a 39 to 40% solvability rating which was considered good in the world of policing. In closing, Chief Beazley advised that crime strategies and analysis were working.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that theft was a concern in rural areas and that the RCMP often monitored hot spots.

7.2 HRP REPORTS

C The October & November 2009 HRP reports were before the Board

The HRP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.3 RMS Records - Chief Beazley

C Correspondence from Mr. Mark Potter, Director General, Policing Policy Directorate, Law Enforcement and Policing Branch, dated November 27, 2009 was before the Board

Chief Beazley stated that this item was for the Board's information and for the official record. He advised that he had asked Mr. Bob Purcell, Executive Director, Public Safety Division, Nova Scotia Department of Justice, to take the request as outlined in the correspondence dated November 27, 2009, to the Minister of Justice and had also requested a written response.

7.4 Year End Report and Presentation on Accomplishments of Public Safety Office - Chief Beazley

C A Status Report to the HRM Board of Police Commissioners dated December 14, 2009 was submitted

Chief Beazley provided the Year End Report and Presentation on the Accomplishments of Public Safety Office. Highlights were as follows:

- C Significant progress has been made within the first nine months of the Public Safety Office being established with Superintendent Don Spicer being named the Public Safety Officer
- C Mr. Allan Waye, Executive Officer, Office of the Chief, HRP, has been working on the Public Safety Strategic Plan including an internal environmental scan
- C HRP staff will be engaging Dr. Clairmont and Dr. Murphy to take them through a public safety process as well as to apply for grants from other levels of government
- C Chief Beazley will pay for the first six months and Dr. Clairmont and Dr. Murphy will seek funding for the next two and a half years
- C Staff have had good meetings with the East Preston Rate Payers Association and Ministers of the African Baptist Church regarding issues involving the African Nova Scotian community
- C Chief Beazley will be meeting with Ms. Catherine Mullally, HRM Director of Human Resources, regarding a corporate approach to these many difficult issues
- C When HRP staff present the report to Regional Council they will also present on the liquor enforcement issue
- C The Gun Amnesty Program was a complete success
- C The Safer Stronger Communities partnership will be taken to a whole new level as all three levels of government will now be involved

Several Commissioners advised that, while this was a good report, they were disappointed in the lack of access to youth programming in HRM.

Chief Beazley indicated that he had met with Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager of Community Development, and that they were currently discussing how to bring different youth programs together in order to have a more focussed approach.

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the Status Report dated December 14, 2009 and request that it be tabled with Regional Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was noted that the report would be circulated during the Committee of the Whole presentation on Public Safety on December 15, 2009.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 HRP Training Update - Chief Beazley

This item was dealt with later in the agenda. Please see page 6.

8.2 Community Town Hall Meetings - Superintendent Beaton

- C Correspondence from Superintendent Darrell Beaton re: Public Consultation, Community Town Hall Meetings, Halifax District 2009, was submitted

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the RCMP had conducted a series of town hall meetings in November and December of 2009 which had covered all communities between Sheet Harbour and Tantallon. He noted that they purposely did not cover North Preston as they had previously held meetings there and would be moving forward with more in January 2010. Superintendent Beaton stated that the town hall meetings had been calmer, with less controversy and issues raised than in previous years. He indicated that the RCMP had spent \$5,000 in advertising for the meetings and that if he were to hold the meetings again he would bring someone from the traffic division with him.

8.3 Letter from Councillor Barkhouse re Needs Assessment Eastern Passage - Beaton

- C Correspondence dated October 13, 2009 from Councillor Barkhouse was submitted

Superintendent Beaton indicated that he and Inspector Crampton had met with Councillor Barkhouse and MLA Kent in August of 2009 in order to update them on the work the RCMP had been doing in their community. He noted that, as a result of the meeting, he believed that Councillor Barkhouse seemed to have gained a level of comfort regarding the RCMP work being carried out in her District, however, the correspondence dated October 13, 2009, indicated that she was not completely satisfied. He stated that the RCMP would have to do a needs analysis of the area which he would bring to the Board once complete.

Commissioner Gosse indicated that he lived in this District and observed a fair amount of police presence; noting that he was unsure of the concerns.

Commissioner Karsten noted that Public Safety was a municipal mandate, not a provincial one.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that Mr. Darrell Harvey, RCMP Management Services Officer, was drafting a reply to Councillor Barkhouse.

8.4 Programs for Autistic Children - Commissioner McCluskey

As a result of the tragic death of Mr. James Delorey in Cape Breton, Commissioner McCluskey requested that staff research programs that specialize in monitoring autistic children in order to avoid such incidents in the future.

Chief Beazley indicated that he would research this matter.

8.1 HRP TRAINING UPDATE - Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley advised that HRP was embarking on the second year of a new training program including a new piece for use of force training. He introduced Staff Sergeant Lindsey Herndon who would present the new approach to the Board and then demonstrate the new use of force equipment.

Staff Sergeant Herndon advised that most training was done out of the Northbrook Centre. He stated that HRP was currently looking into a new training program for Criminal Investigation Division members; noting that paperwork had become more difficult and time intensive. He indicated that upcoming issues were always taken into account for block training content, for example, the Hyde inquiry led to the implementation of emotionally disturbed persons training. Staff Sergeant Herndon noted that training videos, which were current and up to date with federal information, were now available on the HRP intranet for staff to review.

Staff Sergeant Herndon indicated that the new use of force training simulator allowed officers to use firearms as well as intermediate systems, such as communication, tasers and batons and noted that a shoot back canon would fire back at officers in training if they made a mistake.

A demonstration of the new use of force training equipment was provided.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. Proposed 2010 meeting schedule
2. APB - November 2009

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. Harvey
Comm. Monard

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Deputy Chief Burbridge
Acting Deputy Chief McNeil
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Mr. Robert Eyre, Policing & Victim Services, NS. Dept. of Justice
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

ABSENT: Comm. Adams (regrets)
Comm. Hetherington (regrets)
Comm. North (regrets)
Acting Chief Frank Beazley (regrets)

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:30 p.m., Halifax Hall.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

A/Deputy Chief McNeil requested item 4.3 - Interim Fee Schedule be added to the agenda.

The revised agenda was adopted by consensus.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Comm. Monard and seconded by Comm. Harvey that the November 18, 2002 minutes be adopted, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 2003 CAPB CONFERENCE

It was noted that a meeting with Wendy Feduc, Executive Director, CAPB was held a week ago re the organization of the 2003 Annual Meeting and Conference to be held in Halifax. A Committee was struck of Comm. Monard, incoming Comm. Blumenthal, Peter Astephen, Mike Gillett and A/Deputy Chief McNeil. A/Deputy Chief McNeil confirmed that a financial contribution in the order of \$5,000 to \$7,000 to host one of the events is required. He has set aside these funds in the Police Services budget. A meeting is planned for January to develop an agenda.

3.2 NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS - TRAINING WORKSHOPS

In addition to Comm. Monard, the Chair, Supt. Ferguson and Comm. North attended the workshop. The turnout from both the HRM and various parts of the province was excellent.

One of the subjects of discussion was the need for a proper method of evaluation of Police Chiefs. A template is to be developed and an evaluation process.

A/Deputy Chief McNeil noted that in the case of the HRP, the evaluation of the Chief has been conducted by the CAO. He noted that the Police Study addresses how the Board's input could be incorporated into the process.

The Chair anticipated that the subject will be raised at the next Association meeting.

3.3 UPDATE ON THE REPORT "IN SEARCH OF SECURITY: THE ROLES OF PUBLIC POLICE AND PRIVATE AGENCIES"

11. Letter to the Chair dated November 19, 2002 from Christopher Murphy dated November 19, 2002
12. Copy of correspondence from the Downtown Halifax Business Commission to A/Chief Beazley re report done for the Law Commission of Canada

A/Deputy Chief McNeil advised that HRP staff have started a review of the Discussion Paper submitted by the Law Commission of Canada. At the last meeting it was proposed that a joint submission of the Board and HRP might be made.

Reference was made to the correspondence from Dr. Murphy and whether the Board should respond. The Chair indicated he has tried to contact Dr. Murphy on several occasions to no avail.

4. NEW BUSINESS (HRP)

4.1 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

13. e-mail dated November 25, 2002 regarding Regional Council's appointments to the Board for the members' information.

The e-mail advises the current Councillor appointments have been extended to March 31, 2003. Councillor Blumenthal and Deputy Mayor McInroy have been appointed from March 2003 to November 2004 and Councillor Smith from March 2003 to November 2005.

4.2 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS

14. Membership Renewal Form
15. 2002 Annual Conference Report
16. Information pertaining to the 2003 CAPB Annual Meeting and Conference

The Secretary will forward a cheque and completed renewal form to the CAPB.

4.3 INTERIM FEE SCHEDULE

17. Report dated December 9, 2002 re Interim Fee Schedule from A/Deputy Chief McNeil.

In reviewing the report, A/Deputy Chief McNeil indicated that it was probably time to review

the entire fee structure/schedule of Police Services. He felt such a schedule should be brought to the Board for review and approval. In the interim, a fee structure associated with three elements related to motor vehicle accidents was recommended.

In response to a query, Supt. Ferguson indicated he believed the RCMP charges for only reconstructions of an accident.

During discussion of the report, which dealt with the recovery of basic costs of standard services associated with access to motor vehicle accident reports, concern was expressed that if the recommended fee structure was adopted, inconsistencies with charges levied by the RCMP and HRP might result. Supt. Ferguson referred to the situation associated with security checks and the fact this is still an outstanding issue.

Referring to the Policy Study, Comm. Harvey felt the recommendations should only be approved subject to the concern about inconsistencies being passed on to implementation committee associated with the Policy Study, as being something which has to be resolved. A/Deputy Chief McNeil indicated he could bring to their attention.

MOVED BY Comm. Harvey and seconded by Comm. Monard that the following recommendations be approved in principle and sent to the Police Study Steering Committee to resolve the issue of inconsistencies in fees. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. **MV Accident reports taken at police locations with no additional work required. Cost - \$28.75 (cover basic costs)**
2. **HRP officers attend accident scene minor/moderate accident. (Usually requires statements, investigation and may require additional officers). Cost - \$250.00**
3. **Accident Investigation Unit/Reconstruction Cost - \$1,500.00**
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**
- 5.1 **POLICE STUDY - REPORT RE \$600,000 SURPLUS**

Supt. Ferguson reported that he has raised the subject with Betty MacDonald and Comm. Adams to try to identify the \$600,000. In the absence of Comm. Adams, he requested that the item be deferred to the January meeting.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

7. ADDED ITEMS

See Item 1.

8. STATISTICS

8.1 VICTIM SERVICES - STATISTICS REPORT AND COUNSELLOR MONTHLY STATISTICS

The October 2002 Victim Services Statistics Report and Counsellor Monthly Statistics were circulated in the agenda package.

9. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2002.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. on motion of Comm. Monard and Comm. Harvey to meet in Camera.

Lynne LeBoutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2003

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. Harvey
Comm. Hetherington
Comm. North
Comm. Monard
Comm. Perrin

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Police Chief Beazley
Acting Deputy Police Chief McNeil
Inspector Fraser, RCMP
Inspector Lepine, RCMP
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Legislative Assistant

ABSENT: Comm. Adams (regrets)

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The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m., Halifax Hall by the Chair.

0.1 **SWEARING IN OF PROVINCIAL APPOINTEE**

Mr. Barry Allen, HRM Solicitor conducted the swearing in of Mr. James Perrin, the recent Provincial appointee to the Board of Police Commissioners.

0.2 **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

A Certificate of Merit was presented to Mr. Elias Salloum for his role in apprehending a burglar.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The following items were added to agenda:

Under New Business RCMP:

- 6.1 Sexual Investigation Team - Update
- 6.2 Resources Review - Halifax Detachment
- 6.3 Domestic Violence Training
- 6.4 Area Exchange

Three additional information items were circulated at the meeting:

- C APB February
- C CAPB - Ontario Association of Police Boards Annual Conference
- C Police Memorial Service

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and seconded by Comm. Harvey that the January 13, 2003 minutes be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/STATUS SHEET**

3.1 **FEE SCHEDULE**

- C Schedule of Fees for Service - Report dated February 5, 2003 (circulated at meeting)

The Acting Chief updated the Board on discussions with Inspector Barnett of the RCMP. A/C Beazley would like the implementation of the Schedule of Fees for Service, region wide.

Comm. Hetherington expressed concern regarding the \$11.50 fee proposed to conduct volunteer checks. He noted that the RCMP does not charge for this service. Concern was expressed by Acting Chief Beazley that if the fee was waived as proposed by Comm. Hetherington, the volume of applications would rise significantly. It was noted that the proposed \$11.50 fee represents a reduction from the current \$28.75 fee.

In conclusion, Comm. Hetherington indicated he could support the implementation of the fee structure if a review of the impact of the fee structure is given to the Board in six months.

MOVED BY Comm. Harvey and seconded by Comm. Hetherington that the Board approve the schedule of fees, attached to the February 5, 2003 report, for services provided by the Halifax Regional Police. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.2 SECURITY CHECKS

See item 3.1 for Acting Chief Beazley's update.

3.3 D.A.R.E EDUCATION PROGRAM

- C Report dated February 10, 2003 on the D.A.R.E. Education Program circulated.
- C Article from the Bedford/Sackville News, February 5, 2003 entitled "Prescription drugs sold in schools"

Acting Deputy Chief McNeil reviewed the report which concluded with the recommendation that the D.A.R.E. Education Program not be implemented in all HRM schools and that the HRP remain with its current programs

He provided reasons for this conclusion including costs associated with the D.A.R.E. Education Program and the limited number of children it would reach. He also outlined the benefits of the HRP's programs which are quite comprehensive. Comm. Monard, a school principal, noted that the HRP program is popular with both the students and teachers. She liked the proactive nature of portions of it.

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and seconded by Comm. North that the Board recommend to Regional Council that the D.A.R.E. Education Program not be implemented in all HRM Schools and the HRP remain with its current programs. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **POLICING SERVICES STUDY**

- C Table dated January 29, 2003, prepared by Bill Moore, identifying recommendations relating to the HRM Board of Police Commissioners in the Police Services Study.

Comm. North made reference to his appointment to the Steering Committee, which continues to meet monthly on the Study. Bill Moore is coordinating on behalf of the CAO. Comm. North referred to the next steps listed. He felt it would be useful if the Board met with Bill Moore, acting as a facilitator, to go through the recommendations, so feedback from the Board can be obtained.

Acting Chief Beazley noted that Betty MacDonald would also be willing to meet with the Board to go through the process. He felt the Board members need a clear understanding of the implications of the recommendations contained in the study. Reference was made to there being some overlap with the Nova Scotia Police Act Review.

The Chair cautioned that over the course of a couple of months there will be a significant change in the Board's membership. The new Board members will have to be briefed on the two parallel processes. In the meantime, Comm. Hetherington proposed that Comm. North and Bill Moore determine where the Nova Police Act proposal and Policing Services Study differ. Reference was made to comments on the N.S. Police Act are to be submitted for April 1, 2003, but Acting Deputy Chief McNeil indicated they are trying to obtain a further extension.

It was noted that the experience of the current Board members would be useful, particularly at a philosophical level.

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and seconded by Comm. Monard to defer anything further on the Policing Services Study until the April Board meeting. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

In the interim, Comm. North indicated he will continue working with Bill Moore.

4.2 **HRP BUSINESS PLAN**

- C A revised version of the Regional Police Business Plan presented earlier to the Program and Service Review Committee was circulated.

Acting Chief Beazley highlighted various aspects of the report for the Board, in particular the analysis of proposed changes related to the following:

- Beat Patrol Gottingen Street area
- Traffic Unit
- Recruiting, selection and training of new police officers
- succession planning
- Automatic Finger Print System (AFPS) - requires Clerk to operate system
- Booking staff enhancements
- Additional Crime Analyst

It was noted that there are sufficient funds to implement the AFPS.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

6.1 **SEXUAL INVESTIGATION TEAM UPDATE**

Inspector Fraser updated the Board on what has transpired since the initial presentation six months ago. Two regular members formed a full-time sexual assault team. An additional two positions have been requested. Until a review of resources is complete, see item 6.2, no action can be taken. In the interim, interviewing will take place of the six applicants for the positions. The RCMP has discussed with the HRP work on a joint initiative.

6.2 **RESOURCES REVIEW - HALIFAX DETACHMENT**

Inspector Pete Lepine advised that the resources review has commenced to determine what is being done with present resources, both equipment and individuals, before application for additional resources will be made. The review should be completed by March and provide a baseline. The RCMP will be reporting to the Board in due course and will share their findings with the HRP.

6.3 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING**

Reference was made to the hiring of an individual to deal with domestic violence issues. Inspector Lepine and Inspector Sykes are working on joint training.

6.4 **AREA EXCHANGE**

C An e-mail dated February 7, 2003 entitled "Police Jurisdiction Boundary Changes in East Division".

The e-mail outlines jurisdictional changes in East Division which take effect February 15, 2003 which reflect recent boundary realignment for the Dartmouth and Cole Harbour communities.

Comm. Hetherington indicated he was pleased to see the changes, however he felt that reference needs to be made to Alpine Drive. For 911 purposes, he noted that Alpine Drive can't be accessed via Portland Street. This should be addressed as soon as possible. He also noted that an application for a thirty-six (36) acre expansion of Portland Hills has been made.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

None.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES**

The Statistics Report and Victim Services Counsellor Monthly statistics for December 2002 were circulated in the agenda package for the members' information.

8.2 **STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

The annual report was circulated in the agenda package for the members' information.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, March 10, 2003.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Before the regular session adjourned to meet In Camera, Comm. Hetherington thanked Comm. Bryson for the service he has provided to the Halifax Regional Municipality in his capacity as Chair over the past three years.

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Monard that the meeting adjourn to meet in camera. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. S. David Bryson, Chair
Comm. Ann MacVicar
Comm. Bruce Hetherington
Comm. Bob Harvey
Comm. Steven Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, David McKinnon, HRP
Mr. George McLellan, CAO
Councillor Jim Smith
Supt. Frank Beazley, HRP
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP
Mr. Dennis Kelly, Director of Operations, NS Dept. of Justice
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Meeting called to order in the Training Room, City Hall at 12:30 p.m.

1.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Chief McKinnon requested that the following information items be added to the agenda:

- Item 7.1 - Annual Report (HRP)
- Item 7.2 - Update - Recruit Class
- Item 7.3 - National Organized Crime Committee
- Item 7.4 - G-8 Finance Ministers Conference

Also added under 8.0 Statistics were the following:

- Item 8.2 - RCMP 4th Quarter and Year-to-Date Statistical Overview
- Item 8.3 - HRP 4th Quarter Statistical Overview

The agenda was adopted, as amended.

2.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 14, 2002 meeting were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. MacVicar.

3.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

3.1 **ANNUAL CAPB CONFERENCE - DECISION ON ATTENDANCE**

The Chief advised that there are enough resources to send three members of the Police Commission to this year's annual conference. It was noted that the Chair and Comm. Harvey had already expressed an interest. Comm. Hetherington, Comm. Adams and Comm. MacVicar indicated they were not interested in attending. If Comm. Monard wants to attend, she could be the third delegate.

4.0 **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **2003 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS' ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE**

- C Letter from Kerb Kreling, President, Canadian Association of Police Boards, dated January 15, 2002 re an invitation to the Board to host the 2003 Canadian Association of Police Boards' Annual Meeting and Conference.

The Chief noted that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police 2003 Annual Conference is being held in Halifax from August 24 to 27, 2002. The Annual Meeting and Conference of Police Boards is scheduled for August 21 to August 24, 2003. Chief McKinnon estimated there would be 150 to 200 delegates attending. He noted that the main conference organizer is the CAPB's Executive Director, Wendy Fedec, but there are aspects related to the organizing of the Conference which the hosts would have to assume, i.e.:

- C extra curricular activities, such as golf tournaments
- C hosting of a reception or dinner (estimated cost \$10,000 could be included in next year's budget submission)

The Chief indicated that the province will be approached for funding. Reference had been made in the letter to Mr. Cusson, N.S. Department of Justice offering assistance should the conference be held in Halifax, but Mr. Kelly indicated that this statement came as somewhat a surprise and the matter will be raised with Mr. Kreling.

A discussion followed on the Board's role and what staff resources would be available. The Chair felt a member(s) of the Board should be involved on a day to day basis. He did not feel July Pal, HRP should be saddled with this responsibility. It was noted that the majority of the members terms will be up by that date. The Chief indicated that if it is the Board's wish to host the meeting and conference, the HRP will take a lead role at the start, until the Board's membership is resolved.

Mr. McLellan indicated he would speak to the Chief and Supt. Ferguson about involving Special Events staff with organizing the HRM's portion of the event. He did not feel Special Events staff were aware of this event.

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and seconded by Comm. MacVicar that the Board accept the invitation of the Canadian Association of Police Boards to host the 2003 Annual Meeting and Conference. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)

None.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)

None.

7.0 **ADDED ITEMS**

7.1 **ANNUAL REPORT - HRP**

The Chief advised that the HRP will not be publishing an Annual Report this year. He noted that the cost of producing three hundred (300) copies of last year's twenty-four (24) page document was \$2,400. Instead the information will be loaded onto the HRP's Website.

7.2 **UPDATE RECRUIT CLASS**

The Chief thanked Board members who attended last weeks swearing in ceremony held in conjunction with the Regional Council session. He also expressed thanks to Mayor Kelly for permitting the ceremony to be included on Council's agenda.

He anticipates that two officers are about to leave the HRP. In this event, the last two cadets will be hired by the HRP. He anticipates that before the March meeting these two police cadets will also be sworn in. He also anticipates a further two to six officers to be leaving due to long term disabilities. He noted there are a group of experienced officers have expressed interest in entering the HRP Service.

7.3 **NATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME COMMITTEE**

Chief McKinnon referred to a meeting of the National Organized Crime Committee, of which he is a member, meeting in Halifax May 22 and 24th. He anticipates 60 to 100 people attending the Annual Meeting, which is usually held in Ottawa. The Solicitor General may make an appearance.

7.4 **G-8 FINANCE MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

Chief McKinnon advised that this meeting will be taking place June 14 in Halifax. While the official delegations consists of twenty-five (25), three hundred (300) people are anticipated.

8.0 **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES - DECEMBER 2001**

In addition to the Statistics Report for December 2001 circulated in the agenda package, the Statistics Report for January 2002 was circulated at the meeting.

Referring to the Statistical Report Year 2001, the Chief noted that it had been anticipated that the case load for 2001 would be 2000. The total case load for the year totaled 2070. He referred to the Province's announcement respecting resources being allocated to deal with domestic violence. He noted that 52% of the cases of domestic violence reported to the Department of Justice are from HRM. All but 13% are dealt with by the HRP. How the funds will be shared between the HRP and RCMP has yet to be determined.

Concern was expressed by Comm. MacVicar that in December the average length of time to close a file was 25 days, which is way above the rest of the year. Chief McKinnon reflected that it is difficult to contact people over the Christmas Season and Victim Services was in the process of moving their office, so days were lost due to lack of access to computers and telephone lines.

8.2 RCMP 4TH QUARTER AND YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

Copies of the statistics were circulated at the meeting. Inspector Fraser highlighted aspects of the report. He noted that questions had been previously raised regarding the Federal category, general, related to the Musquodoboit Harbour Detachment being so high. It was determined that these figures reflect small vessel enforcement done in association with the Coast Guard.

8.3 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE - QUARTERLY INTERIM STATISTICAL OVERVIEW - 4TH QUARTER

The 4th Quarter Statistics were circulated at the meeting. He highlighted the report noting that there had been an increase of 2.01% in the total criminal code offences reported in 2001 compared to 2000. The homicide rate is down 75% and attempted murder 44%. He commented there may have been more homicides, if it were not for the quick availability to quality medical care. Other person crimes down 36%. The only increase reported related to robberies under \$5,000. These robberies are associated with corner store operations, drug stores and individuals just walking along a street. The actual number for the increase in these offences is 93 instances. Break and enters were also reported down and theft of motor vehicles. A average of 263 calls are received a day.

He noted that all the information, broken down by patrol district and call distribution, will be made available on the HRP web site.

Comm. Hetherington expressed concern regarding statistics being reported as high for drugs in his District, due to the fact that individuals taken to the Spicer Building in

Dartmouth for a range of offences were found to have drugs on them. The Chief explained that measures are being taken to put these in the miscellaneous category. It is recognized that the February 18, 2002 District identified is not indicative of where the incident occurred.

Reference was made to the 38% decrease in prostitution charges. It was confirmed that the trend is from off the streets to escort services. Also reference was made to the reduction to liquor offences. The Chief confirmed this is a national trend in some part reflective of an enforcement trend in some jurisdictions, not the HRP, to chose road side suspensions versus writing up impaired driving charges.

Referring to the crime of assaults and robberies which show an increase of 21 and 5 percent respectively, Comm. Harvey noted these are the crimes upon which residents perceive the safety of their community. He noted that it appears these crimes are taking place at all times of day and in locations not associated with these crimes in the past. The Chief explained that of the 132 increased assault cases, 90 related to common assault, ie. pushing and shoving.

He noted that it was anticipated that there would be increased in Central Division, while in fact a higher increase was found for West Division. There are a couple of new bars which have opened in West Division, it was noted. Staff are trying to analysis the numbers.

Councillor Smith, referring to the offensive weapons category being up 48%, noted that he has observed that even in robberies of corner stores, for relatively small sums of money, guns are being used and a number of incidents are attributable to one individual over a course of a few days. The Chief reflected that in fact there are a lot more instances where criminals arm themselves against other criminals. On a general basis, the police are encountering more firearms. Referring to weapons offences, the Chief explained how the use of a knife as a weapon, versus possession of a weapon, are determined. He also explained the various categories of knives, i.e. which are prohibited.

9.0 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2002.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned to meet in camera on motion of Comm. Hetherington.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

February 11, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Jim Perrin
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Russell Walker

REGRETS: Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley
Deputy Chief McNeil
Inspector Brad Sullivan, RCMP
Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER -**

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 14, 2008**

MOVED by Commissioner Perrin, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the minutes of January 14, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

ADDITIONS:

6.1 **Future Policing with Nova Scotia - Chief Beazily**

6.2 ***Police Act***

MOVED BY Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the agenda, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - City Watch Deferred**

5. **REPORTS**

5.1 **HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE REPORT - December 2007**

Halifax Regional Police have no concerns at this time.

Commissioner McCluskey noted the number of domestic assaults. Chief Beazley responded saying that HRP had just completed a nine-month analysis on domestic assault. The reports from this analysis shows that 1/3 of all assaults are domestic assaults and what makes dealing with them so difficult is that most of the assaults are perpetrated indoors. Chief Beazley will bring the report to a future meeting.

Commissioner McCluskey also inquired if there is any special training for officers for this particularly dangerous type of assault? The Chief responded that it would be part of their normal training whether it was provided by HRP or RCMP. In-service training is also provided in regards to the law around domestic violence because the Province of Nova Scotia through the Attorney General has made this a very important piece of our investigations with a pro charge approach to get these people to Court.

Commissioner McCluskey asked if a lot of these domestic assaults are occurring because the spouse has to stay there due to the shortage of shelters. The Chief responded that, that is why special conditions are placed on the perpetrator so he or she can not go back to the residence.

Commissioner McCluskey informed the Board that as the result of the Task Force for Violence Against Women that she took part in, an information booklet was made available to women so that they would know who they could call and where they could go. Victim Services now plays a big part in this type of crime.

5.2 RCMP REPORT -

Staff reported that Impaired driving seems to be on the rise again.

With respect to the Victim Services, RCMP numbers are low in terms of contact with the victims. This is the result of a new process whereby Calls are categorized by specific criteria and auto-routed into an electronic queue which call back staff monitor in addition to the Victim Services people and we reach out to more victims that we have in the past.

5.3 POLICE RESOURCING STUDY UPDATE -

Meeting dedicated to this topic will be held in the Halifax Hall on February 29 9:00 to 12:00 noon.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Future Policing within Nova Scotia

Chief Beazley gave a presentation on *A Safer Nova Scotia - The Chiefs of Police Association of Nova Scotia - Vision for Policing in Nova Scotia*. This presentation was made to the Minister of Justice in January 2008.

Highlights of the Presentation were

- < not sustainable into the future the way we are policing today
- < specific challenges such as recruitment and retention, resourcing, administration and problem solving
- < consistent approach with services meeting
- < the guiding principles such as ethical, timely emergency response, quality of service, accountable to community

The recommendation that was presented to the Minister of Justice is:

The Chiefs of Police Association of Nova Scotia recommends that the Government of Nova Scotia establish a system of policing that will achieve the vision and guiding principles described in the presentation. This can be best accomplished through the establishment of:

1. A Provincial police service; and/or
2. Regionalisation of service; and/or
3. Expansion of services in key areas

Discussion ensued with Chief Beazley responded to questions noting the following:

- < 85 is the magic number when a police officer can retire with full pension;
- < an officer must take a fitness test once they reach the age of 60 should they want to stay on;
- < RCMP receives a full pension with 35 years in once the indexing number cuts in;
- < people do not want to retire as early as they once did;
- < when the police chiefs for the province met, they were asked to look at what was best for the province not just their individual communities;
- < Boundaries do not necessarily determine the jurisdiction for first response. The closest car would respond until the jurisdictional police officers can get there; then the non jurisdictional would bow out;
- < The RCMP contract with the province expires in the year 2012;
- < If a HRM police officer is charged with a crime, HRP would bring in officers from another jurisdiction to prevent either a conflict of interest or the perception of a conflict or vis versa should another jurisdiction need HRP's help;
- < All jurisdictions in the province have a very good working relationship with each other;
- < Other jurisdictions can contract with HRP to have officers and/or cars to work full time in their jurisdictions. The CAO would have to approve the contract. This is provided for in the *Police Act*;
- < There are two types of police contracts. One is the Municipal Police Service Agreement which we have nine and the rest of the jurisdictions are governing by the Provincial Police Agreement;
- < There are 12 police detachments and the other jurisdictions are under the RCMP;
- < The Minister of Justice did not commit to any of the options;
- < The RCMP have also a similar report that they will bring to the Commission;

Clerk's office will circulate the HRP report

6.2 Concerns re: Police Act

Commissioner McCluskey advised the Commission that because of what is going on in Westville, the media will be looking will be looking into other Police Commissions. We should be able to answer any questions that they might have. She asked if we have a written policy for extra duties or off duties of police officers? Chief Beazley advised that HRP does have such a policy and he will circulate it at the next meeting.

Chief Beazley advised that HRP will be working on a strategic plan to set out priorities and goals for crime reduction that they will bring to the Commission when it is finished. The RCMP advised that they have an annual Performance Plan which is similar.

Chief Beazley further advised that the Police Resourcing Study report and the report on the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence will impact the direction of policing in HRM. Another paper was that is very important is the Crime Reduction Strategy.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2008.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:22 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
February 12, 2007

PRESENT: Ms. Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner William White

REGRETS: Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Councillor Krista Snow

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Christina Sears, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER - Councillor Krista Snow

This item was deferred to March.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Supt. Barnett to Councillors Mosher and Johns

Supt. Barnett, on behalf of the Board, made a presentation to Councillors Johns and Mosher in recognition of their service on the Board.

Certificates of Merit

Chief Beazley recognized Mr. Stewart Ryan for his part in providing assistance in freeing a child from under a car.

Chief's Commendation Presentations

Chief Beazley made presentations to Cst. Stephen Wagg and Cst. Gary Basso in recognition of their initiative to maintain public confidence in police and ensure safe communities in the apprehension of suspects involved in a number of break and enters.

Chief Beazley made a presentation to Cst. Phil MacDonald and his police service dog Schooner in their efforts to track and deter a resident of Cole Harbour from committing suicide.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 8, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the minutes of January 8, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 5.1 Update 2007/2008 Budget (Verbal)
- 5.2 Approval of Terms of Reference - Police Resource Consulting Proposal
- 5.3 Orientation
- 5.4 Statistics

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Children's Safety Village - Presentation

Cst. Dwight Hennigar, East Coast Children's Safety Village, made a presentation to the Board noting the following:

- It provides a safe environment for children,
- The streets are downsized to fit,
- It provides safety programs to children,
- It teaches internet safety and stranger danger,
- There will be a teaching and administration building,
- It will be located on a 6.5 acre site at the Rocky Lake Common in Bedford,
- The goal is to prevent injury,
- What may be a safety issue will be incorporated into the streetscape,
- There will be two classrooms and a multi purpose area,
- This is the first village east of Ontario,
- It is registered as a society and they have applied for charitable status,
- The school board has endorsed the site,
- It will be funded through sponsorship and corporate financing.

In response to Commissioner White, Mr. Hennigar advised the School Board did make a commitment and he was following up with Mr. Windsor noting he has received assurances that the monies are there. On further question, Mr. Hennigar advised staff was hoping monies could be raised through fundraising so as to not have to charge a fee.

In response to Commissioner McCluskey, the Board was advised the site would be open to HRM as well as any other area that wished to visit the site.

In response to Commissioner Walker, the Board was advised the cost to establish the

village was approximately \$1.5 million.

Chief Beazley advised that once the village was up and running he and fire services would be coming back to the Board and to Council. He noted both fire and police will be involved with the assignment of an officer and a firefighter.

Ms. Geri Kaiser, Deputy CAO, advised programs that are currently done in classrooms would transfer to the village and use outside HRM would be offered on a cost recovery basis. On further question, she advised the annual operating budget would be approximately \$150,000.

Commissioner Roane, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Hennigar for his presentation.

4.2 Chief Beazley - Ongoing Update on Ministers Task Force on Safe Streets and Communities

Chief Beazley provided an update to the Board, advising:

- The meetings have started well,
- People are coming prepared to focus group meetings and are bring good ideas and discussion to the meetings,
- The meeting focus on youth in the community as well as resources in schools with a suggestion of the opening of schools in the evenings,
- The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 13th at the Northbrook School and on the 15th at St. Patrick's Alexander and encouraged members of the Board to attend,
- These are focussed on crime prevention,
- People can also participate on line on the Department of Justice website,
- There are 25 volunteers travelling the province,
- There are ongoing meetings around youth.

In response to Ms. Kaiser as to how this differs from other public consultation processes, Chief Beazley advised this is a year where things are being done collectively such as the Provincial government looking at crime prevention, the Mayor's Round Table on Violence, the United Way is coming out with a Vibrant Communities Strategy, the Provincial governments Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Strategy, the Police public meetings as well as the Councillor's meetings.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Update 2007/2008 Budget (Verbal)

Chief Beazley advised the budget is still at a draft stage and requested the Board hold another meeting before the end of the month. He advised he has his envelope and will have the money needed to operate this year. He noted there is more money for training in this budget. He noted one of the challenges is recruit training and the rebuilding of skill sets.

In response to Commissioner McCluskey, Chief Beazley advised he would advise the Commissioner on how many bullet proof vests have been replaced.

5.2 Approval of Terms of Reference - Police Resource Consulting Proposal

- A copy of the proposed Terms of Reference was before the committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board approve, in principle, the Terms of Reference.

Ms. Geri Kaiser, Deputy CAO, advised that once the Terms were approved by the Board, it is then advanced to HRM and staff will work with the procurement department to develop the Terms of Reference following which the RFP will be issued. A bidders meeting will be held and from there a selection committee will be established to identify the scoring criteria was for each of the categories. It would then come back to the Board for review and recommendation to the CAO and Council. She stated the study is expected to be delivered in the fall.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.3 Orientation

Commissioner Roane advised that in April a three piece orientation session will be held. The three pieces are what is the Board of Police Commissioners, what the role of the members is and incorporate with that presentations from the HRP and RCMP as respects how they are organized, what their processes are and some hands on demonstration.

Ms. Hanna advised that from the perspective of the province they would be allotted an hour and a half. If that was the case the intention was to present a brief overview. She stated there is work internally on a revised updated Board training which they want to provide consistently across the province.

5.4 Chief Beazley - Statistics

Chief Beazley and Supt. Barnett presented the 4th quarter stats noting that there is an overall reduction in such things as property crimes, stolen motor vehicles, robberies, break and enters, fraud, violent crime and assaults. Chief Beazley advised he would have statistical staff at the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2007.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 2:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
February 13, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Trevor Johnson

REGRETS: Commissioner Brad Johns

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HPP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Asst. Commissioner Ian Atkins, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

At this time Assistant Commissioner Ian Atkins, RCMP, presented Cst. Gregg Richardson, HRP with a Commanding Officers Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the assistance provided by him and his K-9 dog Dusty with the investigation of a double homicide on August 7, 2005 in Tantallon.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 12, 2005 and January 9, 2006

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of December 12, 2005 and January 9, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1.1 Governance

No update at this time, to remain on status sheet.

Commissioner North advised the Board will be reporting to Council on long term resources and funding expectations as well as expectations as to what is an expected level of policing for HRM in the long term. He stated that discussion had been held to encourage the establishment of a committee that would involve some members of the Board as well as HRM staff to provide financial as well as operational input. He advised he had contacted the CAO and once a response is received, he will bring the matter back to the Board.

Chief Beazley advised the budget and business plans are expected to go to Council on May 9th and he will provide these to the Board for the next meeting.

5.1.2 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

Chief Beazley advised this is an ongoing matter. He advised the province has decided that they will not be part of the regulations and no response has been received to a query regarding a policy perspective.

6. ADDED ITEMS

Chief Beazley advised the 4th Quarter Stats indicates that overall there has been a slight decrease of almost 5% in crime in 2005 over 2004. He advised the initiative “Operation Breach” which addresses issues regarding repeat offenders is having an impact. He advised the task force on breach, auto theft and robberies has resulted in keeping the crime rate fairly steady. He advised in December and January he met with the Ministers of Justice, African Nova Scotian Affairs and Community Development and Housing which resulted in a study group being put together under the direction of the Deputy Ministers of Justice and Housing to look at crime, housing, community programming.

Supt. Barnett advised they are seeing a decrease over 2004 with a 15% reduction in criminal code as well as a decrease in stolen vehicles and property crimes. Violent crimes decreased by approximately 11%. Overall there is a reduction in the number of reported offences.

Chief Beazley advised the citizen police academy is starting on February 22nd. He further advised investigation is underway for a location to establish a peace officers memorial.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2006.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:25 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner James Perrin
Mr. Brian Carter

ABSENT
WITH REGRETS: Commissioner Brad Johns

STAFF: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Insp. Phonse MacNeil, RCMP
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Chief Beazley and Mr. North presented a Certificate of Merit to Mr. Peter Martell and the staff of the New Palace Cabaret for their quick action in notifying the police of their suspicions that patrons were passing counterfeit bills.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 10, 2005

MOVED by Commissioner Johns on, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the minutes of January 10, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

The following information reports were circulated:

1. RCMP - Community Policing Procedures
2. Draft - Cross Border Policing Act
3. RCMP - Community Town Hall Meetings 2004 - Final Report

The following two items were added to the In Camera portion of the meeting:

1. Personnel Matter - Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
2. Press Conference - Johnson Enquiry - Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6. REPORTS - NONE

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Gouthro, that Commissioner North be appointed as the Chair to January, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that Commissioner Johnson be appointed as the Vice-Chair to January, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2005.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 12:40 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

February 14, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Doug MacDonald, Vice Chair
Commissioner Ken Hill
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Ms. Micki Ruth, new Provincial Appointee

REGRETS: Commissioner Reg Rankin

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Barb Palmeter, Financial Consultant
Mr. Craig Horton, Finance Administrator
Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Director of Finance
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

The Chair introduced Ms. Micki Ruth, the new Provincial appointee, to the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2011

Amendments:

Item 7.1 – *Inspector* rather than *Superintendent* Crampton

Item 9.3.1 – By-law *P-101* rather than *A-100*

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that the minutes of January 10, 2011 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

4.2 Meeting Locations – Superintendent Beaton

MOVED by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 2011 Objectives - Chair

A document titled Halifax Board of Police Commissioners - Proposed Objectives for 2011 was submitted.

The Chair noted an amendment to item 1 of document as it should read 2014 rather than 2013.

The Board reviewed the submitted list of suggested 2011 objectives.

Proposed Objective 1: Prepare a positive bid to host the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference

Regarding funding for the conference, Chief Beazley indicated that additional money to host the event would not be required as the associated costs were primarily in staff time and that funding would be provided by the host agency as well.

The Chair indicated that he could ask Mr. David Walker, CAPB Director for Nova Scotia, to attend a future Board meeting to discuss the conference process.

The Board agreed to keep this proposed objective.

Proposed Objective 2: Liaise with the Provincial Department of Justice and Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) as applicable to ensure that HRM's interests are protected regarding Bill No. 72 – Police Act – Creation of the Serious Incident Response Team

The Chair advised that a presentation regarding this matter had taken place last fall and provided an overview for the benefit of the new Commissioners; noting that this new Team would impact HRM in terms of funding.

The Board agreed to keep this proposed objective.

Proposed Objective 3: Establish a Board Budget, in addition to the usual processing of the HRP budget

The Chair suggested setting up a separate budget for the Board.

Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Director of Finance, advised that while administratively it would not be difficult to set up a separate budget, Council had already approved laid out budgets for the year and staff did not have approval to add new items to that budget. She indicated that they could set up a separate cost centre within the HRP budget which would have to be hived out of the existing HRP envelope and that may give the Board more transparency. Ms. O'Toole stated that a second option would be to have a new amount added via a recommendation from the Board to Council and that the amount, if approved, would have to be added to the general tax rate.

Chief Beazley indicated that it currently costs the HRP approximately \$15,000 per year to support the Board which includes monthly meeting expenses and the cost of sending one or two members to conferences which comes out of his travel account.

Ms. O'Toole noted that the cost was consistent with other boards of this size.

The Board discussed whether to keep this proposed objective and agreed to remove it from the list.

Proposed Objective 4: Ensure Suitable Representation at Conferences

The Board agreed to keep this proposed objective.

Proposed Objective 5: Have new Board members attend Board training

The Chair indicated that the Province would probably be running training in early spring.

The Board agreed to keep this proposed objective.

Proposed Objective 6: Smooth out board transition to new members

Chief Beazley advised that to have virtually a whole Board replaced in one year was not good for policing; noting that there was the possibility of having all three civilian members replaced in March. He stated that it would be his recommendation to retain one of the three members or to at least get an extension.

The Board agreed to keep this proposed objective.

The Chair requested additional objective suggestions.

Commissioner Kelly suggested that the Board review the outcome of the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence to get the status of what needs to be done in order to complete the recommendations and to come up with a strategy to move those issues forward.

The Board agreed to this proposed objective.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that thr Board of Police Commissioners approve the proposed 2011 objectives as discussed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.2 Meeting Locations

Superintendent Beaton stated that he had investigated meeting location options at the local RCMP detachment offices as a result of Commissioner Rankin's motion from the January 10, 2011 meeting. He advised that he would verify the dates and locations at the next meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions

6.3 Presentation

6.3.1 On-Line Reporting – Mr. Kevin Tulk

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports & 4th Quarter 2010 Stats

The January 2011 RCMP Reports and 4th Quarter Statistics were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton reviewed the combined 4th Quarter Statistics. He stated that there had been a 5% reduction in persons related crimes; however, there had been an increase in property crime driven primarily by break and enters and theft from vehicles. Superintendent Beaton advised that both the RCMP and HRP had been providing education, enforcement and public service announcements regarding this ongoing issue.

Commissioner Kelly stated that he would like to see a stronger approach regarding domestic violence as 25% of calls were related to this issue when he was on a ride along.

Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton suggested that the Board be provided with a presentation from the Department of Justice regarding their new Domestic Violence Action Plan. Chief Beazley will follow up on this matter.

7.2 HRP Reports & 4th Quarter 2010 Stats

The January 2011 HRP Reports and 4th Quarter Statistics were before the Board.

As the combined 4th Quarter Statistics had been discussed under item 7.1, Chief Beazley indicated that the January 2011 HRP reports were as submitted.

The meeting recessed at 1:26 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:34 p.m. with the same members present with the exception of Commissioner MacDonald.

7.2.1 HRP Budget Update

The 2011/12 Preliminary Operating Budget presentation and spreadsheet was submitted.

Chief Beazley indicated that the HRP Budget referred to police, community projects, crossing guards and integrated services. He stated that he would be requesting an operating budget of \$74,874,000 for 2011/2012 which was an 8.25% increase from the previous year. He reviewed what that increase would include as outlined in the presentation.

Ms. O'Toole stated that staff had been directed by Council to work within the 2010/2011 budget plus CPI or MPI which would equate to an increase of approximately 2 to 4% per business unit; however, some units required higher or lower increases depending on their function, therefore, the 8.25% HRP increase would even out. She indicated that

HRM was conducting a corporate wide correction on overtime which would include increased controls. She advised that budgets were being adjusted based on the historical overtime average of less than 10% which would amount to an \$898,000 adjustment for police. Ms. O'Toole stated that there was nothing on the HRP list that finance staff did not agree with in terms of budget.

Chief Beazley continued his presentation; noting that he met with the HRM Senior Management Team and was advised that business plans must align with Council Focus Areas, Community Outcome Areas, Administrative (EMT) Priorities and Chief Administrative Officer Priorities. Chief Beazley stated that staff would continue to develop and refine the above noted items prior to finalizing the HRP budget and that he would provide the Board with a copy once complete.

A discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

Chief Beazley indicated that he was seeking a motion from the Board for the presented budget as the amount would not change.

It was noted that the Department of Justice had not yet given HRM staff any direction regarding a new RCMP contract increase for the 2011/2012 budget.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that the Board of Police Commissioners move approval in principal of the presented Halifax Regional Police 2011/12 Preliminary Operating Budget of \$74,874,940 and request that further information be provided at the March 14, 2011 meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 2 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer stated that the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 2 was as submitted. He indicated that staff were in the early planning stages of an initiative with the working title of Eye on HRM which would be an engagement strategy for outside workers in the municipality; noting that there would be a reporting structure for them similar to a neighbourhood watch. He stated that safety fairs would be held in communities throughout HRM to bring the message to the public.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 14, 2011

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory

February 14, 2011

Legislative Assistant

Information Item

1. Department Order 44-10 – Chaplaincy Unit

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
February 23,2004

PRESENT: Commissioner Gregory North, Chair
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner Jim Smith

ABSENT
WITH REGRETS: Commissioner Ertha Monard
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal

STAFF: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Brian Carter
Chief Frank Beazley
Supt. Vern Fraser
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions

6.1 Corporate Sponsorship

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 9, 2004**

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of February 9, 2004, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Commissioner Monard**

(i) **Media Bulletin references to suspects**

As Commissioner Monard was absent, it was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

(ii) **Membership on Boards**

Commissioner North agreed to speak with Commissioner Monard regarding her membership on various Boards and would bring forward a recommendation for ratification at the next meeting.

5. **REPORTS - NONE**

6. **ADDED ITEMS**

6.1 Police Week 2004 - Corporate Sponsorship

- A report prepared for Chief Frank Beazley and Superintendent Vern Fraser, dated February 23, 2004, on the above noted was before the committee.

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that Halifax Regional Police and RCMP partner with McDonald's Restaurants to sponsor Police Week 2004. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2004.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 12:20 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

February 8, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - January 18, 2010

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of January 18, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair requested that an item titled Secretariate be added to the March agenda.

Additions:

- 8.1 Drinking on the Halifax Commons - Commissioner Karsten
- 8.2 Third Quarter Update for Annual Performance Plan - Superintendent Beaton

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Taxi Roof Light Issue

The Chair thanked Deputy Chief Burbridge for getting back to the Board so quickly once this issue was brought up at the January 18, 2010 meeting; noting that this matter had been resolved by 5:00 p.m. that same day.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

- The January 2010 RCMP reports and fourth quarterly statistics were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton advised that staff was seeing a considerable increase in common assaults, breaking and entering and theft under \$5,000; noting that after seeing these fourth quarterly statistics he had requested a better breakdown for further information. He stated that Assault One, which was the lowest level of assault, counted for 60% of assaults in his jurisdiction in the last quarter of 2009 and the next highest category was assault with a weapon. Superintendent Beaton indicated that sexual assaults accounted for 11% of crime. He advised that residential breaking and entering accounted for 50% of crime; noting that it had been a concern over the past year. He stated that theft under \$5,000 drove the property crime statistics and if they did not have that category there would be better statistics.

Commissioner MacDonald entered the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

The Chair requested an update on how many members would be working at the Vancouver Olympics.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that 23 RCMP members would be attending.

Chief Beazley advised that 18 HRP members would be attending and that he, Superintendent Beaton and the Province had agreed to support each other, via an memorandum of understanding, if extra officers were required in HRM during that time. He stated that officers would be brought in on overtime if the shift amount fell below 60%. Chief Beazley also indicated that they were receiving money from the Federal Government to ensure that policing on the street did not suffer.

Superintendent Beaton advised that the RCMP had created a leave moratorium for this period and that he had no concerns regarding service delivery.

The RCMP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.2 HRP Reports

- The January 2010 HRP reports and fourth quarterly statistics were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that, according to the fourth quarterly statistics, there was a 1% change in crime for the year, therefore, the crime rate was flat. He did, however, advise that there had been a slight increase in violent crime.

Commissioner Gosse entered the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Chief Beazley advised that the crime rate had been going down for the past four years and had now plateaued. He stated that theft under \$5,000 was up region wide and that the HRP and RCMP had been issuing joint press releases to inform the public of this fact.

Superintendent Beaton stated that the RCMP and HRP were going to continue their Christmas media delivery as a lot of prevention could be done through education.

Chief Beazley stated that a good news story in the statistics was that car accident fatalities were down and Provincial tickets were up by approximately 2%; noting that the joint revenue from ticket production was \$2,900,000 which was up by \$1,000,000 compared to last year.

Chief Beazley also noted that prostitution was down by approximately 16%.

At the request of Commissioner Karsten, Superintendent Spicer indicated that he would attach the HRP Traffic Division Update to his Public Safety Update to Regional Council for their information.

The HRP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

- The February 2010 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 2 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer stated that he had met with Dr. Murphy and Dr. Clairmont and that they were in the process of completing a logic model for the Public Safety Office. Superintendent Spicer noted that he would have more in depth reporting on a go forward basis.

The Board requested that the monthly Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter be emailed to them as well.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Drinking on the Halifax Commons - Commissioner Karsten

Chief Beazley advised that police officers do give warnings to people drinking on the Commons and there are also times when people are given tickets or arrested. He

advised that the HRP would make this an issue for the spring as early intervention was the best manner in which to solve this problem.

8.2. Third Quarter Update for Annual Performance Plan - Superintendent Beaton

1. The Annual Performance Plan Third Quarter Update, Halifax District RCMP, was submitted.

The Board received this item as information and requested that it be included as an item on the next agenda.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2004

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Ertha Monard
Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner Jim Smith

ABSENT
WITH REGRETS: Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley
Supt. Vern Fraser
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Chief Beazley requested item 5.1, Budgets, be moved to the In Camera session.

Commissioner Johnson requested item 5.2, Childrens Safety Village, be deferred to a future meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 12, 2004

MOVED by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Monard, that the minutes of January 12, 2004 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE

5. REPORTS

5.1 Budgets - Chief Beazley

This item was referred to the In Camera session under the approval of the order of business.

5.2 Childrens Safety Village - Commissioner Johnson

This item was deferred to a future meeting under the approval of the order of business.

5.3 Police Services Study - Board Related Issues - Sgt. Bill Moore

- A report entitled "Update to the Board Re: Recommendations of Police Study" was circulated to the committee.
- A copy of a draft letter to Mayor Kelly regarding the development of goals and objectives that reflect the direction that policing should take within the Province of Nova Scotia on an annual basis was circulated to the committee.

Sgt. Bill Moore noted the recommendations list had been updated February 2, 2004 as per the order set out in the Responses to the Police Services Study Recommendations, approved on November 10, 2003. Sgt. Moore outlined the recommendations listed, actions taken or to be taken, status of these items and responsibility.

Following discussion on the recommendations, the following motion was placed.

MOVED by Commissioner Monard, second by Commissioner McInroy, that the committee endorse the letter and forward it to Mayor Kelly for action.

Without a vote being taken on the motion on the floor, the committee agreed to defer the letter to the February 23, 2004 meeting.

6. ADDED ITEMS

Ms. Monard noted that when the media bulletins are sent out they note “non-white” when describing black suspects. The Chief advised this term is used across Canada but noted he would report back on this issue at the next meeting.

Ms. Monard requested appointment to the National and Provincial Police Board be added to the next agenda.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2004 at 12:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 9, 2009

- PRESENT:** Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Beverley Peters
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Mayor Peter Kelly
- GUESTS:** Ms. Valerie Pottie Bungay
- STAFF:** Mr. Dan English, CAO
Mr. Allan Way, Executive Operating Officer
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Superintendent
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Barbara St. John, Assistant to Chief, HRP

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

2. **PRESENTATION: Retired Members Badges**

Former Councillor Krista Snow
Mr. William White
Ms. Terry Roane (Regrets)

Chief Beazley and Commissioner Walker presented Former Commissioner William White and Former Commissioner Snow with their retirement badges and expressed appreciation for their dedication and service.

Superintendent Beaton, RCMP, presented art work to Former Commissioners William White and Snow in appreciation for their work on the Board.

PRESENTATION: RCMP

Superintendent Beaton made a presentation to A/Cst. Harold Northrup (Auxiliary Constable in the RCMP) for his 33 years of service in the RCMP Auxiliary Program.

Commissioner Peters entered the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

MOVED By Commissioner Perrin, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that Commissioner Walker be appointed Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for further nominations, hearing none, nominations were closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED By Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that Commissioner McCluskey be appointed Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Walker called three times for further nominations, hearing none, nominations were closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 12, 2009

Commissioner Karsten advised that both he and Mr. Allan Way were in attendance at the last meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of January 12, 2009 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- Item 6.2 **HRP Response to Mayor's Roundtable Report** to be moved to the end of the agenda

Deletions:

- Item 6.4 **Report by Commissioner Peters Canadian Association of Police Boards** was deferred until March

Commissioner McCluskey inquired why a resident's letter that was addressed to the Board was not brought before the Board. Commissioner Walker responded that the letter in question was written to the Province and cc'd for the Chair's information. The letter was then sent to Chief Beazley for followup

MOVED By Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Order of Business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

6. REPORTS

6.1 Police Business Plan

Due to time restraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6.2 HRP Response to Mayor's Roundtable Report

This item was moved to the end of the meeting under the approval for the Order of Business. See page 6.

6.3 HRP Off-Duty Employment Activities

- Order #: 39-07 Policy 14 Off Duty Employment/Activities of the HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual was before the Board

Chief Beazley advised the Board that the last review of this policy was done in 2007. He reviewed the revised policy with the Board and answered any questions of the Board noting the following:

- all officers currently engaging in off duty employment and activity will need to re-apply to ensure that these activities have not changed in scope and still meet the criteria of the policy;
- any officer whose off duty activities places them in conflict of interest situation will be directed to rescind this activity.

Discussion ensued.

In response to a question of how much notice would be given to an officer to rescind the activity, Chief Beazley advised that it would depend upon the nature of the business.

Commissioner Karsten inquired if security work at a Nova Scotia Liquor Commission is considered an off duty employment and activity. Chief Beazley responded that this was considered an extra duty assignment.

MOVED By Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the policy set out in Order 39-07 of the HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

6.4 Canadian Association of Police Board - 2008 (Commissioner Peters)

Deferred to the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

6.5 HRP Reports

Chief Beazley advised the reports were as submitted.

Commissioner McCluskey expressed concern with the number of violent crimes going up. Chief Beazley responded that guns and vests are now becoming tools of the crime trade.

Commissioner Hill noted that the increase in fraud is up 20%, specifically computer fraud.

6.6 RCMP Reports

Superintendent Barnett advised that the RCMP reports were as submitted.

Commissioner McCluskey expressed concern with the increase in impaired driving in Cole Harbour/Forest Hill's area.

6.2 HRP Response to Mayor's Roundtable Report

- Staff Report dated February 10, 2009 was before the Board;
- A Board of Police Commissioners Report dated February 10, 2009 was before the Board

Chief Beazley advised that there were amendments to the report and circulated an amended report.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that HRP is looking for endorsement of the report.

Mr. Allan Way reviewed the reports with the Board noting that the report was complete but before it would go before the Committee of the Whole, some further word smithing, or ordering, etc may be done but the intent of the report would not change.

Because not all recommendations are not the responsibility or the jurisdiction of HRM, Commissioner MacDonald suggested that an organizational chart be done for the Board so that the Board would know who was responsible for which portion.

Mr. Way advised the Board that the report had been presented to Senior Management Team and they were comfortable with the way that Dr. Clairmont's report had been answered.

Moved by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten that the Board of Police Commissioners endorse the recommendations and Action Plan as set out in the Staff report dated February 10, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Police Resourcing Meeting

It was agreed that once a date had been determined, the Chief would book meeting space in the new police headquarters in Burnside.

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING - March 9, 2009

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Brad Johns

ABSENT
WITH REGRETS: Mr. Brian Carter

STAFF: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, HRP
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner North, on behalf of the Board, thanked Councillor McInroy for his years of service.

Ms. Donna I. Keats, Legal Services, performed the swearing in of Councillors Mosher and Johns as new commissioners.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 13, 2004

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that the minutes be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 8.1 Community Policing Procedures - Commissioner Johnson
- 8.2 Car Break In and Vehicle Thefts in Bayers Lake - Commissioner Mosher
- 8.3 Rewards for Unsolved Crimes - Commissioner Smith

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- 1. Halifax County District Councillor's Report
- 2. Role of Board with respect to RCMP as an advisory committee - Commissioner Johnson
- 3. Realignment of Policing Services
- 4. Staff Report - January, 2005 - RCMP

Information Reports

- 1. 4th Quarter and Year to Date - RCMP
- 2. Injury Report - Monthly Statistics - December 2004 - RCMP

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mosher, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson advised he had requested a copy of the reporting schedule to be circulated to the Board.

7. REPORTS - NONE

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Community Policing Procedures - Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Johnson requested a staff report from both HRP and RCMP providing statistics on foot, bicycle and horse patrols within HRM including information on how extensive the patrols are, where they occur, whether it is seasonal and the extent of each program.

Chief Beazley advised HRP does not have foot patrols at the present time and there is limited statistical information on officers on bike patrol. He advised the horse patrols are in place from spring to fall. He advised he would examine the available information and provide an update at the next meeting.

Supt. Fraser advised statistical information on foot patrols may be difficult to extract but can provide information on the other two.

Commissioner Johnson also requested information be provided on any private agencies that are being utilized for enforcement.

8.2 Car Break In and Vehicle Thefts in Bayers Lake - Commissioner Mosher

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Mosher regarding incidents of vehicle thefts and car break ins in Bayers Lake, Deputy Chief Burbridge advised a trailer is being placed in the area from which the situation can be monitored as well as video surveillance cameras are being installed.

8.3 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes - Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith questioned who would hold responsibility for a reward program if HRM decides to have one. In response, Chief Beazley advised he has written the Deputy Minister with the Department of Justice but to date has not received any response. He advised he would follow up with the Deputy Minister on this issue.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2005.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

January 10, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Doug MacDonald, Vice Chair
Commissioner Ken Hill
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Reg Rankin
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Bill Karsten

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Christopher McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Mr. Martin Ward, Solicitor
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Walker called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMEBRS

Mr. Martin Ward, Solicitor, swore in Commissioners Peter Kelly, Reg Rankin and Sue Uteck as new members of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Walker welcomed to new members to the Board.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that Commissioner Gosse be elected as Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners until March 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Rankin, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that Commissioner MacDonald be elected as Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners until March 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. PRESENTATION OF RETIRED MEMBER BADGES - HRP & RCMP

Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton presented Commissioners Walker, Karsten and McCluskey with their Board of Police Commissioners retirement badges.

Chief Beazley stated that the last couple of years had been the most challenging and time consuming for any Commission he had worked with in the past and he thanked the Commissioners for their effort.

Superintendent Beaton thanked the Commissioners for their time, effort, and contribution to policing in the community.

Retired Commissioners Walker, Karsten and McCluskey thanked the HRP and RCMP for their hard work as well as the remaining Commissioners and staff.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 8, 2010

MOVED by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that the minutes of November 8, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 10.1 Updated RCMP Traffic Report – December 2010
- 10.2 HRP Traffic Report - January 1 - December 31, 2010
- 10.3 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter - January 2011
- 11.1 Criminal Record Check Fee for Fingerprinting - Memorandum dated January 5, 2011 from Chief Beazley, HRP
- 11.2 Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule - Commissioner Rankin
- 11.3 2011 Objectives– Chair
- 11.4 Recognition Committee – Chief Beazley

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Commissioner Kelly

Commissioner Kelly requested an overview of the cultural diversity training program referenced on page 7 of the November 8, 2010 minutes.

Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP, advised that all RCMP officers in the Halifax district receive this mandatory training as per the agreement with the Preston community and that there was a cultural diversity training program regarding aboriginal peoples as well.

Chief Beazley indicated that all HRP members, including civilian employees, were trained in cultural diversity as well and had been since the Johnson inquiry. He stated that the broader HRM approach involved cultural diversity training regarding all communities and groups.

Inspector Crampton noted that the RCMP includes cultural diversity as part of their basic training as well.

Regarding item 7.2.1 of the November 8, 2010 minutes, Chief Beazley advised Commissioner Rankin that the HRP is obliged to participate in the HRM vacancy management program.

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

- 9.1 Correspondence - None**
- 9.2 Petitions – None**

9.3 Presentations

9.3.1 Board of Police Commissioners 'Roles and Responsibilities' – Orientation for New Members

The HRP and RCMP provided PowerPoint presentations for the benefit of new members.

Deputy Chief Christopher McNeil, HRP, provided an overview of the Roles and Responsibilities for Police Commissioners as they relate to the HRP; including a review of Section 55 of the Police Act.

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions.

Deputy Chief McNeil clarified that the dual situation of having both the HRP and RCMP in HRM was not contemplated in the Police Act and that the Board, in essence, acts as a Board of Police Commissioners to the HRP and advisory Board to the RCMP.

Chief Beazley noted that he was accountable to the Provincial Government and the RCMP to the Federal Government. He also stated that By-law P-101 creates a role for the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Board.

Superintendent Beaton presented an overview of the Roles and Responsibilities for Board of Police Commissioners as they relate to the RCMP and provided a copy of the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA) for clarity.

Chief Beazley advised that a training session for new members would be provided by the Province.

Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton indicated that they would be happy to provide further information regarding integrated policing in HRM at a future meeting.

10. REPORTS

10.1 RCMP Repots

The November & December 2010 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

An Updated RCMP Traffic Report for December 2010 was submitted.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the November and December 2010 RCMP reports were as submitted.

10.2 HRP Reports

The November & December 2010 HRP Reports were before the Board.

The HRP Traffic Report – January 1 – December 31, 2010 was submitted.

Chief Beazley indicated that the November and December 2010 HRP reports were as submitted.

10.2.1 HRP Budget Update

Chief Beazley provided an update on the HRP Budget; stating that \$632,899 had been taken from the HRP budget for the HRM Vacancy Management Program to date. Chief Beazley advised that the HRP currently had a deficit of approximately \$552,000; however, he had been advised by Ms. Cathie O’Toole, Director of Finance, that this deficit would be made up corporately.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Kelly, Chief Beazley indicated that the funds currently being put towards Vacancy Management were traditionally used to fund overtime and court time.

10.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 2, Issue 12 was before the Board.

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 1 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer, HRP, provided a brief overview of the evolution of the Public Safety Office for the benefit of new members.

Superintendent Spicer updated the Board that the HRM Public Safety Strategic Plan, which was approved by the previous Board, would be ready to be presented to the current Board in March and that a year end report would be prepared by that time as well. He indicated that the newsletters were as submitted.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Criminal Record Check Fee for Fingerprinting - Memorandum dated January 5, 2011 from Chief Beazley, HRP

A memorandum dated January 5, 2011 from Chief Beazley was submitted.

MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the Criminal Record Check Fee Increase for Fingerprinting as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2 Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule – Commissioner Rankin

Commissioner Rankin suggested that there may be merit in meeting in other areas of HRM on an infrequent basis given that the HRP and RCMP cover the entire Municipality.

MOVED by Commissioner Rankin, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the Board of Police Commissioners request that staff investigate options for moving several meetings a year, perhaps quarterly, to other areas of HRM in order to further engage the community. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.3 2011 Objectives – Chair

The Chair stated that it would be beneficial for the Board to set some attainable objectives for the year such as budget, training and conference attendance.

This item will be added to the next agenda.

11.4 Recognition Committee – Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley advised that the HRP had a Recognition Committee which looks at awards and commendations for members and that a Commissioner normally sits on the Committee as well.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Rankin, that the Board of Police Commissioners appoint Commissioner MacDonald to the Recognition Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for February 14, 2011

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

Information Item

1. Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2004

PRESENT: Commissioner Gregory North, Chair
Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Eartha Monard
Commissioner Trevor Johnson

REGRETS: Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner James Perrin

STAFF: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Frank Beazley
Supt. Vern Fraser
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30. The Chair and Chief Beazley presented a commendation to Cst. Peter Adamski.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 6.1 3rd Quarter Statistics - HRP and RCMP
- 6.2 Revised Budget Business Plan
- 6.3 CAPB Conference
- 6.4 Victim Services

MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 10, 2003

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blumenthal, that the minutes of November 10, 2003 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Police Study Update

Commissioner Johnson expressed concern that the response to the Police Study is not progressing as quickly as it should and suggested one person be dedicated to that task. Chief Beazley advised there is a Steering Committee meeting this month and that Mr. Carter was going to look at some training issues. The Chief advised he will bring the issue forward to the Steering Committee. The Chair advised he will check to see if all recommendations have been addressed.

5. REPORTS

5.1 2004 Meeting Schedule

- A copy of the proposed 2004 meeting schedule was before the Committee.

At this time Chief Beazley addressed the issue of Budget Timelines for the Committee.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to hold a meeting on February 9 and February 23 and to moved the April meeting to the 19th.

5.2 Board of Police Commissioners Membership (Recommendation Referred from Regional Council of December 9, 2003)

- A recommendation regarding appointments to the Board of Police Commissioners was discussed at the December 9, 2003 Regional Council meeting at which time a motion was made to forward the recommendation to the Board for input.

The recommendation from Regional Council stated:

“That the Halifax Regional Municipality Council Membership Committee, when nominating members to the Police Board of Commissioners, shall ensure, unless no qualified or appropriate candidate has applied, at least one member of the Board, at any time, is of the female gender and that at least one other member, at any time, is of a visible minority”

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blumenthal, that the Board of Police Commissioners support the guidelines as outlined in the recommendation from Regional Council.

Following discussion, the wording of the recommendation was amended to read:

“That the Halifax Regional Municipality Council Membership Committee, when nominating members to the Police Board of Commissioners, as vacancies arise, shall ensure at least one member of the Board, at any time, is of the female gender and that at least one other member, at any time, is of a visible minority”

Mr. McLellan advised he would ask if there are other Boards who wish to indicate the type of profile they want in a member.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 3rd Quarter Statistics - HRP and RCMP

Copies of the Halifax Regional Police, Quarterly Interim Statistical Overview, 3rd Quarter and

the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Regional Municipality of Halifax, 3rd Quarter and Year-to-Date Statistical Overview were circulated to the members of the Board.

6.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards

Commissioner Johnson enquired as to the availability of funding available for attendance of the Board to the Conference. Discussion was held with regards to one member of the Board attending and It was agreed to table the item to a future meeting.

6.3 Victim Services

Commissioner Johnson suggested a presentation be made by Victim Services after completion of the budget process.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2004.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to the In Camera session at 2:30 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 12, 2009

PRESENT:

Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Beverley Peters
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Mayor Peter Kelly

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, CAO
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Acting Superintendent
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Allan Way, Executive Officer to the Chief
Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil, HRP
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Barbara St. John, Assistant to Chief, HRP

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m. in the Meisner Room, at Halifax Regional Police Department, 1975 Gottingen Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

2. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF NEW MEMBER**

Councillor Bill Karsten was affirmed as a member of the Board.

3. **PRESENTATION: Chief's Commendation**

Chief Beazley presented Chief's Commendations to Sergeant Greg Mason. This officer was recognized for his actions in addressing a potentially life-threatening situation for a number of citizens of HRM caught in a burning building this past fall.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 10, 2008**

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of November 10, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. **APPROVAL OF NEXT YEARS SCHEDULED DATES**

MOVED By Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the schedule for meeting dates for 2009 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

MOVED By Commissioner Perrin , seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the order of business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 **Membership: Canadian Association of Police Boards - Memberships fees due January 30, 2008**

Chief Beazley advised these memberships would be

MOVED By Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that when

one attends outside meetings or conventions that a report be brought back to the Commission. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

Commissioner Peters will bring a report back on the Canadian Association of Police Boards 2008 for the next meeting.

9. REPORTS

9.1 The Mayor's Roundtable on Violence Report

Mr. Allan Way, Executive Officer to the Chief, gave an update on the Mayor's Roundtable with Chief Beazley and other staff answering the questions of the Commission noting that:

- When the report is completed, a hard copy will be distributed;
- The report is 95 to 97% finished;
- Dialogue with the Province has not been completed;

Chief Beazley advised that Dr. Clairmont when writing this report would not have had the information available to him that is available to HRM and HRP today because of the ongoing dialogue. He further advised that strategies that are being put in place over the last period of time have had Dr. Clairmont's report in mind. Dr. Clairmont, at the time of his writing the report would not have what external organizations and initiatives that are available in HRM.

Commissioner MacDonald entered the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Mr. Way reviewed the external organizations and initiatives. In response to Mayor Kelly's question of costing out these initiatives, Mr. Way responded that it could not be easily done. It would be costly and he is not sure how many of the organizations would allow HRM to have the information.

Chief Beazley explained that the lead for the initiative indicated in today's report may not necessarily be correct. Talks have not taken place with Directors of the various departments to confirm that they would take the lead on any particular initiative.

Mr. Way explained that once the document has been populated with any changes that the Board may have it, it would then go on to SMT and EMT. After their review it would then go to Council. Commissioner Walker advised Mr. Way that the report would need to come to the Commission again before going to Council. Since it is expected to go to Council on January 26, 2009, a tentative date was set for the Commission to meet to review the final document.

9.2 Police Business Plan

Chief Beazley advised that the Police Business Plan would take about an hour . Due to time limitations, the Business Plan was deferred to another date. The Chief reviewed the timelines with the Committee. He inquired if he could have a separate meeting some time in January to review the Business Plan. A tentative date of January 28 was reached pending everyone checking their calendar and a quorum being reached.

10. ADDED ITEMS

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING - February 9, 2009

12. SET NEXT POLICE RESOURCING MEETING

Staff will need to check to see when the Commissioners as well as Brightwood Golf and Country Club is available and set a date for that time. It will need to be the entire day.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to move In camera at this time was heard.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald to move In Camera at this time. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

The meeting adjourned to In Camera at 2:55 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2003

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. Harvey
Comm. Adams
Comm. Hetherington
Comm. Monard
Comm. North

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Chief Beazley
Acting Deputy Chief Burbridge
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Manager, Economic Development and
Strategic Initiatives (part)
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Inspector Pete Lepine, Operations Support Officer, RCMP
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Legislative Assistant

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1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The agenda was adopted, as circulated, by consensus.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and seconded by Comm. Harvey that the minutes of the December 9, 2002 meeting be adopted as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

3.1 **2003 CAPB and CACP CONFERENCES**

The following copies of correspondence were circulated in the agenda package for the members' information.

- C Letter from Alex Steeves, Acting Executive Director, Policing and Victim Services, NS Department of Justice, dated December 18, 2002.

The correspondence was in response to a letter from the Clerk requesting assistance with the organization of the CAPB Conference. The letter advises that while their division is not able to assist in a direct way, Mr. Eyre the designated consultant for the Board could assist in selecting some topics for the conference.

Upon her arrival, Comm. Monard advised that she has been contacted by Wendy Feduc, Executive Director, CAPB enquiring as to whether a facility has been booked for the golf tournament associated with the Conference. At the December meeting attended by Ms. Feduc, someone had volunteered to contact Brightwood Golf Club. Apparently nothing has been done to date. It was suggested that Granite Springs Golf Club, Bayside might be a good venue. Comm. Monard will check into its availability.

- C A copy of a letter from the Acting Chief of Police encouraging early registration for the CACP Conference for 2003.

3.2 **FEE SCHEDULE ISSUE**

Acting Chief Beazley had nothing to report at this time. He will be discussing the item with Inspector Barnett. Item deferred to February meeting.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **REGIONAL COUNCIL STATUS SHEET OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Security Checks - Acting Chief Beazley will discuss the status of this item with Inspector Barnett and he will report back to the Board. The item relates to a request from Regional Council re a standardized policy for security checks dated May 2000.

DARE Education Program - Acting Chief Beazley reviewed with the members the progress made on this item since it was directed to the Board January 2001. It was noted that DARE is an RCMP program, involving a very large commitment. The HRP has its own drug education program. He outlined to the Board what had taken place since this request was made, i.e. presentation to the Board April 2001; referral to the School Board. The Acting Chief will raise with Public Relations staff. He will have an Information Report drafted for Regional Council on this subject.

4.2 **NOVA SCOTIA POLICE ACT REVIEW**

C Letter dated December 18, 2002 from Alex Steeves, Acting Executive Director, N.S. Department of Justice regarding the review of the Nova Scotia Police Act. Discussion Draft enclosed. Submissions on the draft requested by February 10, 2003.

Acting Chief Beazley noted that a lot of differences have been identified in the draft legislation associated with the Nova Scotia Police Act. Some of the proposed changes are quite drastic. Given the number and nature of the changes proposed, a written request had been made to the Department of Justice by HRP to extend the deadline for submissions to allow sufficient time for analysis.

Comm. Hetherington requested that for the February meeting the members be provided with a version of the draft, which highlights what these differences are. It was noted that it is customary for proposed changes to be highlighted in bold or by italics in draft versions.

Acting Chief Beazley noted that Supt. Bell and A/Deputy Chief McNeil have been working on identifying the changes. A preliminary meeting has been held with the Nova Scotia Association of Police Chiefs.

It was noted that it is difficult to comment, given the regulations pertaining to the Police Act have not been provided. They have apparently not been drafted.

The Board was advised that A/Deputy Chief McNeil met with the Deputy Minister of Justice this morning. The Deputy Minister of Justice is planning to meet with the Minister of

Justice shortly on HRP's application for an extension of the submission date. It was noted that it had been planned to take the legislation pertaining to the Police Act to the spring session of the Legislature.

Given the Board's interest in the changes, it was felt that the Department of Justice should be advised of its desire to have the deadline extended.

MOVED BY Comm. Adams and seconded by Comm. Hetherington that the Board request an extension of the date for submissions on the draft proposed legislation related to the Nova Scotia Police Act. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

5.1 **POLICE STUDY - VERBAL REPORT RE \$600,000 SURPLUS**

This topic had been originally brought up by Comm. Adams. Ms. Betty MacDonald was present to explain where this figure came from, as a result of a miscommunication. It was noted that \$600,000 had been set aside related to two studies, the Police Study and a Transit Study. Essentially, staff over-estimated the cost per officer, so too much money was set aside. Most of funds were eventually directed to the Transit Study.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

None.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES**

C Statistics Report - November 2002

C Victim Services Counsellor Monthly Statistics

Circulated with agenda package.

9. **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, February 10, 2003.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RCMP AND HRP

Comm. Hetherington extended his congratulations to both the RCMP and HRP for their contribution in the handling of crowds associated with the recent Junior World Championships.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular portion of the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. to meet in camera. Following the in camera session, the regular session was reconvened to ratify a motion adopted by the Board to approve a sponsorship proposal by Atlantic Wholesalers for the annual Dedication to Duty Dinner and Dance.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

January 14, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. S. David Bryson, Chair
Comm. Ann MacVicar
Comm. Bruce Hetherington
Comm. Bob Harvey
Comm. Stephen Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief David McKinnon, HRP
Supt. Chris McNeil, HRP
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Inspector Vern Fraser
Mr. Dennis Kelly, Director of Operations, NS Dept. of Justice
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

REGRETS: Comm. Eartha Monard

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1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The following items were added to the agenda:

Under Business Arising (HRP):

- 3.1 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes
- 3.2 Bryony House

Under New Business (HRP)

- 4.0 Cops for Cancer Ironman Triathlon

Under Statistics:

- 8.1 Juristat - Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics - Crime Comparisons between Canada and the United States
- 8.2 National Police Services Bench marking Survey - Final Project Report - KPMG

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 10, 2001 meeting were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Harvey.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 REWARDS FOR MAJOR UNSOLVED CRIMES

Comm. Hetherington questioned Chief McKinnon on the status of the report to address concerns and questions raised by Councillor Smith. The Chief explained that some additional information is required before the report can be finalized.

3.2 BRYONY HOUSE

In addition to the copies of correspondence from the Board to the Ministers of Justice and Community services and the reply of the Minister of Community Service, circulated as information items, copies of a response from the Minister of Justice were circulated at the meeting.

The Chief briefly referred to assistance the Province has provided Bryony House to help write off debt. Cathy Love of Bryony House has confirmed the situation has improved.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 COPS FOR CANCER IRONMAN TRIATHLON

Chief McKinnon and Judy Pal advised the Board of the above noted fund raising initiative and sought approval for the fund raising effort. The plan is to solicit funds to help pay for the five member team's expenses of approximately \$20,000 and to raise a similar sum for the Canadian Cancer Society. Part of the fund raising will involve the raffling of a HRP Harley Davidson motorcycle. The Chief explained how the raffle would work, noting that HRM will receive, off the top, the value of the motorcycle and anything above would be directed to the Cancer Society. He has already discussed the proposed raffle with George McLellan and the idea was received positively.

MOVED BY Comm. Adams and seconded by Comm. Hetherington that the Board give approval to proceed with the fund raising efforts associated with the Cops for Cancer Ironman Triathlon. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)

5.1 REPORT TO WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL RE STAFFING RATIOS TANTALLON

A copy of a letter dated December 19, 2001 to Councillor Rankin, Chair of the Western Region Community Council from Supt. Ferguson, in response to correspondence dated December 10, 2001 to the Board was circulated in the agenda package. Supt. Ferguson advised the Board that he has also spoken to Councillor Rankin.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)

None.

7.0 ADDED ITEMS

8.0 STATISTICS

The Board was advised that the 2001 year-end statistics for the HRP should be available for the February 2002 meeting.

8.1 JURISTAT - CANADIAN CENTRE FOR JUSTICE STATISTICS

Circulated at the meeting for information was the above named report from Statistics Canada. The report provides crime comparisons between Canada and the United States for 2000.

8.2 NATIONAL POLICE SERVICES BENCH MARKING SURVEY - KPMG

CONSULTING

Copies of the Final Project Report dated November 6, 2001 were circulated at the meeting as an information item. It was noted that the HRP had participated in the survey with nine other Canadian Police Services. It was noted that information gathering exercise, which the consultants propose doing every second year, is conducted for a relatively small fee of \$3,000.00. The Chief identified some of the information which can be gleaned from the survey.

The Chief noted that there are a number of mistakes in the report. A series of meetings are to be held later in the month to rectify them.

9.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2002.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 to meet in camera on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Adams.

The meeting reconvened to ratify a motion regarding a budgetary matter at 2:45 p.m.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
January 14, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Jim Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

REGRETS: Commissioner William White
Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner Krista Snow

STAFF: Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Inspector Brad Sullivan, RCMP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER -

The meeting was called to order at 12:43 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 10, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of December 10, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

ADDITIONS:

- 6.1 Special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners - February 29, 2008 to discuss the Police Resourcing Study

MOVED BY Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the agenda, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Letter of Resignation dated December 3, 2007 - William H. White

The Legislative Assistant is to find out on what date Commissioner White has resigned.

Deferred until next meeting

4.2 City Watch - deferred until next meeting.

5. REPORTS

5.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE REPORT - December 2007

One constable has resigned to accept a position with the RCMP.

The sick time for HRP for the year 2007 is 41 sick hours. That is .3% higher than last year but still better since amalgamation.

Discussion ensued with following points noted:

- < Arbitrators have told the HRP that reasons do not have to be given for sick leave. However, should an officer take more than 3 days off they must seek medical attention and HRP has the right to order the officer to see HRP's medical staff. If leave is unwarranted they can be ordered back to work and/or disciplinary action can be taken.
- < EAP staff evaluate officers directly after a shooting, a serious accident, etc., to see if time off is necessary. This leave is not considered sick leave but injury leave.
- < Currently working at full compliment and any vacancies that come up are reserved for the graduating students of HRP Training Programs.

5.2 RCMP REPORT - December 2007

Sick leave is down. RCMP is working full complement for Nova Scotia.

Commissioner Walker asked if the Board could have the numbers for the RCMP for the next meeting.

5.3 POLICE RESOURCING STUDY UPDATE - deferred

6. ADDED ITEMS

- 6.1** Special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners - to discuss the Police Resourcing Study

It was agreed that the voting members of the Board of Police Commissioners would meet **February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Halifax Hall, City Hall.**

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2008.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:11. p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

January 18, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - December 14, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the minutes of December 14, 2009 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 7.2 HRP Reports - Additional Report re: Traffic Update
- 7.3 Public Safety Newsletter - Superintendent Don Spicer
- 8.1 Secretariate - Commissioner Walker
- 8.2 Taxi Licences and Roof Lights - Commissioner Walker
- 8.3 Information Item - Police Resources in Canada - Deputy Chief Burbridge
- 8.4 Information Item 1: Eastern Passage Policing - Needs Analysis -
Correspondence from Superintendent Beaton dated January 6, 2010

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C The December 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board. As there were no questions at this time, the RCMP reports were tabled as presented.

Commissioner McCluskey commended the RCMP for catching so many impaired drivers during the weekend prior.

7.2 HRP Reports

C The December 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that the UN Peacekeeping Assignment number should be three rather than five.

The HRP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

C The January 2010 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 1 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that there were no new updates further than what was included in the January 2010 newsletter. In response to questions from the Board, he advised that meetings with Community Services were ongoing and that all members of Council were being sent the monthly newsletter electronically.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Secretariate - Commissioner Walker

The Chair indicated that \$100,000 had been set aside by the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer's office for a Board of Police Commissioners budget which would be used to fund a secretariate position for the Board as well as administration fees and conferences. He requested the Board's endorsement.

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the proposed \$100,000 Board of Police Commissioners budget in principle and authorize the Chair to work with the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer on a go forward basis to ensure that it is included in the 2010/2011 operational budget.

Deputy Chief Burbridge indicated that the Board's current annual budget was approximately between \$11,000 and \$12,000. He stated that the proposed \$100,000 would not be an unrealistic number if the Board had its own dedicated resource.

The Chair noted that the role of other Police Board secretariates across Canada was still being researched by Ms. Marion Currie, Corporate Planning and Ms. Terry Roane, however, a motion was presently required so that the funding could be included in the upcoming budget deliberations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 Taxi Licences and Roof Lights - Commissioner Walker

The Chair indicated that this matter had been brought to his attention by several drivers recently as they were concerned that no new licences or roof lights had been granted pending the upcoming report to Council. He requested an update on this matter.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that he would follow up with Superintendent Moore and provide a response to Board members.

The Chair noted that he would like this freeze on licences and roof lights lifted.

8.3 Information Item - Police Resources in Canada - Deputy Chief Burbridge

- C A report titled Police Resources in Canada was submitted.
- C A Police Resources in Canada spreadsheet was submitted.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that he had been using the Police Resources in Canada report for 30 years; noting that the 2009 edition was quite impressive. He stated that he had created a spreadsheet based on the information in the report and that it should be celebrated that Halifax was listed as number 12 in Canada. Deputy Chief Burbridge stated that a police service's performance could be tracked from documents such as this; indicating that 20 areas in Canada had a higher crime rate than Halifax and that crime in HRM had actually gone down by approximately 30% since 2004. He advised that this was a public document and was available on the Statistics Canada website. Deputy Chief Burbridge also indicated that Statistics Canada used to treat all crimes equally for their statistical purposes, however, last year they had come up with a scoring system based on types of crime.

Superintendent Beaton advised that the report also included the first year that the RCMP and HRP had combined their statistics which more accurately reflected the overall crime rate in HRM.

**8.4 Information Item 1: Eastern Passage Policing - Needs Analysis -
Correspondence from Superintendent Beaton dated January 6, 2010**

- C Correspondence dated January 6, 2010 from Superintendent Beaton was before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that he expected the needs analysis for Eastern Passage to take one more month to complete and that it was capable of being done within the regular work pool. He noted that key community stakeholders, including Councillor Barkhouse, local schools and businesses, would be contacted.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for February 8, 2010.

The proposed 2010 meeting schedule was accepted as amended as the April meeting would take place on April 19, 2010 and the August meeting on August 16, 2010. It was noted that summer meetings will be held as required.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. Eastern Passage Policing - Needs Analysis - Correspondence from Superintendent Beaton dated January 6, 2010
2. Proposed Lake Echo Mobile Home Park - Correspondence from Superintendent Beaton dated January 6, 2010
3. Proposed 2010 Meeting Schedule

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 26, 2009

PRESENT:

Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Beverley Peters
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, CAO
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Superintendent
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Don Spicer, HRP
Darrell Harvey, RCMP
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, HRP
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m

2. PRESENTATIONS:

Deferred to next meeting

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

4. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED By Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Doug MacDonald that the Order of Business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

5. REPORTS

5.1 Police Business Plan

- Business Plan - 2009/2010 (Revised January 21, 2009) was before the Board

Chief Beazley reviewed 2009/2010 Business plan with members of the Board noting the following:

- Strategic Goals are being expanded upon through the multi-year *Building of Safe Communities* initiative through the Provincial Government
- Province has given HRP 4 public safety officers for Alcohol Enforcement Unit
- Implementing a new *serious crime unit*

Commissioner Peters entered the room at 1:50 p.m.

Chief Beazley further noted that:

- Blocked training unit is working well. Officers are being brought in and trained and sent back to duty in a more efficient manner
- Page 15 of the report explains the initiatives that are being set up as a result of the Mayors Roundtable.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that there is an immediate need for succession planning as several of the senior management staff are eligible to retire now or in the near future.

Discussion ensued. At this point, Chief Beazley asked to move in camera to discuss the succession planning.

MOVED By Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Jim Perrin that the meeting be adjourned and move to in Camera. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

6. **ADDED ITEMS** - None
7. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** - February 9, 2009
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
January 8, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker

REGRETS: Commissioner James Perrin
Councillor Krista Snow

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
STAFF: Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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7.	ADJOURNMENT	05

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Councillors Johns and Mosher were presented with retirement badges and thanked for their service and contributions as members of the Board.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Councillor Russell Walker was sworn in as a member of the Board. Councillor Snow was not in attendance and will be sworn in at the February meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

John Dunlop Memorial Award - Cst. J.D. McKinnon

Mr. Fred Honsberger, Executive Director, Correctional Services, Department of Justice, presented Const. John D. McKinnon with the John Dunlop Memorial Award in recognition of his work within the community.

Chief Beazley and Ms. Roane congratulated Mr. McKinnon on his receipt of the award.

Chief's Commendation Presentations

At the request of Chief Beazley this item was deferred to the February meeting..

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 27, 2006

MOVED by Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the minutes of November 27, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 5.1 Chief Beazley - Police resource consulting proposal
- 5.2 Chief Beazley - Ministers task force on safer streets and communities

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Gouthro, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REPORTS

4.1 HRP Recognition Review Board - 2007

Chief Beazley noted there is a review board that looks at all recognition or recommendations for such things as Chief's commendations and letters of recognition. Traditionally a member of the Board would sit on that committee and he was seeking a volunteer from the Board to sit as a Board representative on this committee. Commissioner McCluskey volunteered to sit on the committee.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Chief Beazley - Police Resource Consulting Proposal

The chief circulated a report entitled "Terms of Reference: Police Resource Consulting Proposal" noting the Board was asked to review the HRM policing services with a view to developing an effective long term resource strategy for the policing services and submit a report to Council. The Board was also tasked to assess the impact of any changes to the service delivery model of policing resulting from upcoming negotiations of the NS Provincial Policing contract and submit a report to Council.

Chief Beazley requested members of the Board review the terms of reference and prior to the next meeting, communicate any issues or thoughts on the terms to Mr. English, CAO, Ms. Roane, Supt. Barnett and himself. If there are any changes they will be made prior to next meeting.

Once the terms of reference are approved, HRM will then develop an RFP to seek an outside consulting firm to do the research on behalf of the Board. Staffing resources will be provided from HRM to do the research and prepare a report for Council. He noted he and Supt. Barnett will be there to support the protocol but will not actively participate.

In response to Commissioner Roane, Chief Beazley advised the process would be the Board would approve the terms of reference and then direct the CAO's office to move forward with the preparation of the RFP.

5.2 Chief Beazley - Ministers Task Force On Safer Streets and Communities

Chief Beazley advised the Minister of Justice has formed a task force and directed it to help him develop a provincial crime prevention strategy. The direction he has given the task force is to gather ideas and information on community programs, legislation, government services and policing initiatives that currently exist in Nova Scotia that are believed to be helpful and effective in addressing and preventing crime in communities.

He noted the Minister is looking to identify best practices and promote programs and actions that are making a positive impact on communities in Nova Scotia, highlight best practices and legislation being used in other areas of the country and abroad for consideration and identify ways to support communities which are making efforts to address situations that have a negative impact on their neighbourhoods.

Chief Beazley advised a meeting will take place to identify community issues and how they are being dealt with. He noted all meetings and consultation will be completed culminating in a report to be written by May 29th. He advised Mayor Kelly is contemplating something similar but will focus on violent crime.

Chief Beazley asked that if the Board knows of any persons or groups that should come to the focus groups and participate to provide him with the contact information.

Chief Beazley requested this be an ongoing agenda item and he will provide monthly updates.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:31 p.m

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
January 9, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Brad Johns
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Linda Mosher

REGRETS: Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner James Perrin

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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8.	ADJOURNMENT	05

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. MINUTES - November 14, 2005

MOVED by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the minutes of November 14, 2005, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Added Information Items

1. Bullying - HRP Strategies and Programs
2. Correspondence re Rewards for Unsolved Crimes
3. HRP Staff Report - January, 2006

Commissioner Johns requested Summary Offences - Revenue Breakdown be added to the agenda for discussion.

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Johns, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1.1 Governance

No information received. To remain on status sheet.

5.1.2 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

Correspondence to Province re moving forward on this initiative received. To remain on status sheet.

5.1.3 Use of Photo Radar and Traffic Light Cameras

Ms. Sharon Mitchell, Policing Services Consultant, provided an overview advising:

that photo radar is operated by specialized traffic enforcement personnel and measures the speed of a vehicle and triggers the camera to take a photograph of the vehicle if it is speeding. Fixed red light cameras photograph vehicles entering the intersection after the light has turned red and detect vehicles failing to stop.

Photo radar technology has been effective in reducing speeds on some major roads. It is often used on multi-lane highways, where it is unsafe to use officers to enforce speeds. Photo radar is also used to address concerns identified by the community.

Red Light Cameras are used to reduce the number of collisions at intersections. It is used to prevent drivers from running red lights.

Every picture taken by photo radar and red light cameras is reviewed and verified. When it is determined that an offence has occurred, a Notice of Offence and Violation ticket is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.

A key element to the success of any enforcement practice, including the use of photo radar, is the implementation of a strong public awareness campaign.

Ms. Mitchell advised to enable the use of red light cameras there would need to be a legislative change.

Commissioner Mosher stated she would like to see this in HRM as a way to further enhance the traffic division. Ms. Mitchell noted this tool is about supplementing police resources and changing behaviours.

In response to Commissioner Johns, the Board was advised this initiative would include Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, Transportation and Public Works as well as Justice.

In response to Deputy Chief Burbridge, the Board was advised that the Notice of Offence is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle noting, there is no loss of points just fines.

Following discussion, the following motion was placed.

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the

Board write the Minister of Transportation and Public Works, Justice, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and Health requesting they consider the implementation of legislation to enable moving forward on the implementation of photo radar and red light cameras in the province of Nova Scotia. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Commissioner Johns - Summary Offences - Revenue Breakdown

Commissioner Johns noted a number of corrections to the report and staff advised they would incorporate them.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2006.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:35 p.m.

Julia Horncastle

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
July 10, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioner Brad Johns, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner William White

REGRETS: Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Linda Mosher

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Stephanie Parsons, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. **MINUTES - May 10, 2006**

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the minutes of May 10, 2006, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions

- 5.1 HRP Traffic Division Update - Councillor Johns
- 5.2 Schedule of Fees for Service - Chief Beazley

MOVED by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Order of Business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **REPORTS**

4.1 **Commissioner Mosher - Police Vehicles, Officers and Uniforms being utilized in movies**

In response to an e-mail received from Commissioner Mosher, the Chair requested clarification on the appropriateness and policies surrounding the use of Police Vehicles, Officers and uniforms being used in movies.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that:

- Requests for this type of service is minimal and that off duty officers are utilized,
- HRP charges a flat rate for the use of the vehicles and building as a prop,
- He noted that he has no concerns with cooperating with the local movie industry, they are required to use a fictitious logo and not use the HRP Logo,
- All request must be approved by him.
- He reviews the role and the script, if he deems that it will negatively reflect on the

department or if it is not in the best interest of the community those request are denied.

Superintendent Barnett advised that all request for the use of RCMP vehicles goes through Public Affairs in Ottawa.

4.2 Commissioner Mosher - Police Board and Chief's Conference

The Chair advised the Board that the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards and the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association is hosting a conference from September 27-29 at the Delta Sydney, Sydney Nova Scotia and asked for volunteers to attend.

Commissioner McCluskey and Commissioner White advised that they would be interested in attending.

4.3 Appointment to Nova Scotia Police Board

The Chair called for volunteers to serve on the Board.

MOVED BY Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that Commissioner McCluskey be appointed to the Nova Scotia Police Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair also advised of the Annual Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference being held in Edmonton from August 16-19, 2006. The Board agreed that as a representative on the Nova Scotia Police Board Commissioner McCluskey would be the appropriate person to attend.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 HRP Traffic Division Update - Councillor Johns

The Chair requested an information report on the deployment of the of Officers and the type of issues they are responding to in Sackville. He noted that he had forwarded three traffic issues which have not been responded to.

Superintendent Barnett stated:

- There are only 10 Traffic Officers,
- Issues are prioritized on a daily basis and high priority issues are responded to

- first,
- The Officers are deployed wherever they are required, not just in the RCMP areas,
 - He will report back to the board as why those issues referred by Commissioner Johns were not responded to.

5.2 Schedule of Fees for Service - Chief Beazley

- A report dated July 5, 2006 entitled Schedule of Fees for Service was before the Board.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that the last increase for services provided to the public to obtain documentation was in February 2003. The demand for access to reports has increased and therefore a small increase is requested to offset associated administrative cost.

After a brief discussion the following motion was placed:

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissionaire White that Halifax Regional Board of Police Commissioner approve the fees for services schedule as per the attachment to the July 5, 2006 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.

6. NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed that the meeting scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2006 be cancelled.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:00 p.m.

Stephanie Parsons
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES July 12, 2004

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal
Commissioner Jim Smith

REGRETS: Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro

STAFF: Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Chief of Police Frank Beazley
Deputy Chief McNeil, HRP
Supt. Stephen Sykes, Executive Officer, HRP
Supt. Fred Sanford, Criminal Investigation Division, HRP
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Director, Governance & Strategic
Initiatives
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 1841 Argyle Street.

Agenda Item 6.1 Chief's Commendations was moved forward and dealt with at this time.

6.1 Chief's Commendations

Chief Frank Beazley, HRP, awarded commendations for heroic efforts to Constable Stephen Cooper and Constable Peter Gallant along with their K-9 partners Rocco (now retired) and Zac. The efforts of the four officers, who persevered through -40EC temperature to locate a missing 79 year old man in the East Chezzetcook area, saved the man from certain death.

Chief Beazley left the meeting at this time for a brief media session.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 6.1 Chief's Commendations
- 6.2 NSAPB Newsletter - Commissioner Trevor Johnson
- 6.3 Articles on Unsolved Crimes - Commissioner Jim Smith
- 6.4 Daily News article - Awarding of Costs to Kirk Johnson - Commissioner McInroy
- 5.2 1st Quarter Stats - RCMP - Moved forward from Information Items.

Chief Beazley returned to the meeting at this time.

MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Smith that the minutes of the June 14, 2004 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 Status Sheet:

4.1.1 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

Deputy Chief MacNeil advised the unsolved crimes report will be coming forward in September. Commissioner Smith circulated, at the request of his constituents, recent articles from local papers regarding unsolved crimes. He added the articles are for information purposes and no further action is required.

4.1.2 Media Bulletins Reference to Suspect

Media Bonus in regards to suspects is to be removed from the status sheet as it was dealt with at the June meeting.

5. REPORTS

5.1 1st Quarter Stats - HRP

Information presented in agenda package. No further action required.

5.2 1st Quarter Stats - RCMP

Information moved forward from Information Items list by Supt. Vern Fraser. No further action required.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Chief's Commendations

Dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 3.

6.2 Newsletter from NSAPB (Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards)

Commissioner Trevor Johnson, as a newly appointed member to the NSAPB, advised the annual NSAPB conference will be held at the Old Orchard Inn on September 21, 2004. He added it would be beneficial for local members to attend as it would provide an opportunity to mix and meet with other Police Board Commissioners from across the province as well as attending a conference that will provide background on issues affecting Nova Scotia.

Any members of the Board interested in attending this conference are to contact Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil's office at 490-5272.

6.3 Local Articles on Unsolved Crimes

Commissioner Jim Smith circulated, at the request of area constituents, copies of articles from local papers. See also item 4.1, page 3. For information purposes only, no further action

required.

6.4 Daily News Article - Awarding of Costs to Kirk Johnson

Commissioner McInroy brought to the attention of the Board the recent Daily News article (not circulated) on the awarding of legal costs to Mr. Kirk Johnson. For information purposes only, no further action required.

The Committee went IN CAMERA at 12:36 to 12:45 pm to discuss a Personnel Matter.

7. NEXT MEETING

Regrets were received from Commissioners Smith and Gouthro for the August meeting.

MOVED BY Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Johnson that the August 9, 2004 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners be cancelled. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

July 13, 2009

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - June 15, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of June 15, 2009, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C Copies of the June 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

In response to a question posed regarding high risk domestic violence cases; Superintendent Beaton advised that the coordinator for the high risk case makes contact with the individual identified as the victim and works with them to develop a response protocol. He indicated that a personal safety alarm may be given to the individual.

7.2 HRP Reports

C Copies of the June 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

Deputy Chief McNeil noted that there had been a remarkable reduction in motorcycle fatalities over the past three years despite the tragic accident which had occurred on July 11.

Deputy Chief McNeil also advised that the HRP had solved close to 60% of the recent shooting cases and was currently working on a gun strategy. He stated that there had been 40 shootings in HRM to date in 2009.

7.3 Mayor's Task Force on Violence - Superintendent Don Spicer

C The July 2009 Spotlight on Public Safety newsletter Vol. 1 Issue 1 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer requested approval to report to the Board of Police Commissioners and other external partners via the Spotlight on Public Safety newsletter.

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board of Police Commissioners approve Superintendent Spicer's request to circulate the July 2009 Spotlight on Public Safety newsletter Vol. 1 Issue 1.

It was noted that the newsletter would be sent electronically to a number of community organizations. It was also noted that the initiative included both the HRP and RCMP.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Superintendent Spicer advised that staff was currently working on a communications strategy plan that would be available for the Board at their August 10, 2009, meeting.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 21, 2008

PRESENT:

Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Beverley Peters
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

STAFF:

Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Acting Superintendent
Chief Frank Beazley
Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. in the Meisner Room, at Halifax Regional Police Department, 1975 Gottingen Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Chief Beazley presented two citizens with Certificates of Merit while two police constables received Chief's Accommodations.

Mr. Peter Connor was recognized for stopping to render first aid to a passenger of a vehicle which had flipped several times on Highway 111 on June 7, 2008.

Ms. Jennifer Clarke was lauded for calling police on June 19, 2008 after realizing a regular customer at Gatsby's Restaurant hadn't shown up for a number of days. Which may have saved the man's life.

Constables Dan Berrigan and Jim Greek was recognized for entering a burning building on May 19, 2007 and checking the residence thoroughly to ensure no citizens' lives were in jeopardy. Due to their keen observation skills, the building was salvaged but unfortunately was ultimately destroyed by fire and resulting smoke damage.

RCMP

RCMP Insp. Darrell Beaton presented an Award of Distinction to Betty Nauffts for her volunteer work with the Cole Harbour Safe Seniors program. It was noted that she also gives her time to St. John Ambulance, Victim Services, HRM Crime Prevention Association and the Lake Echo Fire Department Ladies Guild.

An Award of Distinction went to Donna Johnson, who works for the Canadian Police Information Centre and is a role model in the Preston communities. She developed a majorette and drum line in the memory of her son, who loved watching parades.

An award of Distinction was also presented to Halifax RCMP Const. Kelly Lower received the same award for her work on a complex homicide case after only been a member of the RCMP for seven months.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 9, 2008

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the

minutes of June 9, 2008 be approved. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

8.1 Terms of Office for Councillors - Board of Police Commissioners

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the Order of Business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5.1 RCMP Office in Eastern Passage

A report dated July 2008, an Overview of RCMP Community Policing Offices was before the Commission. Acting Superintendent Beaton gave an overview of the report.

Councillor Barkhouse had approached the Commission to see if something could be done to help save the Community Policing Office in Eastern Passage which is in her district. A/Superintendent Beaton advised that these offices are community driven offices. He has no discretionary power to take money from his budget to pay rent for any of these offices.

Discussion ensued with the following suggestions noted:

- Fundraising could be done in the community.
- HRM does not own a building in this area.
- The Local Chamber of Commerce could be approached to fund this worthwhile cause.
- A community meeting could be held to inform people that their Community Police Office was in danger of closing and to see what could be done about it.

Commissioner McCluskey asked if the Pharmasave had been approached to see if they would donate space in their building. A/Superintendent Beaton will follow up with Councillor Barkhouse to see if she has approached the drug store.

This item will be removed from the agenda as everything that can be done by the Commission has been done.

5.2 Bill 129 Trade Union Act Amendments

Chief Beazley gave a brief update on Bill 129.

Brief discussion ensued with the following motion placed.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow that a letter be written to Premier MacDonald, Darrell Dexter, Leader of the New Democratic Party and Stephen McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party expressing concern regarding Bill No. 129 respecting an amendment to the Trade Union Act. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

5.3 RCMP Commission Performance Plan for Approval

A copy of the Halifax District RCMP Annual Performance plan 2008-2009 (revised) was before the Board.

Acting Superintendent Beaton gave an overview of the report. It was decided that this report should come before the Board in the Spring of 2009.

Commissioner Hill questioned why there were no measurables in the plan. He further asked why the past could not be measured against the current time. Acting Superintendent Beaton said that he would be open to any suggestions that the Commission could make.

Commissioner McCluskey suggested that perhaps that the Commission as a whole could put together a list of what the Commission wants in the report and the report could be written to reflect that.

MOVED By Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow that the Commissioner Walker, as Chair of the Committee, would sign off the concepts of the report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

5.4 Report on Fireworks

A staff information report dated June 26, 2008 was before the Commission.

Discussion ensued with the following being noted:

- Fireworks are regulated by the Federal *Explosives Act*
- Fireworks were being sold at every corner store
- Fireworks are being sold to under age children
- Firework by-laws are virtually impossible to enforce

- Fireworks are being set off at all hours of the evening
- Fireworks were actually being set off aiming them at other children
- Banning would be needed across the municipalities not just HRM in order for it to be enforceable.

Councillor Walker advised the Board that he would bring a motion to the next Regional Council to ban Fireworks from HRM.

5.5 Examination (Assessment) of the Past, Present and the Future role of the Halifax Board of Police Commission

It was decided by the Board that this item would need a longer period of time to adequately discuss the roles of the Past, Present and the Future roles of the Board of Police Commissioners. This would be put on a future agenda. The Board decided to invite Tracey Hannah to speak to this matter at a future meeting.

Chief Beazley offered the services of the Department's policy staff should the Board decided they need that kind of assistance.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Start Time for the Eight New RCMP Officers.

A staff Information Report dated July 15, 2008 was before the Commission.

At the time of the 2008/09 Budget deliberations, it was estimated, using past years' experience, the RCMP cost per officer would be 4%. Since the approval of the Budget, HRM has been advised that the RCMP cost per officer will be 5.3%. This is 1.3% or \$240,100.00 over Budget.

The starting date for the new RCMP officers was to be October 1, 2008. To mitigate the impact on the Budget, the report is suggesting that start times for the new officers be moved to January 1, 2009. This would alleviate the need to cover the additional costs.

When asked what the implications would be for the RCMP, A/Superintendent Darrell Beaton felt that it could be managed, if need be, as they are carrying some additional officers.

Commissioners voiced their concerns that this was not acceptable, noting that additional staff would not have been requested if the need were not there, the Budget was approved for the officers to start in October and this is the date that they should

start.

MOVED BY Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the start time for the additional officers remain at October 1, 2008 and staff find another way to cover the additional amount of \$240,100.00. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS

7.1 HRP Report

HRP Reports for the month of July were before the Board. Chief Beazley informed the Board that he would answer any questions that the Board might have.

7.2 RCMP Report

RCMP Reports for the month of July were before the Board. A/Superintendent Beaton informed the Board that he would answer any questions that the Board might have

8.1 ADDED ITEMS

8.1 COUNCILLORS' TERM OF OFFICE ON THE BOARD

Commissioner McCluskey gave a verbal update of her discussions with the Minister of Justice and the Association of Chiefs of Police re: the Councillors' terms of office on the Board.

8.2 HRP WEB SITE/BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEBSITE/RCMP WEBSITE

Commissioner Snow inquired as to the links between the three sites. She went on to say that HRM has two different police agencies and as such, the Board's website should be linked to both police agencies and each police agency should be linked to the Board and the other police agency.

Chief Beazley advised that HRP website and the website of the Board of Police Commissioners could be easily linked. He also suggested that the two websites should be similar in appearance.

A/Superintendent Beaton advised the Board that the RCMP website was still under construction and he did not know if the link could be provided.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners is **August 11, 2008**

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to In Camera at 1:35 p.m.

Barbara L. Coleman
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

July 26, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Ms. Theresa Rath, Public Relations Manager, Halifax
Regional Police
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Inspector Brad Sullivan, RCMP
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Special Minutes of May 21, 2010 & Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2010

Amendment:

June 14, 2010:

Page 6 - *built* rather than *build*

Commissioner Karsten requested an update with regards to the motion under item 5.1, page 6 of the June 14, 2010 minutes.

The Legislative Assistant advised that the requested correspondence had been submitted to the Membership Selection Committee.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the special minutes of May 21, 2010 be approved as presented & the regular meeting minutes of June 14, 2010 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

8.1 HRP Town Hall Meetings - Chief Beazley

8.2 Internet Fraud - Commissioner Karsten

8.3 Annual Joint Chief and Board Conference September - Deputy Chief McNeil

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner McCluskey requested to know how the RCMP had covered off the 25 officers who attended the G8 summit in Ontario.

Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP, advised that most of the officers attended the summit during their time off and that watches in HRM remained the same. She indicated that no HRM RCMP officers had been sent home early.

Commissioner MacDonald referenced page 5 of the June 14, 2010 minutes regarding the census track. He requested to know if the Federal census situation would have any impact on police statistics.

Chief Beazley advised that the change would not effect their crime data as police statistics were tracked via reported crime and were mandated by law.

Commissioner Karsten noted that the change would effect the Province and Municipality, though, and that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) had written to the Federal Government in protest of the change.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C The June 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

The reports were accepted as presented.

7.1.1 Halifax District Annual Performance Plan (APP) 2010 - 11

Inspector Crampton stated that each RCMP detachment completes a unit Annual Performance Plan (APP) which was their strategic plan for the fiscal year. She advised that the 2010-11 plan was created through town hall meetings which were conducted in the fall of 2009; noting that NCO's were also sent to smaller areas that have special influence in communities. She stated that both meeting formats looked into what should be identified as priority in each area. Inspector Crampton indicated that Sackville,

Tantallon and Cole Harbour would now have their own APP. She stated that targets and measures which were listed in the document changed each year depending on the area; noting that the APPs were linked to RCMP learning plans as well and effected each member's performance evaluation each year. In closing, she advised that the 2010 - 11 APP required approval from the Board.

Commissioner Gosse requested an update on Councillor Barkhouse's initiative to have additional police in the Cow Bay area and the study that was taking place as a result.

Inspector Crampton stated that this initiative had been put on hold during the Policing Resources Study and had since been restarted, however, she was unsure of the project's status. She indicated that she would provide an update at the next meeting.

Inspector Crampton also indicated that she would follow up on Commissioner Karsten's request to have increased usage of mobile radar trailers in Cole Harbour.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, entered the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the Halifax District Annual Performance Plan (APP) 2010 - 11. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 HRP Reports

C The June 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

The reports were accepted as presented.

7.2.1 HRP Budget Update

Chief Beazley advised that the HRP was currently \$ 511,193 in budget deficit, however, revenue was good and they should have additional funds than projected. He stated that \$492,000 was the HRP's current vacancy rate contribution, noting that he had met with Mr. Anstey regarding this issue who had advised that staff were still moving forward from a corporate perspective and that things would hopefully balance out by the end of the year.

Chief Beazley indicated that the HRP had done an audit on their cell phone accounts and that, as a result, they were able to find some efficiencies totalling \$25,000. He indicated that a meeting on creating efficiencies with land lines would be taking place shortly as well.

The Chair introduced Mr. Anstey to the Board.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

- The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 7 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer stated that a pilot project would be tentatively taking place on August 26, 2010 for a new program called HRP Sport Pals. He indicated that the one day camp would take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Scotia Court and the sport this year would be soccer; noting that baseball and basketball would also be looked at in the coming years. Superintendent Spicer advised that staff were looking for volunteer coaches and that there would be a soccer game with youth against parents and police at the end of the mini camp day. In closing, he indicated that staff would be looking to host this program at most of the housing areas in HRM in 2011 and that Constable Dwight Hennigar had come up with the idea for the program.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the Public Safety Office was also working with the HEAT Unit which was a list to make officers aware of who was arrestable on warrants. He indicated that staff were looking to make this a public document which would be put on the web for the media as well.

The Chair suggested that the areas which these persons frequent may be helpful information to have listed.

Superintendent Spicer noted that eight to ten people would be highlighted at one time as part of the strategy.

Chief Beazley stated that this was also an initiative with the Province; noting that the whole policing strategy would be changed to help apprehend these people in order to help fill the void between warrants issued and persons apprehended.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 HRP Town Hall Meetings

- The 2010 Town Hall Meeting Proposal was submitted.

Chief Beazley stated that each Divisional Commander would share their own town hall meetings as part of their developmental plan. He proposed that HRP hold 13 meetings in September and October 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and outlined the locations the meetings were to be held as noted in his

proposal. Chief Beazley indicated that the meetings would consist of a 10 minute presentation regarding public safety and HRP's crime reduction strategy as well as some issues pertinent to that community; advising that staff would be recording the meetings and preparing a report. He stated that he would be assigning issues to HRP members and the final report would be put on the HRP website for the public and media; noting that the HRP had Facebook and Twitter accounts, an initiative which was working well, as approximately 1400 people check the sites on a frequent basis. In closing, Chief Beazley stated that he hoped the Board would participate and attend the town hall meetings.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the HRP Town Hall Meeting Proposal.

Commissioner Karsten suggested having at least one Board member attend each meeting on a rotating schedule.

Chief Beazley advised that Ms. Theresa Rath, Public Relations Manager, HRP, would send out the final schedule for Board members to organize.

The Chair suggested that Councillor Hum be included in the Clayton Park and Bedford town hall meetings.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 Internet Fraud - Commissioner Karsten

Commissioner Karsten stated that HRM had approximately 3300 employees and wondered if there was a formal process in place for employees if they were to receive email spam. He indicated that he had received an email on Friday identical to a scam he had heard about and requested to know how HRM should deal with this issue.

Chief Beazley stated that the emails could be forwarded to the CID Superintendent who would then send them to the HRP Commercial Crime Unit. He indicated that police did not investigate unless there was a victim; noting that he saw this as an education issue.

Mr. Anstey advised that, from a corporate perspective, staff attempted to block such messages, however, spam filters did not always work. He noted that the webmaster notifies employees of spam.

Inspector Crampton stated that the RCMP were told internally to not open such messages and forward them to a spam filter; noting that they had set up a mailbox so these messages could be tracked.

Superintendent Spicer stated that the Ontario Provincial Police and a private corporation had partnered to create a program called Phone Buster. He indicated that he would send the address to members.

8.3 Annual Joint Chief and Board Conference September - Deputy Chief McNeil

Deputy Chief McNeil stated that the annual Provincial Association of Police Boards conference was being held on September 17, 2010 in Pictou. He stated that there were issues with lodging and that, as a result, only four Commissioners would be able to attend.

It was noted that interested Commissioners could notify the Chief's Office prior to the August 16, 2010 meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for August 16, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. APB May 2010
2. APB June 2010

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
July 9, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner William White
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Chief Beazley introduced Supt. Don Spicer, Divisional Commander, Central Division.

Supt. Barnett introduced Insp. Brad Sullivan, Operations Officer with the Criminal Investigation Division.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 14, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the minutes of May 14, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 5.1 Police Resource Study
- 5.2 June 16th Workshop for Municipal Police Boards
- 5.3 Civilian Oversight Conference

MOVED by Commissioner Perrin, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chief Beazley - Ongoing Update on Ministers Task Force on Safe Streets and Communities

Chief Beazley provided an update advising the report had been presented to the Minister who is looking at the report in context with the Nunn Enquiry and there will be a follow up from the Minister with regards to his intentions are with regards to the report.

4.2 Halifax District Deployment Model and Crime Reduction Strategy - Insp. Darrell Beaton

- A report entitled "Halifax District RCMP Deployment Model & Crime Reduction Strategy" dated June 14, 2007 was before the Board.

Insp. Darrell Beaton, provided an overview of the model and strategy to the Board.

Commissioner Snow noted there have been many improvements and there has been positive feedback from the residents of District 2. In response to Commissioner Snow, Insp. Beaton advised that in the summer months the school liaison resources and community development officers and develop them into a youth problem oriented team as part of the crime reduction strategy. These deal primarily youth related issues and hot spots which result in more police on the street during the summer months.

In response to Commissioner Roane, Insp. Beaton advised the target date for implementation is September 1, 2007.

4.3 Purchase of Horse - HRP - Deputy McNeil

- A report dated July 3, 2007, on the above noted, was before the Board.

Deputy McNeil provided an overview of the report to the Board advising that due to the increasing demand for appearances at special events, an additional horse is needed. He noted the monies are in the current budget.

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the Board approve HRP obtaining a second police horse. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Police Resource Study

- A report dated July 6, 2007, on the above noted, was before the Board.

Mr. Dan English, CAO, outlined the report advising the RFP closed June 15th and has to be awarded by Regional Council.

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the Board approve the awarding of the tender and forward to Regional Council for July 31, 2007. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.2 June 16th Workshop for Municipal Police Boards

Commissioner Roane suggested "Policy and Procedures Manual for Police Boards" be added to a future agenda for discussion. It was further noted that a legislative change is being

proposed with regard to the term of appointments to Police Boards.

5.3 Civilian Oversight Conference

Commissioner Roane advised the conference was being held in Halifax from October 10 to 12. It was agreed that Commissioner Snow would attend the conference on behalf of the Board.

6. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the August 13, 2007 would be held if required; otherwise, the next meeting would be held on September 10, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the In Camera session at 2:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. Adams
Comm. Monard

ALSO PRESENT: David McKinnon, Chief of Police HRP
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Dennis Kelly, NS Dept. of Justice
Sgt. Gary Smith
Emma MacKenzie, Project Manager
Betty MacDonald, Manager, Financial Planning Services
Chris Newson, Assistant Municipal Clerk

**ABSENT
WITH REGRETS:** Comm. Harvey
Comm. Hetherington

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The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm without quorum present. Quorum present at 1:10 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- 3.01 Update on Police Study, Betty MacDonald
- 4.3 Video Camera Report, Chief McKinnon

Mr. Bryson, Chair, requested that Agenda Item 8.2 RCMP Statistics be presented first as Committee awaits quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2002

The minutes of the April 8, 2002 meeting were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Councillor Adams and Ms. Eartha Monard.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 3.01 Police Study Update - Betty MacDonald, Manager, Financial Planning and Services
- Ms. MacDonald, Manager of Financial Services, circulated a copy of the Terms of Reference regarding the Framework for the Police Study.

Ms. MacDonald reported that a draft report was received in February from the Consultants which staff has reviewed. Staff reported that the focus of the study seemed to be on Items 5 and 6 concerning areas in which the services could be better coordinated and on the governance of police services. Staff's concern was that not enough information was supplied regarding the variables that impact on the demand for police services and the geographic analysis of demand. Ms. MacDonald reported that Staff are expecting a final report in a few weeks time. A presentation to the Police Commission, and then to Regional Council, by the Consultants is expected in mid-July.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 AVL/GPS Presentation - Sgt. Garry Smith
- Sgt. Garry Smith, Technical Support Section of the Halifax Regional Police, assisted by Mr. Nick Dixon, presented a PowerPoint presentation on AVL/GPS.

Sgt. Smith reported that the Halifax Regional Police partnered with CSE (Computronics Inc.) who specialize in GPS (Global Positioning System) and AVL (Automatic Vehicle Locator). This initiative by the Halifax Regional Police is to enhance Officer Safety. With the new CAD positioning, location of the Officer's and their vehicles will be known at all times.

There were three Phases to this study. Phase 1 - Operational Marked Units (done in last few weeks) patrol units, identification, canine, traffic vehicle etc. Phase II - Purchase of hardware for installation on operational plainclothes unit. Phase III - units for 50 motorcycles, 3 water craft, and additional vehicles (received June 10th, 2002).

Some concerns with the GPS locators for the canine unit are; the cost, battery life, size of structure. Florida is using a "prison bracelet" approach where a collar is placed around the neck of the canine, downside for this use in HRM is that the call center for maintenance would be out of Miami.

Mr. Nick Dixon presented a "live feed" where a map was shown indicating the position of vehicles in the downtown area. Goal is to have Erickson portable units available to Officers. All transmissions sent wirelessly which have higher rates. Mobile applications are installed in eight Supervisors vehicles (3 Divisional Inspectors, Chief's Office).

Committee inquired as to any "flat spots" with signal reception. Mr. Dixon stated that once a vehicle goes behind a high building such as the MTT building on Barrington Street, the signal bounces off the building so the vehicle is "lost" for a few seconds until it passes to the other side. Sgt. Smith reported that this information was presented to the Union and the Union were receptive to the AVL/GPS technology. This technology is not for dispatch as yet but it will be in future. A record of the number of times a vehicle patrols a certain area, date and time that a police vehicle was in a certain area will be benefits of this technology. Additional information that will be gained from this technology include; see where patrols are not going, see if an area is over patrolled, response time should increase. Chief McKinnon commented that this technology could also be used for tracking (for example, a container). Cost of the system is approximately \$20,000.00 for software, \$75,000.00 for hardware for a total of approximately \$100,000.00. .

4.2 CAPB Conference - Call for Resolutions

The Committee were referred to the information included in their packages regarding the CAPB (Canadian Association of Police Boards) Conference to be held in Ottawa from August 21 - 24, 2002 and reminded of the deadline for registration of July 22, 2002.

4.3 Video Camera Report - Chief McKinnon

- Chief McKinnon circulated the Video Camera Report to the Committee.

This initiative has shown positive use in that the tape may be used as evidence and is automatically activated when emergency equipment (such as sirens, lights) are activated (otherwise the Officer activates the camera). Fifteen cars are presently outfitted with Video Cameras. The public are informed by the Officer that they are being taped. The only problem to date has been the breakage of the clips for body microphones, there is no digital standard for transmission, a person may block the camera (for example Protestors). Cost for the video camera is \$10,000.00 per piece (plus \$1.99 for Video tape). No direct budget implications as currently HRP are buying the unit already installed in the replacement vehicles; this raises the cost of the replacement vehicle from \$30,000 to \$42,000.00. The cameras can be wired by mechanics in the garage and there is a help line for maintenance assistance.

The Committee inquired as to where the camera is located and the range of vision. Chief McKinnon reported that the video equipment itself is in the trunk (therefore it cannot be tampered with) and the camera has a range in width of a three lane highway. The camera is also able to zoom in on an item such as a license plate. Mr. Kelly inquired as to whether a statement could be made stating the HRP are now using the video cameras and that conversations would be recorded. Chief McKinnon explained that the policy states that the Officer must inform the person that they are being taped. Chief McKinnon will send a copy of the policy to Mr. Kelly. The Committee suggested that the information be given concerning the video cameras, when drivers renew their licenses.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)

6. NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)

7. ADDED ITEMS

- Scott Zinck Memorial Golf Tournament

Chief McKinnon circulated a copy of the 15th Annual Scott Zinck Memorial Golf Tournament information prepared by HRP and dated May 01, 2002. The tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 19th, 2002 at River Oaks Golf Club. Chief McKinnon requested permission from the Commission to proceed with the tournament as; some Board members are sometimes invited to participate and there is also some solicitation involved regarding fundraising. Chief McKinnon has already given authorization for the event to proceed. There were no objections from the Commission. The Tournament not only maintains the memory of a good friend and co-worker, but raises funds for the Canadian Cancer Society and casts a favorable reflection on the image of the Halifax Regional Police. Over the past 14 years, the Tournament has raised approximately \$80,000.00.

8. STATISTICS

8.1 Victim Services - March and April 2002 (attached)

The reports for March and April were circulated in the Committee packages.

8.2 RCMP Statistics

Supt. Stan Ferguson reported that there are no significant changes in the first quarter statistics and briefly reviewed same.

9. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING - TBA

Due to the unavailability of Chief McKinnon, the Deputy, Supt. Berburidge and Supt. MacNeil, who will be attending a Conference in Toronto on World Disaster Planning, the date of the next meeting is to be announced.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Ms. Eartha Monard, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Chris Newson
Assistant Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
June 13, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Gregory North, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Brad Johns
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Trevor Johnson

STAFF
AND OTHERS: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Supt. Mike Bell, HRP
Mr. Brian Carter, Department of Justice
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 9, 2005

MOVED by Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of May 9, 2005 be approved as circulated. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Order of Business approved. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1.1 Governance

No update at this time. To remain on status sheet.

5.1.2 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

No update at this time. To remain on status sheet.

5.1.3 Use of Photo Radar and Traffic Light Cameras

Chief Beazley advised he had had a meeting with Sharon Mitchell who is still doing research noting, she has obtained material from Ottawa and will be visiting other cities in future to garner further information.

6. REPORTS

6.1 HRP

6.1.1 1st Quarter 2005 Statistical Report

The report was circulated for the information of the Board.

6.1.2 Statistical Report, April 2005

Chief Beazley advised robberies have started to decrease. A number of arrests have been made as a result of break and enters into sheds and laundry rooms.

In response to Commissioner Mosher, Chief Beazley advised he will forward a copy of the CRA report to the Board members once received.

6.2 RCMP

6.2.1 Crime Statistics, May 02 - May 29, 2005

The report was circulated for the information of the Board.

6.3 Commissioner Mosher - Ban Nonpowder Guns

Commissioner Mosher advised a resident had sent her information expressing concern on the use of Nonpowder guns. Chief Beazley advised that complaints are treated as public safety complaints and they would be addressed under the criminal code. He advised a report is being prepared and will come forward to a future meeting.

7. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

8. NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed that the next meeting would be held on August 8th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 12:45 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

June 13, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Steve Streach

REGRETS: Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. at the Lower Sackville RCMP Detachment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 16, 2011

Amendment:

Item 6.1:

- Comments under Objective 1 will be amended to state *“He suggested the Commissioner attending the upcoming conference in Regina, Saskatchewan could observe how the conference was run and be involved with the coordination if HRM was to host the conference in 2014.”*
- Inspector Jeff Dowling rather than Daleh

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the minutes of May 16, 2011 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1 Review of 2011 Board Objectives - Chair
- 8.2 HRP Overview and Budget Presentation

It was agreed that Item 8.3.1 Idle Free for our Kids - Mr. Ron Zima, Founder/Chair, be moved immediately following item 3.

MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.3.1 Idle Free for our Kids - Mr. Ron Zima, Founder/Chair

A presentation was before the Board.

Commissioner Uteck indicated that HRM's Sustainable Environmental Management Office was always discussing idle free initiatives so she thought Mr. Zima's presentation would be of interest to the Board.

Mr. Ron Zima, Founder/Chair, provided his presentation on Idle Free for our Kids and played three videos.

Commissioner Uteck requested a report regarding this matter to see if this was a feasible pilot project for both the HRP and RCMP.

Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP, advised that staff have discussed idle free initiatives; however, one obstacle was the technology in the police cars as it was not currently possible to shut off the cars and still maintain lights, audio and computers. He indicated that a year ago there was a presentation for all HRM staff at the director's level and that he would have further information at the next meeting.

8.1 Review of 2011 Board Objectives

Objective 1: Prepare a positive bid to host the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference

It was noted that HRP could fund one Commissioner to attend the upcoming CAPB conference in Regina.

The Board agreed that Commissioner Ruth, who expressed an interest in attending at the last meeting, be chosen to attend the conference.

The Chair requested that Chief Beazley let him know if it would be at all possible to fund a second Commissioner to attend the conference.

Objective 7: Establishment of a Municipal Court

Chief Beazley stated that the Municipal Court Committee held its first meeting and were fortunate that the legal department was able to hire a student from Dalhousie Law School to conduct research on municipal courts across Canada. He indicated that a report would be prepared on this research which would be presented to the Board for review.

Objective 4: Have new Board members attend Board training

The Chair stated that he would conduct further follow up on this objective to see if the Department of Justice would be offering training again this year.

Objective 3: Ensure Suitable Representation at Conferences

It was noted that the Chief's Office had received expressions of interest to attend the upcoming NSAPB conference in Bridgewater from three members, which the HRP would be able to fund.

It was noted that some of the Commissioners had attended the Domestic Violence Action Plan presentation which had been provided by the Department of Justice that morning.

It was requested that this presentation be circulated to the Board for further review and consideration.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 HRP Policy – Extra Duty Employment and Off Duty Employment

A copy of the HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual, Items 14 & 16, were before the Board.

Chief Beazley advised that he circulated the Extra Duty Employment and Off Duty Employment policies for the benefit of new members and for the Board's endorsement as per past practice. He provided background on the policies.

A discussion ensued on the policies.

Chief Beazley noted that approximately 40 to 50 officers go in this direction each year at no additional cost to the HRP; noting that they did take an administrative fee of 3% to process the job.

Superintendent Beaton advised that the RCMP has a similar policy.

It was noted that these earnings for extra or off duty employment were pensionable with the employee paying the pension costs.

This item will be added to the next agenda for approval.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Idle Free for our Kids - Mr. Ron Zima, Founder/Chair

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

The May 2011 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the May 2011 RCMP Reports were as submitted. He indicated that two unique training sessions had recently occurred regarding aggressive dogs and a human trafficking workshop.

7.2 HRP Reports

The May 2011 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the May 2011 HRP Reports were as submitted with the amendment that the traffic report should read that June's theme was speeding.

7.2.1 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results – HRP & RCMP

A memorandum dated June 8, 2011 containing the 2011 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results was submitted.

Chief Beazley advised that the citizen satisfaction survey was conducted each year by Corporate Research Associates and both the HRP and RCMP were pleased with the outcome of the most recent survey; noting there was an 83% satisfaction rate. Chief Beazley reviewed the survey results; noting that the overall sense of safety by the public was good and that the public does not, in fact, feel unsafe when spikes in crime occur.

At Commissioner Streach's request, Chief Beazley will follow up to see what numbers were dialled by Corporate Research Associates to ensure rural HRM residents, with long distance numbers, had been included in the survey.

7.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 6 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that he had attended two national meetings held in Halifax in the past month; the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) Crime Prevention Committee and the National Crime Prevention Network. He indicated that he presented the Public Safety Strategic plan which was met with a favourable response and was able to exchange best practices; noting that the meetings showed that HRM was on par or slightly ahead of bigger players in Canada.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the first session of the Crime Prevention Series was held on June 8, 2011 regarding home safety, personal property and personal safety; noting 32 people attended and the session was a success. He stated that the next session would be held on June 15, 2011 regarding fraud, scams, cyber bullying and internet scams.

The meeting recessed at 1:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:48 p.m.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Review of 2011 Board Objectives

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 4.

8.2 HRP Overview and Budget Presentation

The HRP Overview presentation was submitted.

The line by line SAP salary budget was submitted.

A Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Police Administration Survey was submitted.

Chief Beazley provided the HRP Overview presentation.

Deputy Chief Burbridge provided the HRP Budget presentation and requested that Commissioners email him any follow up questions they may have and that he would respond to the entire Board prior to the next meeting.

A discussion on the presentation ensued.

Chief Beazley explained the Personal Development Process (PDP) and wage model for non-union employees.

Deputy Chief Burbridge reviewed the police union wage model; noting they were coming up to the last remaining three years of the current collective agreement and that the contract, which was up for renewal, was currently in an open period and would expire on March 31, 2015.

It was noted that it costs the HRP approximately \$500,000 per year for night court and that they would not pay overtime to officers when slips were turned in after 30 days; noting this saves approximately \$30,000 each year.

It was requested that the RCMP provide a budget presentation at the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – July 11, 2011

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES June 14, 2004

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro (12:35 p.m.)
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Trevor Johnson (12:45 p.m.)
Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal
Commissioner Jim Smith

STAFF: Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Supt. Stephen Sykes, HRP
Deputy Chief McNeil, HRP
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. George McLellan, CAO
Mayor Peter Kelly (12:40 p.m.)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 1841 Argyle Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair advised that item 5.1.1 Update on Shirley Street Stand-off would be moved to the In Camera agenda.

MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blumenthal that the minutes of the May 10, 2004 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 Status Sheet:

4.1.1 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

Deputy Chief MacNeil advised that he had nothing further on this item.

4.1.2 Children's Safety Village

The Chair advised that this item can be taken off the status sheet until Commissioner Johnson wants it back on.

4.1.3 Media Bulletins Reference to Suspect

Deputy Chief MacNeil advised that this matter had been deferred from the Board's February 23, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Monard had questioned the term of 'non-white' when referring to black suspects in media bulletins. Deputy Chief MacNeil advised that measures are being undertaken to ensure this does not happen, advising that the term was used inadvertently and that it is inappropriate.

In response to Commissioner Blumenthal, Deputy Chief MacNeil advised that a report would be available by September's meeting.

4.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference

The Chair advised that at the last meeting he noted he wasn't certain at that time if he would be available to attend the conference. He added that upon checking his schedule he is not available, however several commissioners indicated they would like to attend. He suggested that the names of those who would like to attend be put in a hat, and one name drawn, to which it was agreed.

Commissioner Trevor Johnson was picked as the designate.

5. **REPORTS** - None
6. **ADDED ITEMS** - None
7. **NEXT MEETING** - July 12, 2004
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

June 14, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Barb Palmeter, Financial Consultant
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - May 10, 2010

Amendments:

Item 8.1 - the provincial GST increase will be changed from 2% to 2.5%

Page 6 - HRM only has the ability to make FTE adjustments to the *HRP*

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the minutes of May 10, 2010 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

8.1 Budget Update

8.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference

It was agreed that item 7.1 RCMP Report be moved immediately following item 4.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

7.1 RCMP REPORT

- The May 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton highlighted the training activity report for May; noting that many members completed annual mandatory recertification which accounted for some of the training. He advised that statistics in the Victim Services Report were poor as a result of staffing pressure on the ability to monitor these files. Superintendent Beaton added that the RCMP had recently employed a full time Resource Victim Services Coordinator who was long time public service employee and resident of North Preston, Ms. Donna Johnson. Superintendent Beaton indicated that the RCMP were looking to recruit new volunteers for coverage as well and he was hopeful that, as a result, the statistics would change for the better and improve.

Regarding Victim Services, it was noted that the RCMP and HRP were going to look into the possible combining of their two units this year.

7.2 HRP Reports

C The May 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the reports were as submitted.

It was noted that the Queen's visit would cost approximately \$10,000 for policing.

It was noted that the cost for the RCMP during the Queen's visit was a federal responsibility and would have no impact on HRM. Superintendent Beaton indicated that there would be a compliment of approximately 200 officers from across the province during the Halifax visit.

Superintendent Crampton stated that the RCMP were sending 25 officers to the G8 Summit which the Federal Government was also funding.

Chief Beazley advised that he had members attending the ICS course as all HRM was transferring to this program; noting that the project was being driven by the Emergency Measures Office. He stated that the first planning meeting would take place on September 23, 2010 and there would be a phased in approach. He indicated that preparation work was underway in order to get people to the point where they could provide their own training.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

C The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 5 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer stated that there would be a presentation of the draft Public Safety Plan at the Captain William Spry Centre at 9:00 a.m. on June 16, 2010.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Policing Resources Study Recommendations Which Do Not Require Either Council or Ministerial Approval

- The Policing Resources Study - Recommendations Which Do Not Require Either Council or Ministerial Approval were before the Board.

The Board reviewed recommendation 1F:

'Patrol areas should be designed to coincide with identified neighbourhoods and communities, based on an analysis of spatial distribution of crime and social disorder issues generated through the CAS system in conjunction with census tract demographic data.'

In response to the recommendation, Superintendent Beaton provided an example that the RCMP had received correspondence from HRM Planning staff regarding opposition to a mobile home park in Lake Echo; noting that this was useful information.

Chief Beazley stated that HRP currently has census data and routinely looks at response sectors. He advised that HRP staff look at the quantity and severity of crime and where people and businesses were located in order to create their policing districts. He noted that HRM Planning staff corresponds with the HRP as well.

The Chair noted that since the RCMP and HRP had stated that they were already following their Community Approach to the recommendation, the Board should look at their issue as listed in the Community Approach.

Chief Beazley advised that HRP and RCMP staff could provide a presentation on this subject.

The Chair clarified that the Board could fulfill their mandate by receiving a presentation from the HRP and RCMP on how they are complying with the recommendation.

The Board reviewed recommendation 2B:

'Changes should be made to information gathering and budget monitoring processes to facilitate greater clarity and understanding of RCMP and HRP finances.'

The Chair stated that the RCMP and HRP were already following this recommendation as well.

Chief Beazley agreed with the Chair and indicated that he would be providing a monthly budget update. He stated that the Board and staff would be going through an exercise on the Public Safety Strategic Plan as well. He advised that, from a costing perspective, the Policing Study had probably taught the current Board more about financing than any previous Board.

The Board reviewed recommendation 7C:

'The HRM Board of Police Commissioners should further develop an understanding of the role of oversight and how the Commission can assert its role and apply greater, yet

appropriate, influence over the monitoring of the planning, management and operations of the police services.’

Commissioner McCluskey expressed concern that no member was on the Board long enough to follow the items outlined in the recommendation.

Chief Beazley stated that the Province had little to do with municipal policing until the Boots on the Street Program was implemented several years ago; noting that Program was now under review.

It was noted that the Board needed to build a relationship with the Department of Justice and investigate a possible training partnership.

Chief Beazley stated that the relationship would come through the provincial delegate to the Board; noting that the Provincial Training Program may also need to be updated. He advised that the new Board would require training right away which was what he foresaw as the biggest issue with the total changeover of members. He suggested inviting the Deputy Minister of Justice to a meeting as he was closer to the working level.

Commissioner Gosse advised that he had completed the Provincial training and felt it was worthwhile. He noted that the Board should still plan on having a budget separate from the Police Budget and should not drop that issue.

Chief Beazley stated, for record purposes, that the Board write to the Province saying that they will have a new Board in November 2010 and, as a result, will require significant training. He expressed concern that the next budget year was going to be unpleasant and continuity on the Board level was required.

The Board reviewed recommendation 12C:

‘The HRM Board of Police Commissioners should develop and maintain a current Policy Manual that details policies and guidelines to facilitate ongoing planning and monitoring of policing activities and community safety and security in HRM.’

The Commissioners noted that the creation and implementation of a Board Policy Manual was an important action item, however, a resource person may be required for that task.

Commissioner Karsten suggested that the Board contact the HRM Membership Selection Committee once again to express their concern over losing the entire current Board membership by March 2011.

MOVED BY Commissioner Gosse, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners send correspondence to the Membership Selection Committee requesting consideration for extending the terms of three current Commissionaires (two municipal appointees and one Councillor) for one additional year due to the large Board turnover which will occur in November 2010 and March 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Board reviewed recommendation 14D:

‘The HRP and the RCMP should analyse workload data and develop and implement deployment models which, as far as practicable and having due regard for the wellness of employees, match personnel assignments to work needs.

- . Shift structuring that optimizes use over the year and avoids the 96 hour payback; and
- . Deployment that reflects workload by day of the week and hour of the day.’

The Chair indicated that the recommendation outlined part of what the HRP was already doing.

The Board reviewed recommendation 15E:

‘The HRP and the RCMP should develop and implement a comprehensive plan to ensure a continuum of policing that ensures that most effective and efficient use of community and commercial resources to assist in the reduction of community disorder and the prevention and detection of crime within HRM.’

The Board reviewed recommendation 16E:

‘The HRM Board of Commissioners should provide leadership in the orchestration and coordination of activities consistent with the implementation of a policing continuum.’

The Chair indicated that recommendations 15E and 16E were already being done via the Public Safety Office.

Regarding recommendations 4C and 11C, the Chair advised that they would attempt to reestablish these items in the fall 2010 budget.

4C: ‘The Board should establish a specific budget, including provision for the creation of a secretariat (full or part time). Within the context of the Board budget, specific committees, such as Finance and Audit Committee should be established and modelled after practises existing in other Police Boards in Canada.’

11C: ‘The HRM Board of Police Commissioners should develop an annual budget which is subject to separate review by the Council from that of the police spending estimates and, if approved, the Board budget should remain separate and distinct from the budget of either the HRP or the RCMP.’

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board of Police Commissioners request that future Board of Police Commissioners review the issues outlined in Perivale and Taylor recommendations 4C and 11C on an annual basis. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

7.2 HRP Reports

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 4.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 4.

7.4 HRP/RCMP Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results

- The HRP/RCMP Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results were submitted.

Chief Beazley stated that he and Superintendent Beaton wanted to share the survey results with the Board. He advised that, overall, HRM had ratings in the high 80s which were very good marks; noting that the report was compiled during the gun issues at the beginning of the year. Chief Beazley indicated that the data was collected via Corporate Research Associates who were employed to do this survey annually and they have used the same questions since 2003. In closing, Chief Beazley noted that, in spite of this good survey, in a recent HRM survey 38% of residents responded that public safety was a big issue in HRM.

The HRP/RCMP Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results were submitted as information.

Chief Beazley advised that a press release including the survey results would be put out after the meeting

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Budget Update

Chief Beazley stated that as part of the HRM Budget, a Vacancy Management Program had been put in place whereby the Finance Department seizes any vacancy money in each business unit's budget. He indicated that the Senior Management Team (SMT) has advised that they found vacancy money in the HRP budget totalling \$226,576.53

Ms. Barb Palmeter, Financial Consultant, stated that the Vacancy Management Program was a paper exercise in order to redirect savings. She stated that, traditionally, HRP vacancy monies were used to fund overtime, however, SMT has told HRP staff that they expect them to project their vacancies despite the repercussions

Chief Beazley stated that paper exercise or not, the Vacancy Management Program would cause him to forecast a much larger deficit than ever in policing. He stated that the policing budget has always operated on an envelope system and vacancies created a savings of approximately \$1,500,000 annually, however, HRP spent an additional \$1,900,000 in court time and overtime. He stated that the Board would now see a vacancy report each month which HRM staff would prepare and HRP staff would ensure was correct. Chief Beazley advised that he was already \$1,100,000 overspent this year due to issues such as the Hyde Inquiry, other major investigations and the witness protection program.

Ms. Palmeter noted that HRM was looking at a surplus for the year end corporately. She indicated that many HRP vacancies being captured by HRM senior staff would go away when the cadet class was hired in July.

Chief Beazley stated that certain areas of HRP's business would be impacted; adding that he could not compromise murder investigations or major incidents.

8.2 CAPB Conference

The Chair requested to know what Commissioners were attending the Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference.

Chief Beazley noted that the HRP usually funded the attendance of two Commissioners out of the police budget.

Commissioner McCluskey stated that she would be attending, however, not under the police budget.

The Chair and Chief Beazley requested that interested members contact the Chief's Office to request to attend.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for July 12, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. APB May 2010
2. APB June 2010

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

June 15, 2009

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - May 11, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Gosse, that the minutes of May 11, 2009, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

1. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Added Item

8.1 Future Conventions - Commissioner Karsten

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C Copies of the May 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton advised the Board of break downs as indicated in domestic and sexual assaults noting that there is a series of different call types. It was noted that domestic disputes have increased by 98%. Chief Beazley added that the stats change

as cases go through the investigation process. He advised that many sexual assaults are never reported, and he added that more support is required to deal with women's issues. Councillor McCluskey suggested that victims of violence be contacted and asked if they need have assistance. Chief Beazley advised that this is part of the process.

7.2 HRP Reports

C Copies of the May 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

7.3 Mayor's Task Force on Violence

Superintendent Don Spicer provided the Board with a status update on the Mayor's Task Force on Violence.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that there has been a series of meetings with various organizations and associations. Many of the meetings have been regarding bars and restaurants, liquor enforcement and underage drinking and its prevention. He advised the Board that bar owners and bar staff have been seeing positive impacts in the downtown.

Chief Beazley advised that there have been meetings regarding restorative justice and youth. Discussions will continue at the community level. He stated that Mulgrave Park is the model for its community program and discussions are in place with other tenant associations such as Uniacke Square and Scotia Court.

Chief Beazley stated that there is a need to have balance in media reporting, and he noted that it is difficult to get positive stories out in the media. The Chief advised that new staff has been hired by Halifax Regional Police for social marketing.

Chief Beazley advised the Board that meetings have been held with Chaplains regarding the implementation of Circles of Support to assist with the integration of criminals back to the community.

Superintendent Spicer advised the Board that the Canadian Association Chief of Police is meeting with the provinces and utilizing measurement tools to gather information on poverty, diversity, employment, crime statistics and housing in various communities.

Chief Beazley advised that Mr. Don Clairmont and Dr. Chris Murphy have volunteered to evaluate the Mayor's Roundtable, and if a grant is provided, to study and evaluate the study with set criteria.

Commissioner McCluskey advised that recreation needs to be provided to youth and added that recreation as a tool to keep youth off the streets.

Commissioner McCluskey raised concern regarding individuals in group homes siting that often many of the residents have no supervision. Superintendent Beaton advised that there have been discussions regarding the issue, adding that this may become a mini project.

Commissioner MacDonald suggested that HRM Community Developers should be utilized in these community initiatives as they work directly with the Community.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Future Conventions

In response to a query by Councillor Karsten, Chief Beazley advised that the National Conference will be held in Cape Breton. Dates will be provided to the Board members and costing will be determined.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35p.m.

Melody Campbell
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. APB - Volume 13 Issue 4
2. Directory of Canadian Police Boards/Commissions - April 2009

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JUNE 9, 2003

PRESENT: Comm. North, Chair
Comm. Blumenthal
Comm. McInroy
Comm. Monard
Comm. Perrin
Comm. Johnson
Comm. Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Police Chief Beazley, HRP
Supt. Mike Burns, HRP
A/Supt. Mike Bell, HRP
Sgt. Bill Moore, HRP
Cst. Mike Balcom, President, MAP
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Director, Governance and Strategic Initiatives
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP
S/Sgt. Murray Urquhart, RCMP
Ms. Lisa Drummond, Communication Specialist-Planner, RCMP
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Legislative Assistant

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0.1 **INTRODUCTION**

The Chair introduced Mr. Brian Carter, Policing Services Consultant, Policing and Victim Services, Public Safety Initiatives, who is replacing Mr. Eyre as the Department of Justice's representative.

0.2 **PARKING PERMIT**

The Secretary advised the Board that new parking regulations have been adopted with respect to parking in the Grand Parade. Attendees are required to obtain a temporary parking permit from the Commissionaire to be returned to him at the end of the meeting.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Comm. Smith asked that the following items be added to the agenda or moved to the regular agenda from the list of information items, as added items.

- 7.1 Report Major Unsolved Crimes
- 7.2 Citizens on Patrol Program (from information items)
- 7.3 Adopt a Neighbourhood Program (from information items)

Circulated or re-circulated at the meeting were the following items:

Item 4.3 - Bicycle Rodeos - Partnership with Canadian Tire Report

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference Letter dated June 2, 2003 -
Information Item 5 (re-circulated)
APB - June 2003 - Information Item 9

The agenda, as revised, was adopted by consensus.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY Comm. Blumenthal, seconded by Comm. Johnson that the agenda, as amended, be adopted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/STATUS SHEET (HRP)**

3.1 **UPDATE STATUS SHEET**

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs) REPORT

- C Report dated May 1, 2003 which went to Regional Council's May 20, 2003 meeting was circulated.

This item can be removed from the Status Sheet.

3.2 **POLICE STUDY AND ORIENTATION PRESENTATION**

Sgt. Bill Moore felt that a half day session would be required to review the Police Study and provide overviews by Inspector Fraser and A/Chief Beazley. The time and date selected was Friday, June 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

3.3 **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS CONFERENCE**

- C Information pertaining to various aspects of the Conference was circulated with the agenda package. Comm. Monard noted that another event has been added to the Friday Afternoon Sightseeing Schedule, i.e. a tour of the Dockyard between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

It was noted that registration should be submitted before July 21st. The Commissioners were requested to submit their completed registration forms to the Board's Secretary, who will in turn provide to the A/Chief of Police, for payment of the registration fees.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **PRESENTATION ON SUCCESSION MANAGEMENT**

A/Supt. Mike Bell and Supt. Mike Burns gave a joint presentation. The following items were circulated.

- C The presentation's outline
- C 360 Degree Evaluation Form
- C Information on the Police Science Program

A/Supt. Bell emphasized that this was to be a high level presentation. He made reference to the history which led to the recognition of the need to develop a plan as a lot of the police service members would be reaching retirement age between 2003 and 2008.

Reviewed were the following:

- C Succession Management Objective
- C Components of Succession Management for Halifax Regional Police

- C Staff Establishment identifying those members who can retire in 2003, 2004-2005 and 2006-2007
- C Core Competencies
- C Customer-Service Orientation aspects

The biggest problem identified was in the Detective Division. A third to a half of the members could leave. Supt. Burns addressed initiatives regarding training to ensure there are enough officers prepared to move in, as experienced officers retire. It was noted that in the past where it would have taken fifteen years of experience to full fill these functions, the process will have to be accelerated to seven to ten years. It was noted that basic training of recruits is focusing on investigative skills sets.

Information pertaining to the Police Science Program was reviewed. It was noted that twenty-four (24) cadets are scheduled to finish the program November 29, 2003. Reference was made to there being more competition in the job market and the need to recruit candidates actively for future programs. An out reach program is being worked on.

During the questions and answer session which followed the presentation, Inspector Fraser was questioned on how the RCMP deals with succession planning. Inspector Fraser offered to set up a similar presentation for the Board as given by the HRP. Supt. Burns noted that there have been meetings with the RCMP on joint measures which can be adopted to generate interest in joining the local or federal police force.

It was felt that the training and information component at the front end will go a long way in mitigating lack of experience on the job.

4.2 **ORDER OF MERIT OF THE POLICE FORCES**

- Information related to a Call for Nominations was circulated in the agenda package

A/Chief Beazley noted it was essentially an information item.

4.3 **BICYCLE RODEOS - PARTNERSHIP WITH CANADIAN TIRE**

- Report dated June 3, 2003

A/Chief Beazley explained why the HRP would like to enter into a partnership with Canadian Tire Stores, Brain Injury Nova Scotia and the RCMP to conduct bicycle rodeos.

MOVED BY Comm. McInroy, seconded by Comm. Smith that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the recommendation that Halifax Regional Police partner with Canadian Tire Store owners in the Metro area and Bicycle Nova Scotia to

conduct annual bicycle rodeos commencing with two pilot programs on June 22, 2003 at the Clayton Park and Tacoma Drive Canadian Tire Stores. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

5.1 **REGINA TRAINING ACADEMY**

Inspector Fraser provided more details regarding the proposed visit to the RCMP's Regina Training Academy, i.e. usually the visit involves touring their facilities over the weekend and attending a Monday graduating class. The itinerary involves traveling to Regina on a Saturday, with return on either Monday or Tuesday.

Several dates were reviewed. One date proposed for September 27 did not fit into Comm. Monard's schedule. Tentative dates were selected for late October. Ms. Lisa Drummond will see what can be set up for the Board.

5.2 **YOUTH CRIME STATISTICS**

- Halifax Detachment Young Offender Persons Data - January to December 2002 provided for information.

A/Chief Beazley indicated he had reviewed the crime statistics since 2000 and noted that youth crime has risen slightly for the second year in a row. A 1% increase was recorded for the second year. Crime statistics had gone down consistently from 1991 to 1999. He observed that there has been an increase in violent crime, while property crime has been decreasing. Local trends are consistent with national figures.

Comm. Monard questioned whether policing services find the Restorative Justice Program effective. A/Chief Beazley indicated HRP support this approach. They find it to be a good program. Similarly, Inspector Fraser indicated the RCMP is totally supportive. For the most part the program works well.

5.3 **RCMP RECRUITS FROM HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

- Breakdown of education levels of individuals recruited in 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 (thus far)

Provided for information. Reference was made to the fact that the RCMP adopts a continuous learning plan to give the members an opportunity to pursue their interests.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

6.1 **INTRODUCTION OF S/SGT. MURRAY URQUHART, HALIFAX DETACHMENT
- COLE HARBOUR OFFICE AND LISA DRUMMOND, COMMUNICATION
SPECIALIST**

S/Sgt. Murray Urquhart, Halifax Detachment, Cole Harbour Office and Ms. Lisa Drummond, a RCMP Communications Specialist were introduced to the Board.

6.2 **UPDATE REGARDING COLE HARBOUR AREA**

S/Sgt. Murray Urquhart, RCMP in his overview referred to the staffing component of the Cole Harbour Office and Community Offices associated with it in Eastern Passage and North Preston.

During the question and answer period following the overview, in response to a query re the Special Constable Program initiated in North Preston, S/Sgt. Urquhart noted a shift in emphasis. Due to concerns associated with liability issues the program had to change. Individuals are being encouraged to pursue a career with the RCMP.

6.3 & **OFFICE ORIENTATION AND RIDE-A-LONG**

6.4

It was noted that following the May meeting, Comm. Johnson had enquired about the possibility of office visits and ride-a-longs. It was decided that rather than arranging for a group orientation or ride-a-long, members were encouraged to make individual arrangements through Inspector Fraser or Lisa Drummond (869-5076) or the Chief's Office for office orientations and Marilyn MacKenzie (490-5345) for HRP ride-a-longs.

Comm. Johnson questioned whether there would be any value to holding Board meetings at the various policing office sites. It was decided that changing meeting locations might pose some problems.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

7.1 **REPORT MAJOR UNSOLVED CRIMES**

Comm. Smith questioned the Board if they felt it would be appropriate to request a report periodically on outstanding major unsolved crimes involving homicides. It was noted while names and dates of incidents can be provided, information has to be held back for investigative reasons.

Comm. Perrin noted that most of the information can be found on the HRP's Web site.

It was concluded that a joint report will be developed by the HRP and RCMP on unsolved homicides, consisting essentially of names and numbers.

7.2 **CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM**

- Information Report dated June 2, 2003 re Citizens on Patrol Program (COP)

Comm. Smith has requested that this item be moved from the Information Items to the regular session.

A/Chief Beazley advised that it is intended that the pilot program be introduced in October. The information contained in the report was meant to be only introductory. This item will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

Concern was expressed regarding liability issues. A/Chief Beazley and Inspector Fraser will make enquiries re insurance.

7.3 **ADOPT A NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAM**

- Information Report dated June 3, 2003 re Adopt a Neighbourhood Program

Comm. Smith had requested this item be moved from the Information Items to the regular session.

Comm. Smith questioned how the above noted program relates to the Village (Community) Constable Program in north end Dartmouth. A/Chief Beazley indicated this program has nothing to do with the Community Constable Program. The officers involved would be conducting their normal patrols, but when they have some spare time will try to raise their profile in the areas they serve. Essentially an enhanced patrol effort is envisaged to increase visibility and problem solve. Key citizens and Councillors in the area will be identified to the officers.

Comm. Johnson felt encouraging the officers to interact with the community was a very positive move.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES**

Statistics for the months of March and April 2003 were circulated in the agenda package for the members' information.

9. **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

Monday, July 14, 2003.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Comm. McInroy, seconded by Comm. Monard that the meeting adjourn to meet in camera. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 9, 2008

PRESENT:

Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Russel Walker
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Beverly Peters
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

STAFF:

Superintendent Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Officer in Charge
Of Patrol Personnel
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil, HRP
Mr. Dan English, CAO
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner McCluskey called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Beverley Peters was sworn in as a member of the Board.

Mr. Douglas MacDonald was affirmed as a member of the Board.

Former members Ms. Terry Roane and Mr. William Walker will be contacted so that they can be presented with retirement badges and thanked for their service and contributions as members of the Board.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations received for Chair were Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Hill declined the nomination.

MOVED BY Commission Perrin seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that Commissioner Walker be elected as Chair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Nominations received for Vice Chair were Commissioner Snow and Commissioner MacCluskey. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Snow indicated that she would bow out. Commissioner MacCluskey will remain as Vice Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 12, 2008

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the minutes of May 12, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

ADDITIONS:

6.1 Fireworks

MOVED BY Commissioner MacCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that the order of Business be approved, as amended.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 *Bill 129 Trade Union Act Amendments*

Chief Beazily advised the Board of the impacts of this new legislation. Discussion ensued with Staff noting that this Bill could introduce legislation that would include minimum manning provisions and transfer of personnel issues. Members would like to have a chance to look at this legislation. Chief Beazily agreed to forward a copy of this Legislation to the Clerk's office.

MOVED BY Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner Peters that the matter of Bill 129 Trade Union Act Amendments be deferred to the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

Mr. English advised the Commission that Superintendent Barnett is retiring. HRM has had a great working relationship over the last four years and he, personally has enjoyed working with Superintendent. The Commissioners agreed that Superintendent Barnett would be missed.

Mr. Dan English left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

5. REPORTS

5.1 HRP REPORTS

Statistical Reports for the Month of May were before the Board for their review.

Chief Beazily advised the Board that the reports for May, 2008 were before them, noting that:

- Charges issued for cell phone use while driving were 60 and are climbing

- an education period for pan handling issues will be held for a short period of time before any charges will be laid

5.2 RCMP REPORTS

Statistical Reports for the Month of May were before the Board for their review.

Superintendent Barnett advised the Board that the reports for May, 2008 were before them and would answer any questions that the Board may have.

He also presented the Commission Performance Plan to the Board. He asked the Board Members to take the plan, review it, make any changes if need be and bring it back to the next meeting.

MOVED BY Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that this matter be deferred to the the next meeting of the Board.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Fireworks

Councillor Walker indicated that Fireworks that could be bought in corner stores were a menace to his community. He went on to say that they could be bought at any corner store at prices that were so low that anyone could buy them in quantity. They were being used without any regard for other people or property. Discussion ensued with Staff advising that the best course of action would be for Staff to bring a report on this matter back to the Board.

6.2 RCMP Office in Eastern Passage

Councillor Walker asked Staff to meet with Councillor Barkhouse to discuss this matter. A full report on RCMP Office in Eastern Passage will be ready to come back next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is July 21, 2008. **Please note the change in the date from the regularly scheduled meeting time.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to In Camera at 1:30 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES MARCH 10, 2003

PRESENT: Comm. Greg North, Chair
Comm. Bob Harvey
Comm. Bruce Hetherington
Comm. Steve Adams
Comm. James Perrin
Comm. Trevor Johnson
Comm. Eartha Monard

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Police Chief Beazley, HRP
Acting Deputy Police Chief McNeil, HRP
Supt. Mike Burns, Training Officer, HRP
Supt. Stephen Sykes, HRP
Sgt. Bill Moore, HRP
Councillor Smith (part)
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Legislative Assistant

ABSENT: Mr. George McLellan (regrets)

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0.1 **SWEARING IN**

Comm. Trevor Johnson was sworn in by Karen Brown.

0.2 **COMMENDATIONS**

Commendations were presented to the following:

- C Cst. Stephanie Veinot and Cst. Benny Kirton related to alerting the occupants of a house on fire on Uniacke Street.
- C Cst. Ross Burt related to a potentially dangerous situation associated with a driver who had been shot.
- C Cst. James Hodgson related to an incident where his partner Cst. Suzanne Foster had been shot in their police car.
- C Cst. Stephen Smyth - related to a murder at a bar where he encountered the armed individual.

Civilian Certificates of Merit are to be given to Reginald Goodday and Ms. Melanie Goodday in recognition of the assistance they gave an individual who was involved in a motor vehicle accident which caused his automobile to catch fire. Mr. and Ms. Goodday could not be present at today's meeting.

0.3 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

The Vice-Chair, Comm. Harvey called three times for nominations for Chair. Comm. Hetherington moved the nomination of Comm. North for Chair. This nomination was seconded by Comm. Adams. There being no further nominations, Comm. Hetherington moved nominations cease. **Comm. Gregory North was acclaimed Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.**

Election of Vice-Chair is scheduled for the April meeting, when three new Commissioners, who are Councillors, are sworn in.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and seconded by Comm. Harvey that the agenda, with the added items, plus HRP 4th Quarter Statistics, be adopted. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

During the In Camera Session, it was decided to move the item related to the N.S. Police Act Review to the regular session.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Johnson that the minutes of the February 10, 2003 meeting, re-circulated at the meeting, be adopted. **MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/STATUS SHEET**

None.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

The Chair commented on how much he had enjoyed the 4th Annual Dedication Dinner and Dance and he wished to pass on his congratulations to the organizers.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES**

Statistics Report - January (circulated with agenda)

Victim Services Counsellor Monthly Statistics (circulated with agenda)

For information.

8.2 **HRP QUARTERLY INTERIM STATISTICAL OVERVIEW - 4TH QUARTER**

The Chief reviewed the statistics for 2002 with the Board and concluded they are similar to the 2001 statistics.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, April 14, 2003.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Before the meeting adjourned, Comm. Hetherington noted this will be the last meeting for three of the Councillors, who are Commissioners. He wished to extend his thanks to the HRP and RCMP for the cooperation they have given over the last three years. He referred to the contract recently negotiated with the Union and wished to congratulate the Management Team.

Comm. Monard thanked the departing Commissioners for providing information and sharing their perspective with the Board. She felt it had been very educational. The Chair mirrored Comm. Monard's comments, noting their dedication and how well they had represented all HRM citizens. Similarly, Acting Chief Beazley expressed his appreciation for the support given when dealing with challenges faced after the Police Chief took ill.

It was noted that Supt. Ferguson is retiring shortly. Supt. Ferguson felt the work of the Board had been outstanding and he expressed confidence this will continue in the future.

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and seconded by Comm. Adams that the meeting adjourn to meet in camera. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was subsequently decided that item 5.1 of the In Camera agenda, related to the Nova Scotia Police Act Review, should be dealt with in regular session.

NOVA SCOTIA POLICE ACT REVIEW

- C Draft Police Act Response which accompanied A/Deputy Chief McNeil's e-mail and memo dated February 26, 2003.
- C E-mail from the UNSM dated March 7, 2003 re the Police Act.

A/Deputy Chief McNeil reviewed his report noting he has tried to capture the concerns expressed at Regional Council, the Police Commission and Police Services in the document. The different points of view of Regional Council versus the Board, for example, are included in the response. The deadline for a response is April 1st.

He highlighted the various components of the report with the members, answering questions and noting comments.

In particular, the A/Deputy Chief analyzed the roles of Council, the Police Commission as related to the appointment of the Chief and budget approval. The Board's composition was likewise discussed.

It was felt by a Commissioners that there should be a statement included in the Act that Boards reflect the cultural diversity of the community. A/Deputy Chief McNeil will add this comment to his draft.

The Chair expressed concern that it appears the Board, under the proposed new Act, would be getting involved in operation areas, rather than providing an oversight function. He did not feel the Board(s) have the resources or time for the more in depth involvement proposed in the new Act.

Following his review, A/Deputy Chief McNeil indicated he would welcome comments from the Board now or later.

During the question and answer sessions, the following aspects were discussed:

- C By-law P-100 and whether Provincial Legislation overrides it.
- C The Board has more power than it may be aware of at this time.
- C Appointments of citizens at large to the Board versus Councillors.
- C The need for a more active role in the budget process. This issue being addressed in the Policing Study.
- C The need for proper training of Board members relating to due diligence.
- C The recent Union contract was only brought to the Board's attention in a very general fashion at the previous meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to A/Deputy Chief McNeil for the work he had done in comparing the current Police Act with the proposed Police Act and preparing a joint response to the Department of Justice.

CONFERENCE - SECURITY

Before the meeting adjourned, Comm. Monard asked for an update on the conference the Acting Chief had attended on international security. Acting Chief Beazley outlined aspects associated with private security companies. He noted that a CD of the papers submitted is available.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Comm. Adams and seconded by Comm. Monard that the meeting

adjourn at approximately 3:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. S. David Bryson, Chair
Comm. Bruce Hetherington
Comm. Bob Harvey
Comm. Eartha Monard

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, David McKinnon, HRP
Deputy Police Chief, Bob Barss, HRP
Councillor Jim Smith
Supt. Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

REGRETS: Mr. George McLellan, CAO and Comm. Adams

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PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented by the Board to the following:

Cst. Peter Gallant
Cst. Dennis Crowell
Cst. Nick Pepler
Cst. Debra Carleton
Cst. Michael O'Sullivan (absent)

The circumstances surrounding the selection of the officers for commendation were read by Chief McKinnon. He noted there has also been a press release.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Item 3.1 Annual CAPB Conference
- Item 7.1 Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards - Notice of Conference and Annual General Meeting.
- Item 8.2 Victim Services Statistics Report - February 2002

With the agreement of the Board, an item dealing with the Investigator's Report re complaints of Cst. Jamie Symington and Ms. Angeline McCarthy against Chief McKinnon was dealt with in camera, before the regular agenda.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 11, 2002 meeting were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Monard.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (HRP)

3.1 ANNUAL CAPB CONFERENCE

The Chief noted that hotel rooms have been booked in Ottawa for the conference. A copy of a memo from Donna Roberts containing details was provided to the attendees. The three members attending were asked to make their own travel arrangements or they could be handled through his office.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS (HRP)

None.

5.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

None.

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

None.

7.0 **ADDED ITEMS**

7.1 **NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS**

Circulated to the members was a Notice of Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held April 25 to 27, 2002 in Truro.

The members were canvassed regarding who wished to attend. The Chair, Comm. Monard indicated that they planned to attend. Comm. Harvey indicated he would not be attending. Comm. Hetherington indicated he could also attend the Conference. Arrangements will be made through the Chief's office.

8.0 **STATISTICS**

Ms. Verona Singer, Coordinator, Victim Services was in attendance to review the following reports.

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES - YEARLY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2001**

Ms. Singer reviewed the yearly statistics report for 2001. The following areas were highlighted.

The total number of case files which were opened and closed during the year increased 32% from 2000. Ms. Singer explained that the huge increase, in the number of files, reflects improved reporting by police officers of intimate partner incidents.

Ms. Singer explained how this improved reporting has reflected in the number of those not contacted. She noted that in actual fact, without the inclusion of the intimate partner files where there are no charges/no assault, the number of victims contacted would only be changed by 2% for 2001. Similarly, while the average amount of time spent with a victim was reported as 13 minutes in 2001, in reality the average would be more likely 19 minutes.

It was also noted that the average length of time to close a file reported to be 8 days, is actually 14 days, when the cases requiring no action are taken out of the equation.

Referring to the list of agencies, Victim Services most frequently refer victims to, Comm. Hetherington noted Child Protection is not listed. Ms. Singer noted that eventually their intake form will be revised to include Child Protection.

Comm. Hetherington explained concerns he has regarding Child Protection. It appears that it is difficult to get them involved. He wondered if there is any monitoring of whether they are doing their job. The Chief described initiatives which were taken in conjunction with Social Services two years ago. The Police Service wanted to be advised of how many files received follow-up contact. Nothing has been reported to date. He anticipates a further meeting with the Minister of Social Services. The Chief indicated that the HRP are keeping copies of all referrals.

Comm. Hetherington emphasized the importance of provincial and municipal agencies cooperating wherever possible.

In closing, Ms. Singer noted that the majority of victim services calls in Nova Scotia are from the HRM, with the bulk in the Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford areas.

Chief McKinnon noted that Judy McDougall is leaving Victim Services for another position. Until her job is filled, she is working two days a week.

Reference was made to the funding of 3.5 positions previously announced by the province. It has been suggested that at least one of the positions be earmarked for HRM. The RCMP and HRP are speaking with provincial representatives. It is likely the position would be shared between the two agencies.

8.2 **VICTIM SERVICES - STATISTICS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2002**

Copies of the report were circulated at the meeting.

9.0 **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2002. In the interim, it was decided in the 'in camera' session to hold a special meeting, Friday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. re the Investigator's Report regarding complaints of Cst. Symington and Ms. McCarthy against the Police Chief.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Before the adjournment, it was agreed by consensus that the Chair should write Ann

MacVicar thanking her for her time served as a Commissioner on the Police Commission. Her term was up March 2002, but she was not reoffering.

The regular portion of the meeting was adjourned on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Monard.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

March 14, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Doug MacDonald, Vice Chair
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Micki Ruth

REGRETS: Commissioner Reg Rankin
Commissioner Ken Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Director of Finance
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Mr. Martin Ward, Solicitor, swore in Commissioner Micki Ruth, Provincial Appointee, as a new member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 14, 2011

Amendment:

Item 7.1 – Superintendent Beaton requested that *enforcement* be included after *that both the RCMP and HRP had been providing education and public service announcements*

MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the minutes of February 14, 2011 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

9.1 Meeting with Minister of Justice – Items for Discussion – Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Meeting Locations – Superintendent Beaton

Superintendent Beaton suggested that, as per the discussion at the February 14, 2011 meeting, the April 11 meeting be held at the Cole Harbour RCMP Office, the June 13 meeting at the Lower Sackville Detachment and the September 12 meeting at the Library Room in Tantallon.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6.1 On-line Reporting – Mr. Kevin Tulk

A presentation was submitted.

Mr. Kevin Tulk provided presentation on On-Line Reporting and reviewed the system website.

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions. The following points were noted:

- Staff have been working with the Retail Gasoline Dealers Association of Nova Scotia as this system will work well in solving cases of gasoline drive-off theft
- The online submitter must provide a date of birth for records management purposes
- The system is meant for filing incidences after the fact
- Crime Analysts will be able to better identify problems in certain areas based on these submitted incident reports
- While this is an HRP system, once incidents are identified as being located in the RCMP's jurisdiction, the requests can be forwarded to their staff
- Staff will accept all complaints and ensure they get to the appropriate location

In closing, Mr. Tulk stated that the Board had been provided with a communications plans and requested that any comments be provided to Chief Beazley's office.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentations - None

8. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

The February 2011 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Correspondence dated March 14, 2011 from Superintendent Beaton was submitted.

Superintendent Beaton stated that the February 2011 RCMP reports were as submitted. He indicated that under the Personnel report, one member on sick leave was now returning to work and that under the Training Activity report, it should read *intoximeter* rather than *intometer*.

Superintendent Beaton referenced his submitted correspondence, advising that the Province had confirmed that an approximate 5% increase for the 2011/2012 RCMP budget would be prudent to work with.

Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Director of Finance, confirmed that she received word that it would be a 5.3% increase.

Superintendent Beaton stated that this would not be officially confirmed until the Provincial budget was tabled.

8.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 3 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 3 was as submitted.

8.2 HRP Reports

The February 2011 HRP Reports were before the Board.

The February 2011 HRP reports were as submitted.

8.2.1 HRP Budget Update

The Combined Business Plan of Halifax Regional Police and RCMP Halifax District was submitted.

Chief Beazley advised that the HRM Budget would be tabled on April 19, 2011 and requested that the Chair be available to attend the Council meeting that day.

Ms. O'Toole provided an overview of the draft budget; noting that the HRP net increase was now going up by 3.9% rather than 8.4% as previously stated as a result of further review and adjustments. She stated that expenditures were increasing by 5.5% and a revenue decrease of 16.9% was projected which is why there was a higher than usual; net increase. Ms. O'Toole advised that by removing one time elements from the HRP budget, the new number of 3.9% was more in line with corporate increases that averaged 3.6%. She indicated that staff would be doing quality control between now and the tabling of the budget.

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions.

Chief Beazley advised that the 16% revenue decrease was as a result of secondment revenues.

Chief Beazley reassured the Board that staff were working on an updated Overtime Policy which he hoped to present in draft form at the April meeting.

Commissioner Kelly noted that it would save money if HRM had its own municipal court structure.

Chief Beazley advised that he would gladly work with the Board regarding the potential for a municipal court and could possibly form a committee. He stated that, if there was no night court, HRP could save upwards of \$500,000 per year, therefore, he would support any kind of research project regarding this matter.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that the Board of Police Commissioners request that staff strike a committee, including Finance and Legal Services staff, to work with the Board to investigate the possibility of a municipal court in a budget oriented and operational format and to go forward to the Province with the understanding that this will ease the stress and strain on their Provincial court system by allowing HRM to have its own municipal court structure.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

Commissioner Kelly stated that while the municipal court would not involve the current court system, it would allow them to become more efficient as well.

Ms. O'Toole advised that, in order to conduct a successful analysis, staff would require the support of the Department of Justice in order to obtain numbers.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Chief Beazley reported that the Capital Fleet Budget would require approximately \$1,495,000 for the 2011/2012 budget.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Kelly, Chief Beazley advised that the total fleet was 283 vehicles, 275 of which were owned and 8 rented. He stated that the average life of an emergency vehicle was between one and a half and two years and an unmarked vehicle between five and seven years; noting that the Fleet Manager could provide further information.

Superintendent Bill Moore, HRP, presented the submitted Combined Business Plan of Halifax Regional Police and RCMP Halifax District.

As a result of the review of Goal 4: Leveraging Information Technology, Commissioner Kelly moved the following motion:

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners write a letter to the Tri-Services Special Purpose Committee on 700 MHZ in support of protecting that bandwidth to be used for government purposes only and not garnered financially for the private sector.

Discussion on the motion ensued with staff responding to questions.

Superintendent Moore advised that he was the Canadian Police representative on the Tri-Services Special Purpose Committee and provided the Board with background on this issue; noting that he would send further information as well.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Superintendent Moore continued his presentation and a discussion ensued with questions and comments from the Board.

Chief Beazley advised that staff would make a decision by the end of the summer regarding a January cadet class. He stated that the cost of a class at the beginning of 2011 exceeded the cost of lateral hires which is why staff decided not to proceed with one.

It was noted that measures of success for the goals outlined in the plan would be the next piece of work to be completed after obtaining corporate direction.

It was requested that the Board's decision around analyzing the establishment of a municipal court be reflected in the goals.

The meeting recessed at 2:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:14 p.m.

8.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 5.

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Meeting with Minister of Justice – Items for Discussion – Chair

Correspondence dated February 21, 2011 from the Chair to the Honourable Ross Landry, Minister of Justice, was submitted.

Correspondence dated March 1 & 4, 2011 from the Honourable Ross Landry, Minister of Justice, was submitted.

The Chair indicated that, as per the submitted correspondence, Minister Landry had invited all Municipal Boards of Police Commissioners, Advisory Boards, the RCMP and Chiefs of Police to a meeting on March 23, 2011 to discuss current challenges police are facing in Nova Scotia.

As a result of this invitation, the Board discussed what items the Chair, who would attend on the Board's behalf, should address. The Board agreed that their concern regarding any potential reduction to the Additional Officer Program; which they had previously expressed via a letter to Minister Landry should be raised.

The Board also agreed to express concern regarding the proposed Special Investigation Unit as it should be properly funded rather than putting further financial burden on municipalities and was all the more reason to leave the Additional Officer Program in its current state.

The Board noted that having the support of Regional Council would be beneficial.

MOVED by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Ruth, that the Board of Police Commissioners request Regional Council's support of the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners' statement of concern at the March 23, 2011 meeting with the Minister of Justice that provincial funding for the Additional Officer Program not be reduced. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 11, 2011

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

Information Item

1. Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards Newsletter – March 2011

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
March 20, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioner Brad Johns, Acting Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro

REGRETS: Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Trevor Johnson

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

At this time Rev. Cynthia Chinard led the Board in a prayer in remembrance of Commissioner Greg North.

2. MINUTES - February 13, 2006

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of February 13, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 7.1 Chief Beazley - Community Newspaper Article
- 7.2 Commissioner Johns - Role of Board at Mr. North's funeral
- 7.3 Commissioner Johns - Chair Selection Process

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1.1 Governance

MOVED by Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that this item be removed from the status sheet. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.1.2 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

Chief Beazley advised there is a new Attorney General, the Honourable Murray Scott, and he and Mayor Kelly will be meeting with him and will add this to the items to be

discussed at that meeting. It was agreed to remove this item from the status sheet.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officers Memorial

- A report dated March 6, 2006, on the above noted, was before the Board.

Rev. Cynthia Chinard advised ideas are coming in as what is to be included as a memorial as well as ideas and concepts on what the monument might look like. She noted Chief Beazley is looking into acquiring land for the memorial site.

Chief Beazley requested the Board seek Council's support in identifying land. He advised the memorial needs to be erected on a piece of land large enough to accommodate the gathering of a large number of people.

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that:

- 1. The Halifax Regional Board of Police Commissioners re-affirm their support of the initiative as previously discussed at the Board meeting held on February 13, 2006.**
- 2. The Halifax Regional Board of Police Commissioners request Regional Council to authorize HRP and HRM's Real Property and Asset Management to partner in identifying a suitable site for the Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officers Memorial.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2 LEAD Conference

Chief Beazley advised the conference is called the Law Enforcement Aboriginal and Diversity Conference and advised the conference is being held in Toronto from April 30th to May 3rd and there was an opening for one member of the Board to attend. Any member interested was to advise the office of the Chief.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Community Paper Article

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

7.2 Commissioner Johns - Funeral for Mr. North

It was agreed that the members of the Board would meet at the church.

7.3 Process for New Commissioner

The Board gave authority to the Chief, CAO and Mayor Kelly to undertake a recruitment for a new Chairperson.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2006.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 12:58 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

March 29, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

REGRETS: Commissioner Earl Gosse

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Mr. Darrell Harvey, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - March 8, 2010

Correction:

Item 8.1: Nun should be spelled *Nunn*

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of March 8, 2010 be approved as corrected. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair indicated that Commissioner Gosse had sent his regrets for the meeting.

Amendment:

The Chair requested that the Board move In Camera for the police budget discussion.

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Police Budget

This item was moved to the In Camera portion of the meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports - None

7.2 HRP Reports - None

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for April 19, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following item was added as information:

1. Request for Additional RCMP Information from the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting of March 8, 2010

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

March 7, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Jim Perrin
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Russell Walker

REGRETS: Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley
Deputy Chief McNeil
Inspector Brad Sullivan, RCMP
Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER -

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 11, 2008

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of February 11, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

- 5.1 Halifax Regional Police Report - Commissioners agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda
- 5.2 RCMP Report - Commissioners agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda
- 5.3 Police Resourcing Study Update - Commissioners agreed to remain at the end of the In Camera Session to discuss the processes of the meeting.

5.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE REPORT - Chief Beazily

Chief Beazily advised the Board that both he and Superintendent Barnett would like to present a year end report on crime statistics from HRM. He went to state that he would speak to the Halifax Regional Police Crimes Report while Superintendent Barnett will speak to the RCMP report. He noted the following:

- < Both reports are good news reports from a crime perspective
- < Numbers are down on all types of crimes with the exception of prostitution and other Criminal Codes offences (Project Breach is driving these numbers up)
- < Drug enforcement is up
- < Enforcement of Provincial Statutes is up
- < Criminal Code matters in relation with traffic are up, collisions are up - 18 fatalities region wide which is not a good news story

Chief Beazily then went on to give a break down of the numbers per districts.

5.2 RCMP Report

Superintendent Barnett gave an overview of the Halifax District of the RCMP of where they were at, at the year end 2007 as opposed to the year end 2006 noting the following:

- < crimes against persons is down
- < property crimes - decrease in numbers by about 3%
- < other Criminal Code offences decrease overall
- < other Provincial Statutes are down
- < collisions have increased with fatalities numbers increasing

Superintendent Barnett advised the Board that he would look into using the same terminology for the different crimes, i.e., moral crimes and prostitution.

Superintendent Barnett then went on to give a break down of the numbers per districts. He stated that Middle Musquodoboit was a new area and he could give an oral report and should the Board want a report on this area, he could provide it. He stated that the numbers were very low.

Superintendent Barnett explained that Directive Enforcement number's being "up" means "getting more people".

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 City Watch (Commissioner Snow) - deferred until April 14, 2008

4.2 Halifax Regional Police Volunteer Program - (Commissioner Snow)

Commissioner Snow advised that she had met with Chief Beazily and discussed this report dated February 11, 2008. This can now be removed from the agenda with the understanding that it can be raised again.

5. REPORTS

5.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE REPORT - Chief Beazily

Commissioners agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda. (See Page 3)

5.2 RCMP REPORT - Superintendent Barnett

Commissioners agreed to move this item to the beginning of the agenda (See Page 3)

5.3 Police Resourcing Study Update

The consultants of Perivale and Taylor met with the Commissioners on February 29, 2008 to discuss the shape of the report that they are drafting. The consultants will now complete

their draft of the report. The Commissioners are asked to stay behind to discuss the next steps of the Study.

As the results of questions, the RFP for this contract and Strategic Goal # 3 will be redistributed.

Just for clarification, it was noted that Commissioner Snow and Commissioner Walker were selected to sit on the Selection Committee and this is why other members of the Board did not have copies of the above mentioned documents. Commissioner Snow and Commissioner Walker would have received their copies at the Selection Committee.

5.4 Sex Industry - Safety and Stabilization (Councillor Snow)

Commissioner Snow advised that she and other Council members had been emailed this document. She feels that it is not a matter for Council nor the Board but should be a police matter. It was agreed to forward the document onto Chief Beazily and Superintendent Barnett to deal with it on an operational level.

5.5 Fred Sandford, Director of Public Safety Investigations, Department of Justice - Deferred until April 14, 2008

6. ADDED ITEMS - None

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

March 8, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

REGRETS: Commissioner Doug MacDonald

STAFF: Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Mr. Darrell Harvey, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - February 8, 2010

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten , that the minutes of February 8, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 7.1 RCMP Reports - Updated 2009 4th Quarter Statistics
- 7.2 HRP Reports - Additional Report re: Training Activity
- 8.1 Budget - Chief Beazley
- 8.2 Wrap Up of Policing Resources Study - Chair
- 8.3 Board Membership Terms - Commissioner Karsten

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Secretariate

This item was deferred to the April 2010 meeting.

4.2 RCMP Third Quarter Update for Annual Performance Plan

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the RCMP Third Quarter Update for Annual Performance Plan Report, which had been submitted at the February 8, 2010 meeting, consisted of six different performance plans and 13 objectives. He stated that, upon review, five of the six plans were on track with policing at the Halifax International Airport being the only plan which was not, however, Superintendent Beaton advised that this would have little impact on municipal policing as it concerned policing that was under contract with the airport. He stated that a new planning cycle would begin at the end of the fiscal year and indicated that he would be coming back to the Board with a new plan at that time.

MOVED BY Commissioner Perrin, seconded by Commissioner Gosse, that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the RCMP Third Quarter Update for Annual Performance Plan as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

- The February 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that five members were listed under Light Duty in the Personnel Report, however, one member had returned to duty on March 5, 2010. Superintendent Beaton advised that the other members on light duty were in various stages of returning to work with the exception of one member who was due to retire in June of 2010. Superintendent Beaton also indicated that he was pleased to report that 75 RCMP members had taken African Nova Scotian Cultural Competency Training during the month of February.

Regarding domestic violence training, Superintendent Beaton stated that the reported training related to the new classification of the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) model.

The Chair requested the number of winter parking ban tickets that had been issued during the month of February.

The RCMP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.2 HRP Reports

- The February 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

Deputy Chief Burbridge stated that Sergeant Dave Reynolds and Sergeant Mike Spearns had officially submitted their retirement papers. Deputy Chief Burbridge also advised that the amount of members on maternity leave in the staff report should be changed from four to five.

Superintendent Moore stated that HRP members had attended a seminar on hybrid cars regarding any electrical issues that officers should be aware of when responding to an accident.

The HRP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

- The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. Issue was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer stated that the report was accurate as submitted; noting that staff were seeing some progress.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that a new process had been put in place in relation to Restorative Justice hearings that included HRP's court section assigning a court date to the officer, based on their schedule, as part of their follow up rather than as overtime. He stated that this made it more flexible for the officer to attend and findings had shown that youth take their court appearances more seriously when an officer is in attendance. He noted that if the officer in charge of the case was unable to attend, a community officer would go in their place.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Budget - Chief Beazley

- The HRM Police Combined Draft Business Plan of Halifax Regional Police and RCMP Halifax District 2010/11 was circulated.
- Correspondence dated March 2, 2010 from Chief Beazley re: HRP Net Budget for 2010/11 was circulated.

Deputy Chief Burbridge stated that HRP required a net operating budget of \$69,647,114 for 2010/11; noting that the NSUPE settlement had been included in the \$56,649,514 police budget. He indicated that the budget could be cut and reduced by Council as retirements may lower the required net budget funding amount.

Superintendent Moore stated that the draft Business Plan was the latest revision as of last week which he and Mr. Darrell Harvey, RCMP, had been preparing. He stated that the Board could find a high level overview on page two of the Business Plan; noting that

HRP numbers were relatively the same and sworn officers had gone up by two as the two community response citizen positions had been changed to sworn officers.

Mr. Harvey stated that the RCMP were still working under the numbers of 178 regular and civilian members; noting that the rate would be determined by the Province.

Superintendent Moore stated that there was a slight change in the structure of the Business Plan as staff would be removing the School Crossing Guard contract from the Business Plan once it was finalised. He also advised that HRP staff was looking to make some pointed reductions in crimes against persons and properties as well as drug charges. He stated that the HRP was seeking the Board's input and feedback and requested that Commissioners please send their comments to himself and Mr. Harvey.

Commissioner Karsten suggested that cold case files be included in the Business Plan.

The Chair requested to know where the 39 HRP and 12 RCMP provincially funded officers were stationed.

Deputy Chief Burbridge indicated that the HRP provincially funded officers were stationed as follows:

- 16 on downtown beat patrol
- 6 in Public Housing for areas such as Uniacke Square, Greystone and Scotia Court
- 1 Public Safety Officer position
- 3 in the Liquor Unit
- 2 in the Provincial Integrated Proceeds of Crime (IPOC) Unit
- 1 in the court section as part of the Nunn Inquiry
- The remainder in street crime units.

Deputy Chief Burbridge suggested that Deputy Chief McNeil could provide an update at the next meeting as he had recently met with the Minister of Justice regarding these positions.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the RCMP provincially funded Boots on the Street officers were stationed as follows:

- 1 School Safety and Resource Officer in Musquodoboit Harbour
- 1 School Safety and Resource Officer in Lower Sackville
- 9 in Street Crime Units
- 1 Crime Analyst

The meeting recessed at 1:24 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

It was noted that discussions were ongoing regarding the final total of the 2010/11 RCMP budget as HRM Finance staff was showing a 1.47% budget increase, however, Mr. Ed Kirby, Director of Contracts with the Department of Justice, had indicated that there would be an increase of 2.5%.

The Board agreed to recommend the RCMP budget at 2.5% for a total of \$20,808,423 on a preliminary basis pending written confirmation from the Department of Justice.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners endorse the Net HRP Budget of \$69,647,114 for 2010/11 and the RCMP budget of \$20,808,423 and forward both budgets to Halifax Regional Council.

It was noted that the RCMP could have all their budgetary information by March 29, 2010.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners table the motion until the meeting on March 29, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 Wrap up of Policing Resources Study - Chair

The Chair thanked the Commissioners for all the time and effort they had put into the Policing Resources Study; noting that, much to his chagrin, one working paper containing inaccurate numbers had been released to the public. He stated that he had followed his directions to remain In Camera and was disappointed that information had been leaked. He noted that this information had created animosity between the HRP and RCMP which needed to be repaired.

Commissioner McCluskey indicated that the Board members on Council had made it clear every time they spoke that HRM had two excellent police services and had not criticised either force. She noted that some Councillors had, unfortunately, made comments both In Camera and publically that may have caused a drop in police morale.

Commissioner Karsten challenged everyone to move forward and requested that HRP and RCMP members bring any issues they may have to the Board.

Commissioner Gosse stated that, as a non Councillor who had attended the In Camera session, he wished to point out that the three Councillors on the Board had spoken with a sense of dignity and decorum and had stated their case in a reasonable manner.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that he was prepared to move forward in the absence of the proposed 11 hour RCMP shift. He wished to thank the Board for all the hard work they had undertaken and commended them for their efforts. He stated that his only intent when releasing an internal memo regarding the Study was to dispel any inaccurate information that may have been circulating as he felt he had a duty to his staff. Superintendent Beaton apologised to the HRP for any offensive remarks that his members may have made and stated that he would like to move forward.

Deputy Chief Burbridge also wished to thank the Board for their hard work. Regarding any offensive remarks in relation to the HRP, he noted that discussion may be something best done with all of Council. Deputy Chief Burbridge submitted a letter from Chief Beazley which outlined HRP concerns. In closing, he stated that the HRP would continue moving forward and working with the RCMP.

Superintendent Beaton suggested that both police services and the Board assess if anything could have been done differently.

This issue will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Commissioner Karsten advised, for the record, that he had respect for everyone who had participated in the Study and noted that the Board should be commended for not releasing one item of information from their In Camera meetings.

8.3 Board Membership Terms - Commissioner Karsten

This item was deferred to the April 2010 meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for March 29, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

March 9, 2009

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Commissioner Beverley Peters
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Acting Superintendent
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - NONE

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 7.1 Information Item - Halifax Student Alliance - Late Night Transit Pilot
- 7.2 Photo Safety Program for Nova Scotia - Chief Beazley
- 7.3 Presentation on Crime HRM - Chief
- 7.4 Ratification of In Camera Item

Deletions:

- 5.2 Canadian Association of Police Board 2008 - Commissioner Peters

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Police Business Plan

- C A draft copy of the Partners in Policing Business Plan was before the Commission.

Chief Beazley advised that, due to recent crime issues, he felt he had to move faster on the capital submission to upgrade the JSI wire tapping system. He stated that this item could be withdrawn from the process as he had secured funding and it would be brought to the In Camera session of Council the following day. The Chief also advised that, due to the tough economic times, he would be withdrawing the request for additional video cameras at a cost of \$100,000. He stated that he would use some of the technical money allotted in his chief's budget envelope to purchase a few extra cameras instead. He indicated that he would be moving forward with the submission for the upgrade on the 911 centre. In closing, Chief Beazley presented a recommended police budget of \$72,850,000, gross and \$64,290,000 net; which would mean a 4.2 percent increase in the gross budget and a 1.5 percent decrease in the net budget.

MOVED BY Commissioner Perrin, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the gross Halifax Regional Police Budget of \$72,850,000, net \$64,290,000 as outlined in the Police Business Plan 2009/2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. REPORTS

6.1 RCMP Reports

C A copy of the March 2009 RCMP reports were before the Commission.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that, respecting the Off Duty Sick section, Sergeant Latimer was actually back on restricted duties. He stated that the rest remained the same.

As there were no questions, the Board accepted the RCMP Reports as information.

6.2 HRP Reports

C A copy of the HRP reports for March 2009 were before the Commission.

As there were no questions, the Board accepted the HRP Reports as information.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Information Item - Halifax Student Alliance - Late Night Transit Pilot

The Board took the information under advisement as it was the Safety Officer's intent to meet with Metro Transit and the Student Alliance regarding this matter. Chief Beazley advised that they would be returning to the Board for advice before further action was taken.

7.2 Photo Safety Program for Nova Scotia - Chief Beazley

C Correspondence from Deputy Minister David Darrow dated February 25, 2009, was submitted.

Chief Beazley advised that Deputy Minister David Darrow had invited the Halifax Regional Police as well as the Cape Breton Regional Police to take part in a pilot project for the development and implementation of a photo safety program for Nova Scotia. He requested the Board's support to participate in the program; noting that he would continue to bring updates forward.

Superintendent Beaton advised that he would follow up with the province to ask if they were planning to participate in the program and create an anti speeding campaign.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Board of Police Commissioners endorse the Halifax Regional Police's participation in the Photo Safety Program for Nova Scotia. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.3 Presentation on Crime HRM - Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley advised that HRM had placed number seven on a Macleans magazine list of crime statistics in Canada. He noted that the reason for the placing was due to the fact that Macleans had counted the HRP and RCMP crime statistics separately. He stated that the HRP and RCMP needed to follow up on how they reported their crime statistics. As a briefing for the Board, he provided a presentation on Crime in HRM. The following highlights were noted:

- C HRM has a crime reduction strategy which is called the Community Response Model;
- C In 2005, when crime in HRM peaked, the HRP and RCMP started to do things differently by becoming very focused and strategic regarding where resources were put;
- C Sector policing and the Community Response Office Program was introduced;
- C A very small group of people create the majority of crime. There are monthly meetings to identify the worst offenders and to look at what court orders they were currently under to ensure that they were not in violation;
- C Hot spot policing was in place. The areas were determined by crime analysis and high profile officers work in plain clothes or uniform depending on the situation;
- C When beat patrols were reinstated in the downtown bar area robberies declined by 60%;
- C Uniacke Square was a great example of how well the Community Offices worked in opening up communications and creating relationships between the police and the community;
- C Violent crime, property crime and crime in general have been trending downward fairly significantly since 2005;
- C While violent crime is going down; youth violent crime continues to increase;
- C Citizen satisfaction with the HRP is in the 80% range. Another survey will be taken in May of 2009;
- C There were problems occurring all across Canada with violent crime in areas where bars were mixed with public housing;
- C A holistic approach to crime is required;
- C The Chief and CAO were in the process of starting the safer and stronger communities initiative with the province;

- C All of the community offices that were opened this year were paid for by the Department of Community Services with the HRP only paying for the phone lines;
- C There must be a restorative approach to communities;
- C Park maintenance and CPTED audits were important in reducing crime.

From the RCMP's perspective, Superintendent Beaton advised that many of the items that Chief Beazley had described were programs that the RCMP also had in place. He stated that they were also targeting chronic offenders in addition to starting programs such as Operation Breach and a literacy partnership program with Wal-mart. He stated that the RCMP had committed to working with Superintendent Spicer, the new Public Safety Officer, and that they would also be looking into the recommendations from the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence.

In closing, Chief Beazley advised that the HRP and RCMP would be looking at reporting as a single agency in order to avoid further incidents such as the 7th place ranking in Macleans magazine.

A discussion ensued with Chief Beazley responding to questions.

Several Commissioners applauded the HRP and RCMP's efforts regarding youth crime, however, they advised that earlier prevention and enforcement needed to be done with young teens and youth under 12. Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton agreed; noting that more also needed to be done for youth over 18 as programs were no longer available or difficult to coordinate once they reached this age.

Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton indicated that there were several programs in place as an effort to address the youth crime issue. They advised of the Youth Advocacy Program, the Integrated Drug Program and the potential to open a youth mental health court in the future. They also noted that recreation would be a big partner in all programs.

7.4 Ratification of In Camera Item

This item was dealt with at an earlier In Camera session and was now before the Board for ratification:

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the Board of Police Commissioners support the organizational changes in the Halifax Regional Police Organizational Chart to allow for succession planning. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2009.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following item was added as information:

1. APB - Volume 13 Issue 2

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES May 10, 2004

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Harry McInroy
Commissioner Jerry Blumenthal

**ABSENT WITH
REGRETS:** Commissioner Jim Smith

STAFF: Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Deputy Chief McNeil, HRP
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 6.1 Reintroduction of Status Sheet
- 6.2 Schedule of Reports to Board
- 6.3 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference in Vancouver

Information Item 2 was moved up to be dealt with on the regular agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the minutes of the April 19, 2004 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, with amendments, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Fee Structure - Volunteer Records Checks

- An Information Report dated April 28, 2004 prepared for Frank A. Beazley, Chief of Police was before the Board for consideration.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the possibility of not charging volunteers for record checks. Members comments included the following suggestions for options to the present process:

- volunteer organizations that can demonstrate that paying a fee would be a hardship be exempted from paying such fee
- senior volunteers not be charged for a record check
- institute an increased fee for employee checks to offset the cost of volunteer checks
- approach be made to the Department of Justice that since HRP and RCMP do employee checks, the Department of Justice assume responsibility for volunteer checks

Deputy Chief Burbridge noted that exemptions based on age might be considered

discriminatory. Additionally, a significant number of the record checks undertaken are for students who are equally deserving based on economics. Finally, the cost of providing record checks to volunteers is in the order of \$20,000 and represents a significant expenditure.

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Blumenthal that the existing policy relative to Criminal Record Checks remain in place. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Correspondence to Department of Justice - Training re Handling of Domestic Violence

- Correspondence dated May 3, 2004 from Deputy Chief Burbridge to the Department of Justice was distributed to members of the Board.

Deputy Chief Burbridge noted that the intent of this letter is to clarify if, in fact, the training on handling of Domestic Violence calls is mandatory.

Deputy Chief Burbridge went on to advise that a contact will be made with the Department of Justice and/or the Department of Health relative to Officers being required to wait for as much as 5.5 hours at the hospital when escorting persons having a mental illness or those having attempted suicide. Local hospitals do not have the necessary security personnel or hold rooms available on a timely basis.

Deputy Chief Burbridge referred to Information Item #3 pointing out that Chief Frank Beazley has been awarded the Officer of the Order of Merit and was attending the investiture ceremony today.

MOVED by Commissioner McInroy, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that a letter be forwarded by the Chair on behalf of the Board acknowledging, with pride, Chief Beazley's receiving the Officer of the Order of Merit award. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Reintroduction of Status Sheet

Commissioner Johnson referred to the status sheet used previously by the Board and requested that it be re-instated.

Sherryll Murphy, Legislative Assistant will review the status sheet and minutes, and provide an updated status sheet for the next meeting. Status sheet items are to be listed on the agenda.

6.2 Schedule of Reports to Board

Commissioner Johnson referred to the Schedule of Report to be brought to the Board which was previously circulated and requested this schedule be re-circulated.

6.3 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference in Vancouver

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that monies for one member of the Board to attend the Conference had been budgeted. Once a decision has been made as to who would be attending, the Department can assist with the arrangements in that regard.

Following a brief discussion, it was **MOVED by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner McInroy that the Chair or his designate attend conference.**

The Chair indicated that he would check his schedule and determine his availability.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners will be held on June 14, 2004.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Sherryll Murphy
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

May 10, 2010

- PRESENT:** Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
- REGRETS:** Commissioner James Perrin
- STAFF:** Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - April 19, 2010

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the minutes of April 19, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 7.2 Additional HRP Reports
- 8.1 HRM Police Budget

Deletion:

- 4.1 Policing Resources Study Recommendations Which Do Not Require Either Council or Ministerial Approval

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- 4.1 Policing Resources Study Recommendations Which Do Not Require Either Council or Ministerial Approval

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that item 4.1 be deferred to the next Board of Police Commissioners meeting scheduled for June 14, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 Correspondence - None
- 6.2 Petitions - None
- 6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

- The April 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the first set of statistics for the year had been included. He advised that property crimes were up by 26% overall; noting that breaking and entering was continuing to cause problems.

The RCMP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.2 HRP Reports

- The April 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley stated that crime was trending slightly down, however, theft was still driving the statistics. He indicated that crime was down by approximately 6% in Dartmouth, by 9% in the West Division and by 2% in the Central Division. Chief Beazley advised that HRP was experiencing the same property crime issues as the RCMP.

The HRP reports were tabled as submitted.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

- The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 5 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer stated that the information contained in the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was as submitted. In response to Commissioner Karsten's concerns raised at the April 19, 2010 meeting regarding Neighbourhood Watch signs, Superintendent Spicer advised that he was working with Transportation and Public Works staff who kept a list of all such signs. He indicated that he would have staff follow up with all Districts regarding this matter.

7.4 HRP Town Hall Meetings - Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley advised that staff were beginning preparations for HRP Town Hall meetings to be held in the fall of 2010; noting that there would be some changes in how the meetings are conducted. He stated that the Board of Police Commissioners was required to be involved, as outlined in the Police Act, and requested the Board's consideration. In closing, Chief Beazley stated that it would not be possible to hold meetings in every District; noting that each policing Division would have approximately three meetings.

This item will be added to the June 14, 2010 agenda.

Regarding the ongoing issue relating to the Commissioners' terms of office, Chief Beazley advised that he had been told by a provincial representative that this matter was still being reviewed.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 HRM Police Budget

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, indicated that HRM was dealing with a \$30,000,000 budget gap; noting that staff was working hard to come up with \$13,000,000 in budget cuts and to deal with a 2% provincial GST increase. He stated that staff have been able to make approximately \$2,200,000 in reductions thus far and were further recommending a \$110,622 cut to the Police Budget to help impact on these across the board cuts.

Chief Beazley indicated that HRP required \$190,000 to provide sufficient policing for the four days of special events booked in HRM this upcoming summer.

Mr. English advised that funding for such events was provided by the Special Events Reserve and this issue would be looked at once the budget was tabled.

Chief Beazley advised that, from a policing perspective, he could not confirm that he would be able to make budget this year. He stated that the region was looking to pull back money from vacancies, however, this scenario results in spending more on overtime costs.

Mr. English advised that the vacancy approach was not a budget cut as it involved taking money from a Business Unit to put towards the deficit when a position becomes vacant until the time it is filled. He stated that staff had achieved the mandate which Council had asked them to achieve and they were committed to returning to Council in September with more cuts.

Commissioner McCluskey advised that she would not agree to cutting the police budget.

Mr. English advised that staff did have alternate budget proposals for Council.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of Police Commissioners recommends that the 2010/11 Police Budget move forward as approved at the March 29, 2010 meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. English noted that these across the board cuts would only impact the HRP as HRM only had the ability to make FTE adjustments to the HRP.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

May 11, 2009

PRESENT:

Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF:

Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT BADGE - Commissioner Beverley Peters

The Chair and Superintendent Beaton presented Ms. Peters with her retirement badge.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER - Commissioner Earl Gosse

Mr. Earl Gosse was sworn in by Ms. Roxanne MacLaurin, Senior Solicitor, as a new member of the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - March 9 & April 6, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of March 9 & April 6, 2009, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 7.2 HRP Reports - Additional Training Report
- 8.1 Auburn Drive School - Commissioner McCluskey
- 8.2 Mayor's Task Force on Violence - Superintendent Don Spicer

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Correspondence

6.1.1 Stepping Stone Re: Boundary Restrictions

- C A letter dated March 18, 2009 from Ms. Rene Ross, Executive Director, Stepping Stone, was before the Board.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that Chief Beazley and Mayor Kelly had drafted a letter to Stepping Stone directing them to the Honourable Robert Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, as the issue was a federal matter. Deputy Chief Burbridge stated that without the conditions Ms. Ross referred to her in letter police would not be able to manage neighbourhood problems.

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the letter from Ms. Rene Ross, Executive Director, Stepping Stone, dated March 18, 2009, be received and filed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1.2 Dartmouth Sportsplex Re: Letter of Appreciation

- C A letter dated April 15, 2009 from Mr. Brad Smith, Chair of the Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association, was before the Board.

Correspondence from the Dartmouth Sportsplex was received as information.

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Halifax District RCMP Annual Performance Plan - Inspector Joanne Crampton

- C A Power Point presentation was submitted.

Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP, provided the presentation on the Halifax District RCMP Annual Performance Plan (APP). Highlights were as follows:

- C The APP was for special projects or areas identified in the community over and above day to day RCMP business;
- C Community consultation was one of the largest parts of the APP;
- C Last year there was one large APP for all of HRM which has been broken down into communities this year;
- C The North Central area refers to Middle Musquodoboit;
- C There will be satellite communication via streaming video between the three core sites;
- C Traffic enforcement also included intelligence gathering via check stops and being more visible in the community rather than just giving tickets.

A discussion ensued with Inspector Crampton responding to questions. She indicated that APP updates were done quarterly on a fiscal year basis, therefore, the Board would be receiving their next update in September 2009.

Commissioner Gosse asked if the APP had other performance measures in addition to statistics. Inspector Crampton advised that there was a set of measurable targets for each objective which she could produce for the Board and would include in future updates.

The Chair thanked Inspector Crampton for her presentation.

Superintendent Beaton advised that the RCMP was looking to the Board for sanction and sign off on the APP and the Board agreed.

6.3.2 Mental Health Protocol - Superintendent Bill Moore

Superintendent Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police, provided the presentation on Mental Health Protocol. Highlights were as follows:

- C The mental health mobile crisis team and 24 hour phone line was available to all residents of HRM;
- C Staff were receiving approximately 600 referrals a month with the vast majority being done by phone;
- C There were two teams made up of a police officer and a medical mental health specialist available to be called in for assistance and to conduct proactive checks;
- C The team would have access to mental health history and could visit a resident prior to criminal issues arising;
- C There was currently 40 hours of in depth mental health training available for patrol officers;
- C HRP was trying for a basic competency for mental illness using an online training program called Canadian Police Knowledge Network (CPKN);
- C The training was \$50.00 plus tax for the two hour online course, however, it was offered for free as a new release;
- C HRP currently had approximately 900 people trained;
- C It could be arranged for Board members to take the CPKN training;
- C Capital District Health had requested money on the medical side to fund a position to go to health districts across Nova Scotia to help each area set up their mental health models;
- C Mental Health Court would likely be commencing in the fall;
- C There will now be a mental health component to use of force training.

A discussion ensued with Superintendent Moore responding to questions. He advised that autism was considered part of the mental health group and that HRP had a good

relationship with the Nova Scotia Autism Society. Superintendent Moore also advised that autism was included in the CPKN online training program.

Regarding mental health assessment in schools; it was noted that each school had their own psychologist and the police was generally only contacted when violence was feared. HRP would certainly invite more integration.

The Chair thanked Superintendent Moore for his presentation.

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C Copies of the April 2009 RCMP reports were before the Commission.

Superintendent Beaton noted that Inspector Crampton had made reference in her presentation to crime stats levelling off, however, he advised that it was too early to say if this was a trend.

7.2 HRP Reports

C Copies of the April 2009 HRP reports were before the Commission.

Deputy Chief Burbridge noted that HRP numbers were continuing to trend down as well.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Auburn Drive School - Commissioner McCluskey

Commissioner McCluskey advised that she had heard another incident would be taking place on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Auburn Drive School.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that he would follow up and indicated that there was a task force working on the situation.

8.2 Mayor's Task Force on Violence

C The Public Safety Officer Journal for April 2009 was submitted.

Superintendent Don Spicer provided an update on the Mayor's Task Force. Highlights were as follows:

- C A report regarding taxi and limousine issues including safe pick up sites for taxi stands would be going to the Board and then Regional Council;
- C Staff was looking to revamp the HRM Diversity Team;
- C Staff was looking for a better coordinated volunteer service for HRM;
- C Mr. Mike Labrecque, Director of Transportation and Public Works, was meeting with representatives from Dalhousie and St. Mary's Universities and would be writing a report regarding late night transit service;
- C Staff were looking at student walking corridors through Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

A discussion ensued with Superintendent Spicer responding to questions. He advised that he had met with the Director of Crime Prevention for the Province and indicated that Safer, Stronger Communities would be the focal point for their levels of government.

The Chair thanked Superintendent Spicer for his update.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. APB - Volume 13 Issue 4
2. Directory of Canadian Police Boards/Commissions - April 2009

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

MAY 12, 2003

PRESENT: Comm. North, Chair
Comm. Blumenthal
Comm. McInroy
Comm. Monard
Comm. Perrin
Comm. Johnson
Comm. Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Police Chief Beazley, HRP
A/Deputy Chief McNeil
Supt. Cliff Falkenham
Sgt. Bill Moore
Cst. Mike Balcom, President, MAP
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Director, Governance and Strategic Initiatives
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP
Staff Sgt. Peter McTiernan, NCO Operations, Tantallon
Corp. Tom Jones
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Legislative Assistant

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0.1 SWEARING IN

Comm. Jim Smith was sworn in by Karen Brown.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**Deletion:**

Item 5.2 - Update on Halifax Detachment Resource Review - Presentation moved In Camera, as it related to public security.

Added Items:

- 4.1 Interview request re partnerships - Cst. Cecchetto
- 4.2 Detective Designation
- 8.2 HRP 1st Quarter Statistics

Information Items:

- C Canadian Police Association - National Drug Strategy
- C UNSM Response to Draft Police Act

Agenda, adopted as amended, on motion of Comm. McInroy and Comm. Blumenthal.

Later in the meeting, the following additional items were added.

- 6.2 Introduction of Corporal Tom Jones (Inspector Fraser)
- 3.2 Training Session for Commissioners re Police Study (Comm. Johnson)
- 3.3 CAPB Conference (Comm. Johnson)
- 3.4 Status Sheet (Comm. Johnson)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Comm. McInroy and seconded by Comm. Perrin that the minutes of the April 14, 2003 meeting be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/STATUS SHEET (HRP)**3.1 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE OF FORMER POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

No further action required.

3.2 **TRAINING SESSION FOR COMMISSIONERS**

Comm. Johnson, referring to last month's minutes, questioned if a date or dates have been selected for training sessions for the members re the Police Study, etc. Sgt. Moore assured the Board that the groundwork is in place and he anticipated the meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. In the interim, Sgt. Moore will try to obtain an updated version of the binder provided by Police and Public Safety Services.

3.3 **CAPB CONFERENCE**

Comm. Johnson expressed concern that he has seen no further information regarding the upcoming conference since January. The Chair advised that there had been a meeting with the Executive Director, Wendy Feduc a couple of months ago. Comm. Monard referred to the work of HRM's Event Coordinator, Mike Gillette in making arrangements. It is anticipated that an information package on the 14th Annual Meeting and Conference will be mailed out in a week or two.

Acting Deputy Chief McNeil referred to the three responsibilities the Board agreed to take on, i.e. a financial commitment, arrangements associated with a golf tournament and an event to be held at Pier 21.

3.4 **STATUS SHEET**

Comm. Johnson noted that some of the items on the status sheet are quite old. The Chief will provide an update at the next meeting.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **INTERVIEW REQUEST RE PARTNERSHIPS - CST. CECCHETTO**

A questionnaire was circulated which will be the basis used by Cst. Cecchetto in seeking input from the Board regarding partnerships. The members did not want to meet with Cst. Cecchetto prior to or after a regular monthly meeting. They would prefer a separate meeting date. Cst. Cecchetto will be asked to contact the four Commissioners, who are not Councillors, to set up a meeting date(s).

4.2 **DETECTIVE DESIGNATION INFORMATION REPORT**

An Information Report, circulated at the meeting, was reviewed by A/C Beazley. It essentially dealt with the designation of all HRP police officers assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division as "Detective" effective May 12, 2003. Badges have been passed

out.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

5.1 **ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNIT - PRESENTATION**

Inspector Fraser introduced Cst. Brian Veinot, Cole Harbour Detachment, who gave a presentation on the Halifax Detachment ATV Enforcement Initiative. Copies of the presentation were circulated at the meeting. During the presentation, the need to educate the public was emphasized. Reference was made to the desire to control the activity, not end it. The presentation concluded with reference to the fact that there are enough resources to achieve the goals of the project.

After the presentation, Inspector Fraser introduced Staff Sgt. Peter McTiernan, NCO Operations, Tantallon, an area which received the most off road related complaints in Halifax Detachment.

A question and answer session followed. Comm. Monard questioned whether most of the violations are related to youth. It was noted that while individuals can't obtain a Drivers License until they are sixteen (16), they can drive Off Road Vehicles unsupervised at fourteen (14). It was felt that the Off Road Vehicle Act needs to be revisited. Work is being done in schools to help educate youth and the help of the media in this area was highlighted. When discussing partnerships, Comm. Monard felt this is one area which should be kept in mind.

5.2 **UPDATE ON HALIFAX DETACHMENT RESOURCE REVIEW - PRESENTATION**

Referred to the In Camera Session under Public Security category (see item 1.)

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

6.1 **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

An information item entitled "Police Week 2003 - Partners in Policing the HRM" related to a joint display of the RCMP and HRP at the Multi-Purpose Room, Halifax Forum, May 13 & 14 was circulated at the meeting. The Police Week theme this year is "Working together for the Future of HRM". A/C Beazley invited the Board members to attend.

In response to a query from Comm. Smith regarding the location of next years Police Week activities, it was noted they would likely be held in Dartmouth.

6.2 **INTRODUCTION**

Inspector Fraser introduced Corporal Tom Jones, who is working full time with Halifax Detachment's criminal operations. Corporal Jones is also involved with a High Potential Development Program. Inspector Fraser will be bringing various members of the Halifax Detachment to upcoming meetings to familiarize members with the Board's operation.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

See Item 1.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **RCMP - 1ST QUARTER STATISTICS - HALIFAX DETACHMENT**

Circulated in the agenda package were the above noted statistics. Inspector Fraser, in his review of the statistics, noted how the RCMP and HRP are both following a similar format.

8.2 **HRP - 1ST QUARTER STATISTICS**

Copies of the HRP statistics were circulated at the meeting and reviewed by A/Chief Beazley. He noted that no trend is apparent in the statistics but this could reflect the short time frame, three months.

Comm. Johnson felt it would be useful to be provided with statistics over the longer term, in perhaps the form of a graph. He felt this would give a better feeling of what the impact was on resource requirements. He wondered if the Board and policing services felt this information would be of value.

He was advised by A/Chief Beazley that the information was available through Statistics Canada and something could be put together.

Referring to a conference she attended on the weekend, Comm. Monard noted there had been a reference to a reduction in youth crime. She wondered if statistics pertaining to youth crime, in particular, can be obtained. A/C Beazley indicated these can be obtained. A/C Beazley confirmed that there has been a significant drop in crime over several years, but the fear of crime seems to have increased. It may be that the profile of certain crimes has been raised in the media. A/Deputy Chief McNeil used the subject of bullying, as an example.

9. **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

Monday, June 9, 2003, at 12:30 p.m. Halifax Hall.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Comm. Monard and Comm. Blumenthal that the regular session be adjourned to meet in Camera. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Following the in camera session, it was **MOVED BY Comm. Blumenthal and seconded by Comm. Monard to ratify an in camera motion related to the RCMP Halifax Detachment Resource Review Summary to be forwarded to HRM Police Study Steering Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Lynne Le Boutillier
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 12, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner Jim Perrin
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Russell Walker

REGRETS: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

Observers: Beverley Peters (newly appointed Police Commissioner)
Doug MacDonald (newly appointed Police Commissioner)

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley
Superintendent Gordon Barnett
Deputy Chief McNeil
Inspector Brad Sullivan, RCMP
Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Officer in Charge
of Patrol Personnel
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER -

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Roane, Chair, introduced Ms. Beverley Peters and Mr. Doug MacDonald who were recently appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners. Their tenure will begin June 1, 2008. They will be sworn in at the next meeting, June 9, 2008.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Verona Singer, Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association presented Cst. Ian Burke the John Dunlop Memorial Award from the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association for his work with youth as a Community Response Officer in North End Halifax. Cst. Burke is heavily involved with the public housing areas in the community he serves, specifically the Mulgrave Park Tenants' Association and Bayers Westwood Family Resource Centre. Cst. Burke has taken these partnerships to the next level by stepping up to work with youth in the community.

Chief Frank Beazley presented Mr. Chris Anstey, Ms. Sarah Poulin and Mr. Don Pritchard, security guards at Scotia Square, with Certificates of Merit for putting themselves in harm's way to pursue and subsequently help police apprehend an armed suspect from a bank robbery at the mall on February 1, 2008.

Chief Frank Beazley presented Cst. Karen Foster Chief's Commendation for performing the Heimlich Manoeuvre on a fellow employee who was choking on a piece of an apple last summer.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 14, 2008

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the minutes of March 7, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

ADDITIONS:

12.1 Community Police Office (Eastern Passage)

12.2 Budget Process (Commissioner Walker)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act - Mr. Fred Sanford

Mr. Fred Sanford submitted a power point presentation on the above-mentioned topic. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Sanford addressed any concerns and questions that the Board and/or staff may have had. He also distributed a brochure, *Take Action - It's Your Neighbourhood. You Can Help Fight Crime.*

At this time, Chief Beazley acknowledged the great work that Mr. Sanford and his unit have been doing with public safety.

7.2 Halifax District RCMP - Annual Performance Plan 2008/2009 - Inspector Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Officer in Charge of Patrol Personnel

Superintendent Barnett gave a quick overview of the new process for the RCMP. This process outlines the strategic priorities and goals of the RCMP, how they will be tracked and reported back to the Board. Superintendent Barnett will send the report for distribution in advance of the next meeting. He is asking that the report be signed off at the next meeting or further directions be given at that time.

Inspector Beaton presented a power point presentation on the Halifax District RCMP - Annual Performance Plan 2008/2009. Superintendent Barnett and Inspector Beaton answered any concerns or questions that the Board had at that time.

8. REPORTS

8.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE REPORT/ 8.2 RCMP REPORT

Superintendent Barnett gave an overview of both jurisdictions with Chief Beazley giving the stats of the individual districts of HRP's jurisdiction and Superintendent Barnett giving the stats for the RCMP's jurisdiction. Both were good news stories.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Email from Shawn Hayward RE; Pepper Spray

Chief Beazley will form a response and bring it back to the next meeting of the Board.

10. POLICE RESOURCING UPDATE

Commissioner Roane gave a brief overview of the details for the Police Resourcing Retreat.

11. BUSINESS PLANS/BUDGET

11.1 HRP Budget - Chief Beazley - Update

Due to time restraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

11.2 RCMP - Chief Barnett - Update

Due to time restraints this item was deferred to the next meeting. Both Chief Beazley and Superintendent Barnett noted that their respective budgets would meet the goals and priorities for this year and thanked the Board for their support.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Community Police Office (Eastern Passage)

Commissioner Walker explained that Community Police Office in Eastern Passage is in danger of closing. Superintendent Barnett said he would check into it. Commissioner Snow advised that she would call Councillor Barkhouse and explain to her where funds could be found to support the Office.

Chief Beazley advised that no monies are provided in the Budget for these endeavours. He also suggested that sometimes these offices are set up and really are not needed. At this time the Board asked Chief Beazley and Superintendent Barnett to complete a report on the different Community Police Offices in HRM, and advise which are needed and which are in danger of closing. It was suggested that perhaps these should become a separate item in the Police Budget for upcoming years.

12.2 Budget Process (Commissioner Walker)

Due to time restraints this was deferred to the next meeting.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2008.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 2:15 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 14, 2007

PRESENT: Ms. Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner William White
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Krista Snow

REGRETS: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Mr. Kenneth Hill was sworn in as a member of the Board.

PRESENTATION

Chief Beazley and Supt. Barnett, on behalf of the Board, made a presentation to Ms. Ernestine Gouthro in recognition of her service to the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 12, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner White, that the minutes of February 12, 2007, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 5.1 Halifax Regional Police - Enhanced Community Response Model
- 5.2 Commissioner Walker - Budget Process
- 5.3 Commissioner Walker - Parking Enforcement

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the Order of Business, as amended, was approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chief Beazley - Ongoing Update on Ministers Task Force on Safe Streets and Communities

Chief Beazley advised the report will be released to the Minister of Justice on May 23rd, noting there are a number of recommendations, from a Provincial perspective, will lead the way to creating a new crime prevention strategy. He advised input was received from over seven hundred people province wide as well as one hundred and twenty written submissions.

4.2 COMMISSIONER ROANE

4.2.1 Police Resource Consultant Proposal

Commissioner Roane advised the RFP has been completed and provided to procurement. She advised it will be advertised with the deadline for submissions and response by June 15th. The contract will be awarded in June and the study should be complete by the end of November.

4.2.2 Orientation - Board Members

Ms. Tracy Hannah, Department of Justice, advised the first session will be held on Saturday, June 16th at the Fairbanks Centre in Dartmouth.

4.3 Public Space Video Surveillance

- A copy of the report, dated April 15, 2007, was before the Board.

Supt. Moore provided an update to the Board on the initiative.

Commissioner Walker stated he would like to see 24/7 monitoring for a couple of months rather than spot monitoring so that if something happened it would be caught immediately.

In response to Commissioner Snow with regards to expectation from a monitoring perspective, Supt. Moore advised there is no one currently available to do the monitoring. He stated there is currently coverage on Argyle Street, in the area of Pizza Corner, Spring Garden Road and at the Willow Tree. He noted this camera could be deployed downtown to look at the Barrington Street area. He advised with Tall Ships and the Buskers expected there is potential to purchase more cameras and place them on the waterfront.

In response to Commissioner Perrin, Supt. Moore advised it is live digital video which would have the capability to freeze a shot and print it off as an image.

MOVED by Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner White, that the Board approve, in principle, that:

- 1. A staff person be hired, capable of spending time on the technology.**
- 2. Fully deploy a workable, monitored solutions for the downtown area and one or two other areas within HRM on a three to six month basis as a continuance of the trial. It is proposed eight to ten camera deployment in the downtown with constant recording and selective live monitoring based on the area and**

issues utilizing the best transmission medium available.

3. Continue to research and investigate options of HRM wide approach and privatization.
4. Review the operation at six months and make further determination to continue to move in another direction.
5. Create and follow a Public Space Operation Policy for the pilot.
6. Erect signs and notify the public of the use of cameras.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4 HRM Policing Services - 2007 1st Quarter Statistics

- A copy of the statistics was before the Board.

Chief Beazley and Supt. Barnett presented the report to the Board.

Following questions of clarification, the report was received with no further action necessary.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Halifax Regional Police - Enhanced Community Response Model

Supt. Mike Burns outlined the model and Chief Beazley advised it will be rolled out through a series of meetings with senior NCO's then Sergeants and Constables.

In response to Commissioner Snow, Mr. Burns advised there are elements of the plan that applies to all HRM.

Commissioner Walker noted that once Bedford West and South are developed it will add an additional sixty thousand people. Chief Beazley advised this is part of ongoing discussions.

5.2 Commissioner Walker - Budget Process

Chief Beazley advised that as a result of the budget, a computer forensic technician will be hired in October. Money was approved to upgrade the Voice Box and GPS transmitter technology. The digital recording and storage will be examined in conjunction with HRM staff. Money was approved to work with the RCMP in relation to their communications piece. They

are in discussion regarding the deployment of three commissionaire positions resulting in increased park patrols. An Administrative Support person was approved for the Supt. of Operations. Twenty four thousand was approved to continue the video surveillance project and thirty two thousand for the five Lidar radar sets.

Commissioner Walker suggested the Board be made aware of the envelope sooner for the 2008/09 budget.

Chief Beazley noted that for the 2008/09 budget, the Chair would present the budget to Council.

5.3 Commissioner Walker - Parking Enforcement

Commissioner Walker noted the Commissionaires are not recognizing parking passes on Councillors vehicles. Chief Beazley advised he would address the matter.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned into the In Camera session at 2:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

May 16, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Steve Streach

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters, Gottingen Street.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Mr. Martin Ward, Solicitor, swore in Commissioner Steve Streach as a new member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

3. PRESENTATION OF RETIRED MEMBER BADGES - HRP & RCMP

Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton presented Commissioners Hill and MacDonald with their Board of Police Commissioners retirement badges.

The Chair thanked the retired members for their contribution to the Board.

Retired Commissioners Hill and MacDonald thanked the HRP and RCMP for their hard work as well as the remaining Commissioners and staff.

8.3.1 John Dunlop Memorial Award

Mr. Fred Hunsberger, Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association, presented the John Dunlop Memorial Award to Constable Holly Thomas for her outstanding contribution to criminal and community justice in the youth related area.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11, 2011

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the minutes of April 11, 2011 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

6.1 Review of 2011 Board Objectives

The Halifax Board of Police Commissioners – Objectives for 2011 document was before the Board.

The Board reviewed the updated 2011 Board Objectives document.

Objective 1: Prepare a positive bid to host the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference

The Chair indicated that this item was still in motion and the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) was aware of HRM's interest to host the conference. He suggested the Commissioner attending the upcoming conference in Regina, Saskatchewan could observe how the conference was run and be involved with the coordination if HRM was to host the conference in 2014.

Commissioners Ruth and Uteck expressed interest in attending this upcoming conference.

It was requested that the titled be changed from 2013 to 2014.

Objective 2: Liaise with the Provincial Department of Justice and Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) as applicable to ensure that HRM's interests are protected regarding Bill No. 72 – Police Act – Creation of the Serious Incident Response Team

Chief Beazley provided an update that the Director of the Serious Incident Response Team should be selected in June and there would then be discussions around hiring two new team members from the HRP and RCMP; noting that both agencies would be paying for these positions at their own expense.

Superintendent Beaton stated that it was still unknown if the RCMP member would be taken from the HRM detachment.

Objective 3: Ensure Suitable Representation at Conferences

The Chair advised that, in addition to the CAPB Conference in Regina, the provincial conference would be held in Bridgewater from September 15 to 17, 2011 and he encouraged all members to attend.

Chief Beazley indicated that, in the past, HRP has funded two Commissioners to attend such conferences from the police budget and if there were more interested, the RCMP may be able to help. He asked the Commissioners to contact his office if they would like to attend this conference.

Commissioners Moreash and Read expressed interest in attending this conference.

Objective 4: Have new Board members attend Board training

The Chair advised that he still did not know when training would take place and would contact the members when this information becomes available.

It was noted that the presentation, under agenda item 8.3.2, was also part of the new Commissioner's training.

Objective 5: Smooth out board transition to new members

The Chair indicated this was something members would be mindful of for the next membership turnover.

Objective 6: Review the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence

The Chair advised that this objective would be maintained as well.

It was requested that the establishment of a municipal court be added as Objective 7.

Chief Beazley advised that Superintendent Brenda Zima as well as HRM Legal and Finance staff would be working on the municipal court committee. He asked if the Board wished to appoint a Commissioner.

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners appoint Commissioner Kelly to the municipal court committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that Inspector Jeff Dalah was the RCMP representative on the committee.

Chief Beazley advised that the Department of Justice did not wish to participate on the committee but would read the final report.

6.2 Update re: Police 2011/2012 Budget Outcome

The Chair advised that the 2011/2012 Police Budget was presented to Council and was approved as submitted. He indicated that some Councillors did wonder how much the Board scrutinizes the budget; however, he was happy with the Board's approach of looking at cost items.

Commissioner Uteck stated that the Board should have broken the HRP budget down further and that she had an easier time understanding the RCMP budget. She indicated that this was a learning experience for her and she may be off base; however, there was not a lot of detail provided to question.

The Chair stated that the Board had the right to look at the budget further.

The Board requested an electronic copy of the budget.

Commissioner Ruth indicated that she would like to have more discussion and details on what was being done over the course of the year to get the budget under control.

Chief Beazley indicated that, over the next few months, HRP staff were planning on bringing the Board presentations on the services HRP provides and then they could review the budget; noting that 90% of the budget was for salaries and benefits. He advised that he would be meeting with the CAO at the beginning of June and would brief the Board on the outcome of that meeting. Chief Beazley also stated that the Board was welcome to look at the budget line by line.

Superintendent Beaton advised that the RCMP would also be open to having their finance staff provide further budgetary information.

Chief Beazley also indicated that HRP had their own financial staff and a budget consultant from HRM looking at the budget on a regular basis; noting HRP was governed under HRM spending policies. He stated that HRP compiles budget projections on a monthly basis and he could copy the Board when these projections were submitted; noting that, as per the Police Act, the Board had every right to look at the budget.

Commissioner Kelly advised there was a provincial body that reviews RCMP contracts and the Board could also be provided with a detailed presentation from the RCMP.

Discussion ensued on what route to take to review the budgets.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners request quarterly budget reports from staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

8.1.1 Halifax Regional Police Association – Dave Moore, President

Correspondence dated January 31, 2011 from Mr. Dave Moore, President, Halifax Regional Police Association, was before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioner forward the correspondence dated January 31, 2011 to the Chief Administrative Officer for his review and consideration for the budgetary process.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

Councillor Uteck requested further information regarding interdepartmental transfers; noting this was a union issue and, as such, may be outside the scope of the CAO.

It was noted that both the HRP and HRM fund their own workman's compensation via a reserve budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 Petitions - None

8.3 Presentations

8.3.1 John Dunlop Memorial Award

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

**8.3.2 Board of Police Commissioners 'Roles and Responsibilities' –
Orientation for New Members**

An HRP presentation was submitted.

An RCMP presentation was submitted.

The HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual Sections 14 and 16 were submitted.

A copy of the HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual, Items 14 & 16, were submitted.

Chief Beazley and Superintendent Beaton each provided presentations on the HRP and RCMP for the benefit of new members.

Regarding the submitted HRP Standard Operational Policy and Procedure Manual, Items 14 & 16 document, Chief Beazley requested this item be added to the June 13, 2011 agenda for the Board to accept the extra duty policy. He indicated that this was added to the Policy via the previous Board to require that any HRP member doing off duty work report to him once a year in order to provide an update on their business.

9. REPORTS

9.1 RCMP Reports

The April 2011 RCMP Reports and 1st Quarter Stats were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton provided background information on the monthly RCMP reports for the benefit of new members.

Superintendent Beaton also provided an overview of the first quarter combined and independent statistics. Highlights were as follows:

- Persons related crime has increased by 7.1%; this is not a large increase
- Cases of attempted murder and shootings have caused the crimes against persons rate to inflate to 13 this quarter versus 7 during the first quarter of 2010
- There was almost a 14% reduction in property crime with 460 less incidents than during the first quarter of 2010
- There was a slight rise of 3% in 'Criminal Code Other'
- There was a total Criminal Code decrease of -5% which was positive

Regarding the victim services document, Superintendent Beaton stated that a new program had begun in April 2010 with a full time coordinators position; however, that member had been seconded and went back to their other duties so the unit was without a coordinator for a period. He indicated that one could see that gap reflected in the statistics; however, the position was now fully staffed once again.

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions.

9.2 HRP Reports

The April 2011 HRP Reports and 1st Quarter Stats were before the Board.

Chief Beazley provided an overview of the first quarter combined and independent statistics. Highlights were as follows:

- HRP crimes against persons were up by 66 this quarter at a 10% increase from the first quarter of 2010
- There was a 3.5% reduction in the Criminal Code
- Property crime decreased from the first quarter of 2010 as well

Chief Beazley reviewed the April 2011 HRP reports as well.

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions.

Commissioner Kelly asked if there was anything the Board could do to help the HRP and RCMP bring a sense of security back to the public as a result of the media attention as it relates to the ongoing issue of violent crime in HRM.

Chief Beazley advised that it was consistent in every study on violent crime that, in the majority of cases, those involved in such crimes are known each other. He stated that what has changed in HRM recently is that criminals were starting to use types of violence, such as guns, not used in the past for organized crime. Chief Beazley wanted to assure the public that none of the recent cases were random and that both the HRP and RCMP were conducting extensive investigations and every legal tactic they possibly could; noting they were also properly staffed. He advised that there was a

Crime Reduction Strategy in place that did not change every time there was a spike and that initiatives such as Project Breach for chronic offenders and a warrant program would help slow these crimes down and put more people in jail. Chief Beazley also stated that the Public Safety Strategy continues long term looking for the root causes of crime. In closing, he advised that they would ask if they needed anything and they would continue with their investigations.

Superintendent Beaton advised that they could probably solve 90% of cases if witnesses would speak; noting that witness protection funding does help this issue. He advised that RCMP were exploring many avenues to solve these crimes.

It was requested that an overview of the Graffiti Strategy be included on an upcoming agenda.

Commissioner Streach left the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

In closing, Chief Beazley advised that, since January 2011, the HRP and RCMP had taken 99 firearms off the street.

9.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 5 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the Public Safety Office was launching a pilot project for a crime prevention series, tentatively set to begin on June 8, 2011 for three Wednesdays in a row to highlight three crime prevention messages; personal and property safety, internet safety, and quality of life issues. He indicated that the series would be piloted in June to be available in all areas of HRM by the fall.

Superintendent Spicer also invited the Commissioners to attend a provincial Domestic Violence Action Plan presentation at 9:15 a.m. on June 13, 2011 at Police Headquarters.

In closing, Superintendent Spicer advised that he had emailed an electronic copy of the Public Safety Annual Report to the Board for their review for the next meeting. He stated that since they had all received it, it could be released to the public.

10. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 13, 2011

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

Information Item:

1. Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards Newsletter – April 2011

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 8, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioner Brad Johns, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner William White

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

At this time Chief Beazley presented Certificates of Merit to Mr. Greg Gillis, Mr. Lance Moore and Mr. Mike Frosst.

3. **MINUTES - March 20 & April 10, 2006**

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Gouthro, that the minutes of March 20 and April 10, 2006, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions

- 6.1 Commissioner White - Clarification of status of HRM board of police commissioners as a police advisory board for the Halifax detachment of the RCMP
- 6.2 Commissioner Mosher - Park Patrol

it was requested that item 5.1 be moved to the In Camera session.

MOVED by Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **REPORTS**

5.1 **Nova Scotia Provincial Policing Agreement Budget Overview**

This item was moved to the In Camera session under the approval of the Order of Business.

5.2 **Update Pan Handling By-law**

Chief Beazley advised Council had looked at putting together a safe streets act which would deal with all of these issues which was sent to the provincial Department of Justice. He advised he had had a meeting with Minister Scott wherein he had requested the Minister examine the Act. He noted that he had also had a meeting with Ingrid Brody and Alex Steeves and they have assured him that they are looking into the matter.

Ms. Tracy Hannah advised it was her understanding the Act was reviewed by Minister Baker and it was decided at that time not to proceed. She noted there is now a new Minister and suggested the Board write to Minister Scott requested he review the Act.

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the Board send a letter to Minister Scott requesting he review the Safe Streets Act. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Commissioner White - Clarification of status of HRM board of police commissioners as a police advisory board for the Halifax detachment of the RCMP

In response to Commissioner White as to whether or not this Board was also for the Halifax District Detachment, Supt. Barnett advised that until the Police Act was enacted the role of the Superintendent attending these meetings was largely by invitation as there was no legislative requirement for the RCMP to appear before the Board. He noted that as a result of the changes that occurred in policing in the last number of years with the integrated modelling it works better for him to attend and participate. He advised the new Act does create the requirement for a police advisory board and from the RCMP perspective there is no objection to this Board carrying out the duties of an advisory board.

6.2 Commissioner Mosher - Park Patrol

Chief Beazley requested discussion on this matter be moved to the In Camera session.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
May 9, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg North, Chair
Commissioner Trevor Johnson (regrets)
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Brad Johns (regrets)
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Vern Fraser, RCMP
Supt . Faulkner, HRP
Stephanie Parsons, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 11, 2005

MOVED by Commissioner James Perrin, seconded by Commissioner Gouthro, that the minutes of April 11, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 6.4 HRP - Year End Statistics
- 6.5 Oldtimers Hockey Challenge
- 6.6 Documentary Paintings - Halifax Regional Police
- 6.7 Police Week
- 6.8 Resolution 3063

The agenda was accepted as amended

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1.1 Governance

This item has been deferred.

5.1.2 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

Chief Beazley advised that the Department of Justice is presently looking at regulations.

5.1.3 Use of Photo Radar and Traffic Light Cameras

Chief Beazley advised that the Department of Justice is reviewing the Ottawa model.

6. REPORTS:

6.1 NSCPA and NSAPB Fall Conference

Chief Beazley advised the Board that the Conference will take place from September 29-30 at the Pictou Lodge and arrangements would be made through his office.

6.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards 16th annual meeting Conference

Chief Beazley advised the Board that the conference will be held in Ottawa from August

17-20, 2005 and arrangements would be made through his office.

6.3 Length of Board Meetings

A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed that the meetings be planned for two hours and if required the meetings will be extended and that the Legislative Assistant e-mail the Commissioners any added items.

The Chair advised the Commissioners that if they have an added item to contact the Legislative Assistant, noting the deadline for agenda items was the Monday prior to the meeting.

6.4 HRP Year end statistics

Chief Beazley gave an overview of the statistics and noted that:

- there was an increase in reported offences from 2003-2004
- fraud increased to 41.6%
- homicide increases and decreases from year to year
- assaults decreased
- 50 percent of the youth whom have "conditions" are violating them

Commissioner Mosher raised concern that if the youth are violating their conditions, what is the significance of placing conditions and that group homes are not ensuring that the youth meet curfew.

Chief Beazley agreed that a better solution is required, but curfews are a way to get the youth off the street; however, zero tolerance policing cannot be sustained in the long term. Chief Beazley also noted that there are concerns with the mentally ill being placed in a penitentiary. Chief Beazley also advised the Board that the act is based on the premise that there are resources to deal with these issues. The intent of the criminal code is to protect the public, if it is not effective it may need to be changed.

Commissioner Smith asked Chief Beazley if there was any benefit to releasing information as to where offences have taken place and that maybe there is a requirement to release more information on cases that are solved.

Chief Beazley commented that they have been releasing more information to the public, the problem is the editorial process. They need to be careful of what they release as people may interpret it differently. He intends to meet with the media regarding reporting of police matters.

6.5 Oldtimers Hockey Challenge

Chief Beazley advised the Board that The Municipal Association of Police Personnel will be organizing the Oldtimers Hockey Challenge and that all monies raised will be donated

to the IWK.

6.6 Documentary Paintings

Chief Beazley advised the Board that a local artist has participated in a ride along and indicated that she was impressed with the true picture of policing. She had proposed that she video tape a ride along from which she will produce a painting. Proceeds from the sale of any paintings will be donated to charity. The Department has agreed to work with the artist. The artist has received a grant from the NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage.

6.7 Police week

Chief Beazley advised the Board that the RCMP and HRP will kickoff Police week May 12 at 9:00 at the Halifax Forum.

Commissioner Smith asked where it was going to be held next year and if they had considered holding it in other areas of the municipality. The Chief advised Commissioner Smith that it will be held in Dartmouth next year and that he would get back to him about holding it in other areas, noting space is an issue.

6.8 Resolution 3063

A copy of the resolution was circulated to the Committee for informational purposes.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2005.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session.

Stephanie Parsons
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Board of Police Commissioners

MINUTES

November 10, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Mr. Dan English, CAO
Commissioner Beverley Peters

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
A\Superintendent Darrell Beaton
Mr. Allan Way, Executive Officer to Chief
Ms. Barbara St. John, Administrative Assistant to the Chief
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, HRP
Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil, HRP
Superintendent Cliffe Falkenham, Operations, HRP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 20, 2008

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of October 20, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. REPORTS

6.1 The Mayor's Roundtable on Violence Report

The following reports were before the Board for Consideration.

- Violence and Public Safety in the HRM
- HRP and RCMP Initiatives Impacting Policing And Public Safety
- External Initiatives Impacting Policing And Public Safety
- Gaps Analysis

Mr. Allan Way, Executive Officer to the Chief, introduced the report, *Violence and Public Safety in the HRM* to the Commission noting that he would like the members to review each section and make their comments known. He advised that Ms. Barbara St. John, Administrative Assistant to the Chief, would populate the document as comments were being made. He also advised the Board that this is a living document and would change as more information came forward. It contains all of the 64 recommendations that are contained in Violence and Public Safety in the HRM report even though the jurisdictions/stakeholders may not be HRP and/or HRM. He did not want to lose sight of the recommendations before they could be fully reviewed.

Mr. Way advised this document is reflective of the report from Professor Clairmont and what is currently happening today. This report also reflects the recommendations, statement of clarifications, current situation, stakeholders, and the gaps noted.

Both Chief Beazley and Mr. Way responded to the questions of the Board.

Chief Beazley advised the group that he is working with other stakeholders to form a committee called Safer/Stronger initiatives which will be for HRM only. This group will help to break down the silos or different departments of governments, so that they can sit

down together to work on problems of violence.

He further advised that there are processes that are going on at different levels of government that can not be commented on today because of ongoing work but he advised that the cooperation between HRP and the provincial government is second to none.

In response to Commissioner McCluskey's question of how effective the United Way is in the community, the Chief distributed the report, *Our Vibrant Neighbourhoods Strategy, United Way of Halifax Region's Neighbourhood Engagement & Revitalization Work 2007-2010*.

The Board noted that the good new stories are not getting out the public as they should be. It was noted that a communication budget may need to be negotiated to get this accomplished.

Mr. Way advised the Board that *HRP AND RCMP Initiatives Impacting Policing and Public Safety* is a report to let members of the Board know what groups are out there, what they are and who are sponsoring the organization.

Mr. Way advised the Board that the report, *External Initiatives Impacting Policing And Public Safety*, is an ongoing document and will continue to grow. It is an overview of the most significant programs that are going on. It also notes the initiative, the purpose, the sponsor and the time span of these programs.

The next steps will be completed once all talks with those with a vested interest are completed with a report coming back to the Board with a much tighter recommendation.

Commissioner Walker reiterated that whatever report goes to Council must be reviewed by the Board prior to going to Council and the Board will then make a recommendation to Council.

Chief Beazley advised that there needs to be a dialogue with the Mayor and the CAO and with the work involved, he can not see this moving forward to Council until January.

6.2 HRP Report

As submitted. Chief Beazley further advised that the 3rd quarter stats across HRM is very good news.

6.3 RCMP Report

As submitted

7. **ADDED ITEMS** - None
8. **NEXT MEETING DATE** - December 8, 2008 extended to 4:30
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Barbara L. Coleman
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
November 14, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioner Trevor Johnson, Vice Chair'
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Brad Johns
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Jim Smith

REGRETS: Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Greg North, Chair

STAFF
AND OTHERS: Supt. Tom Jones, RCMP
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 17, 2005

MOVED by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Mosher, that the minutes of October 17, 2005 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner Johns, that the Order of Business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFLICT DECLARATIONS - NONE

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1.1 Governance

No update at this time, to remain on status sheet.

5.1.2 Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes

No update at this time, to remain on status sheet.

5.1.3 Use of Photo Radar and Traffic Light Cameras

Commissioner Johnson advised that the Province responded they were not available for the November meeting but would like to attend the next meeting (December 12). Mr. Johnson to confirm with the Province.

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Graffiti

Councillor Mosher introduced Mr. Gary Martin, Manager, Community Response Team, Governance & Strategic Initiatives. She advised that graffiti is a growing problem in HRM that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Martin, assisted by Mr. Peter Myatt, on secondment to the Community Response Team from the Halifax Regional Police, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Graffiti.

Mr. Martin highlighted the following points:

- Graffiti is done by skilled artists who practice for months to perfect their “tag”. They start as “toys” (rookies) then progress to “taggers” then “bombers” when they have perfected their craft. HW (Home Wrecker) and CBU (Chemical Bomber Unit) are the two most popular “tags”. As the Bomber gets better, the ‘tags’ become “pieces”. There are more than 200 active Bombers in HRM.
- Most graffiti artists are known to frequent the Kyhber Centre on Barrington Street and are not all teenagers. One tagger was 31 years of age.
- \$1 billion per year is spent on graffiti issues in Canada, \$1 million (or more) in HRM alone. One tagger had placed over 1000 tags in HRM at a cost of \$50,000 in property damage.
- The challenge to “taggers” is to see who can put out the most daring, creative, biggest tag. Tags are appearing in dangerous places such as on top of road signs across highways.
- Taggers are encouraged to “stay illegal” which means to target any place that does not give you permission. This was seen on a website frequented by taggers: “*Visual Orgasm*”. Bombers (taggers) say they will continue to “tag” and do not care that it is illegal.
- A Professor at NSCAD (Nova Scotia College of Art and Design), who teaches a Masters Program, once gave a presentation on the evolution of graffiti and commented that it should be their God-given right to express themselves. The Dean of NSCAD has said that none of his students would tag but some NSCAD students have been arrested. HRP has visited NSCAD.
- The key to stopping/deterring graffiti is to remove it as quickly as possible as taggers will “tag” an already “tagged” spot. If the graffiti is removed promptly, it is unlikely the tagger will choose that spot again as no one would see his work.
- There is overwhelming support from the business areas to have a By-Law that requires the removal of graffiti within 24 hours.
- Graffiti is one of the main reasons for the rapid social decline of a community as people feel uncomfortable and unsafe in an area with graffiti.
- Graffiti comes from pop culture and is a sub-culture. There are different types of graffiti: Hip Hop (85% of all graffiti), Gang (5%), Hate Crime (8% and growing at an alarming rate), Latrinalia (1% - public washrooms) and Folk (1% - John loves Jane).
- Some areas have a wall (space) dedicated to taggers and as long as the graffiti is

limited to those allocated locations, the taggers are permitted to continue. Nova Scotia Power on Lower Water Street does not discourage taggers from putting graffiti on the walls at that location. There is also a “free” wall at BC Silver school in Spryfield and taggers will have that wall as long as other areas of Spryfield remain clean.

- Taggers do not tag memorials or churches nor will they tag over another artists work. Murals will be coated so that if there is graffiti it can be easily washed off without damaging the mural.
- Surprisingly, a lot of graffiti is not seen unless you are looking for it. A water tower in Timberlea was tagged but was not reported by the community, it was reported by the water commission who happened to notice it.
- Some businesses that sell paint/supplies are giving contractor rates to taggers as they buy in quantity. One business person who sold paint and nozzles was upset that HRM was going after graffiti as it was his livelihood.
- Graffiti is not ART. Graffiti is a CRIME and causes rapid urban decay.

Comments from the Board:

Commissioner Mosher commented that the Community Response Team has been working hard yet HRM is not doing enough to stop graffiti and graffiti is getting out of hand. She explained that there is an element of youth that have no respect and murals are now being tagged as well as Walker’s Funeral Home, a water tower in Cowie Hill, every power pole on Glenora Avenue, oil tanks and houses are also being targeted. She added that HRM cannot just continue to clean away the graffiti. She cited Quinpool Road as a success story in regard to controlling graffiti and added that they now have a Quinpool Road Business Commission. She advised that a Graffiti By-Law, similar to Vancouver/Banff’s, could have a stipulation that if the graffiti is not removed from a property within ten (10) days, then the municipality would clean away the graffiti and charge the cost to the property owner by adding that cost to their property tax.

Commissioner Smith arrived at 1:22 pm.

Following discussion on the matter by the Board, the following motion was placed:

MOVED BY Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Johns that the Board of Police Commissioners direct staff to prepare a report for the December 12th meeting regarding the enhancement of HRM’s graffiti strategy to include the possible establishment of a Graffiti By-Law (similar to that used in the cities of Vancouver and Banff) including enhancement initiatives such as: offering free paint to repair property damaged by graffiti, up to \$500 per calendar year offered by HRM toward paint for a heritage property damaged by graffiti, organizing a community “paint-up” or other community initiatives.

Councillor Mosher strongly recommended that eradicating graffiti become a priority matter for Regional Council.

In regard to the motion, Deputy Chief Burbridge commented as follows:

- Graffiti is a criminal offense. It is known that there are businesses in HRM giving “deals” to the perpetrators and with research those establishments can be placed on a “black list”.
- If the parents of a seventeen (17) year old cannot control their child’s actions in regard to graffiti then how can Council or the taxpayer do anything.
- Charging businesses for not cleaning graffiti in a timely manner would be charging a business that has already suffered property damage and then receives an additional bill on their property tax for the municipality to rectify that damage. Perhaps consideration should be given to placing the cost of that clean-up on the property tax of the parents.
- A By-Law is being suggested when there is already a criminal code that the Provincial Court does not enforce (in regard to graffiti). People must be held accountable for their actions.

Sgt. Tom Jones, RCMP, added that graffiti is a criminal offense but once the matter goes to court it is out of their (HRP/RCMP) hands as the perception is that graffiti is not that heinous a crime. He added that if there is a hate crime attached to a criminal offense (damaged property), police have to pursue the hate crime as opposed to just dealing with the graffiti.

Councillor Smith suggested that graffiti be designated as “unsightly” and dealt with under the Dangerous and Unsightly By-Law and HRM’s own staff. He added that the Provincial legislature has to provide a definition of graffiti as the current Dangerous and Unsightly Act does not have graffiti listed as “unsightly”, therefore, HRM cannot demand that those areas are cleaned.

Councillor Johns commented that HRM has taken a stance on graffiti as it has dedicated a Community Response Team to deal with the issue. He expressed concern that graffiti is an underlying cause leading to other problems and there appears to be “organized” graffiti artists. He suggested that a request be made to the province to place an age restriction on the purchase of (paint) spray cans. There may be undue hardship to volunteer groups as non-profit organizations cannot continue to clean-up the graffiti. He explained that people are tired of the graffiti and residents (in the Sackville area) are “hanging out” to find out who is doing the tagging.

Deputy Chief Burbridge responded that he understands the level of frustration. He added if the Board would like HRP to take a harder stance, it would require the dedication of HRP

resources (going completely undercover to follow the kids etc.). If twenty-five (25) kids were charged tomorrow with the criminal offense of property damage, the expected result would not occur if the courts do not take the matter seriously. He added that HRP needs to work with the Community Response Team to obtain an intelligence file that would help identify the ring leader. He added that HRP will make a commitment to work with Mr. Martin to gather this intelligence. Mr. Martin confirmed that there will be three members on the Community Response Team and hopefully one Administrative Support person.

Sgt. Jones added that to enforce the seriousness of this crime, education is required and the HRP/RCMP have to get the message to the schools (Junior High level). He further commented that if the communities are not "cleaned" of graffiti, there will be such a rapid decline that it may not be possible to bring the communities back.

Councillor Mosher advised that there are School Liaison Officers (from HRP) at the schools now, and perhaps they could talk to the students about graffiti.

Commissioner Johnson suggested that if the intention is to call for a By-law on graffiti, the debate and development of a strategy should be done at the Board level first, and then put forward as a strong policy to Regional Council.

Councillor Johns suggested that the "unsightly" (Dangerous and Unsightly Act) aspect is a good alternative and should also be given consideration. Mr. Martin explained that paint on a building is at the discretion of the owner and that is why it does not go through the Dangerous and Unsightly process. He further clarified that there is a strategy regarding graffiti that has already been approved by Regional Council.

Councillor Johns requested that the current graffiti strategy accompany the report.

Councillor Smith requested the information be brought back to the Board as he has not seen the proposed By-Law and would not be able to vote for it to go forward to Council without reviewing the information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. REPORTS

7.1 HRP

7.1.1 Staff Report, November 2005

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that names would no longer be included in the Staff Report regarding statistical information. No further action required.

7.1.2 Quarterly Interim Statistical Overview - 3rd Quarter

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised there has been a decrease in crime. No further action required.

7.1.3 Training Activity, October 2005

The report was circulated for information. No further action required.

7.2 RCMP

7.2.1 Halifax County District Detachment Volunteers

The report was circulated for information. No further action required.

7.2.2 Halifax County District Detachment Crime Prevention/ Victim Services Report

The report was circulated for information. No further action required.

Councillor Johns requested a report regarding tickets issued by the integrated traffic services as well as a breakdown in the percentage of revenue raised for HRM. He also requested information on what areas have requested the service, the number of tickets issued and whether or not there is possible duplication of service between the RCMP provincial and RCMP integrated force specifically in the jurisdiction of the series 100 Highways.

Deputy Chief Burbridge will provide the statistical information and agreed that a monthly update under the reports section of the agenda regarding the Integrated Traffic Services division can be provided. Superintendent Tom Jones will provide similar information from the RCMP.

Councillor Smith suggested that all volunteers in the COPS program be notified that it may be possible for them to register as an association and thereby be eligible for some tax discounts. Deputy Chief Burbridge will look into this matter.

8. ADDED ITEMS - None

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2005.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 2:16 p.m.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. North
Comm. Harvey
Comm. Hetherington
Comm. Monard

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Chief of Police Beazley
Acting Deputy Chief McNeil
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Mr. Robert Eyre, Policing & Victim Services, NS. Dept. of Justice
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

ABSENT: Comm. Adams (regrets)

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:30 p.m., Halifax Hall.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Comm. Monard requested item 4.3 - CAPB meeting be added to the agenda.

The Statistics Report for September 2002 related to item 8.1 was provided with the Added Items, as were copies of "Blue Line", November 2002 issue to the Commissioners.

The revised agenda was adopted by consensus.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY Comm. Monard and seconded by Comm. Harvey that the October 7, 2002 minutes be adopted, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

3.1 **2003 CAPB CONFERENCE**

Mr. Mike Gillett, Coordinator, Civic Events and Festivals was in attendance for this item.

Comm. Monard, referring to the recent CAPB meeting she attended, noted that the members have high expectations for the CAPB Conference being held in HRM next year based on previous experience.

Acting Deputy Chief McNeil noted that until the December 2, 2002 meeting with Wendy Feduc, Executive Director, CAPB, what exactly the local component will be won't be known. He envisaged the forming of a Committee.

The Chair recalled that the Board's involvement essentially was related to organizing a golf tournament and meal.

Comm. Monard indicated she has looked into booking a Chester golf course. She and Ms. Feduc will do a site visit December 1, 2002. Costs associated with golfing are paid by the participants.

In addition, the hosts pay for one meal during the Conference. Comm. Monard has obtained \$500.00 from the NSAPB toward costs.

Comm. Hetherington suggested Comm. Monard might wish to check into the facilities at Pier

21. A very successful event was held there in association with UNSM.

3.2 **OFFER OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

A Supplemental Information Report, dated October 16, 2002, from Acting Chief Frank Beazley was provided in the agenda package. The subject of an offer to donate \$50,000 to the Police Department to assist with the costs of maintaining a police presence in the area of Uniacke and Brunswick Streets had been discussed at the October meeting. The Board felt that it would be more appropriate for such a donation to be directed to a community group. Mr. Keung was contacted about putting the money towards crime prevention initiatives. He declined.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **NOVASCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS - TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

Information was contained in the agenda package regarding upcoming Training Workshops being sponsored by the NSAPB and the Department of Justice. The one being held in HRM is taking place Saturday, December 7, 2002, Dartmouth Sportsplex. Comm. Monard is anxious to have confirmation of who will be attending. Given it is anticipated that Regional Council will be appointing new Councillors to the Board at tomorrow night's meeting, the Clerk was instructed to provide this information to the new appointees.

4.2 **APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE**

An appointment of one of the Board members to the Police Study Steering Committee was desired by Mr. McLellan. Given the work of the Steering Committee is anticipated to extend beyond March, it was felt that the appointment should be made of a member whose term will not be up shortly.

MOVED BY Comm. Harvey, seconded by Comm. Hetherington the Comm. North represent the Board on the Police Study Steering Committee. MOTION PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3 **CAPB MEETING**

Comm. Monard referred to a meeting she attended over the weekend as member of the Executive of the CAPB. She recalled that before accepting the appointment she sought confirmation that associated expenses related to travel for this purpose would be covered. While she was not in attendance at the meeting when the issue was raised, she understood that it was agreed her expenses would be taken care of and in light of the dual police services

serving HRM, it was suggested cost sharing with the RCMP might be considered. Acting Chief Beazley indicated he would provide Comm. Monard with the Expense Forms and he will deal with the expense claim.

Reference was made to an all day session, Comm. Monard attended Friday and the seminar held Saturday on the roles of public police and private agencies. Reference was made to a **Discussion Paper entitled "In Search of Security: The Roles of Public Police and Private Agencies"** submitted by the Law Commission of Canada. Comm. Monard quoted the following from the report:

"The research evidence suggests that public police in urban Halifax can no longer satisfactorily respond to community and business requests for more patrol presence, policing at public events, minor property and person protection, and complex theft and fraud investigations...In other words the growing market for private security in Halifax is in part a function of the rationalization of public policing." She expressed surprise at this reference.

Comm. Monard questioned to what extent the private sector is involved in policing. She also raised the issue of governance expectations of the public.

Acting Deputy Chief McNeil felt this conclusion was drawn due to the \$1 million spent on Extra Duty policing. However, he noted that a large amount of these funds are spent in relation to the Port Authority and the Spring Garden Road Merchants Association.

Acting Chief Beazley referred to an international conference being held in February on this topic, which Tony Blair will be attending. He also noted that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has a committee which is also looking at the report and discussions will be held the end of the month in Toronto. He will provide more information for the next Board meeting. Reference was also made to the Law Reform Commission having held a meeting at Dalhousie University related to the desire of private security firms for a greater presence. Issues of governance and law were discussed.

Comm. Monard referred to a key address given by Nathalie Des Rosiers, President, Law Commission of Canada on the topic "In Search of Security - Law Reform in the XXIst Century".

During the ensuing discussion, it was felt that the wrong impression is being given of what is taking place in Halifax, i.e. private security firms are not policing the streets of Halifax. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Law Commission of Canada. Comm. North noted that it is clearly a Discussion Paper, which staff prepared for circulation to interested parties and responses will be taken into consideration before the final report is prepared. He proposed that the members review the Discussion Paper and one or two make a submission if the comments are clearly erroneous. Copies of the report will be provided to the Board members. A joint submission of the Board and HRP may be considered.

Comm. Monard advised that she will be putting this subject on the agenda of NSAPB agenda.

Reference was also made to a Conference being sponsored by the Canadian Police College, December 8 to 10, 2002 in Ottawa re "Finding Common Ground: Governance of Police Organizations for Police Service Board Members".

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

5.1 **POLICE STUDY - REPORT RE \$600,000 SURPLUS**

Supt. Ferguson reported that he has raised the subject with Betty MacDonald and Comm. Adams to try to identify the \$600,000 to no avail. He requested that the item be deferred until December.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

See Item 8.1.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES - STATISTICS REPORT AND COUNSELLOR MONTHLY STATISTICS**

In addition to the Counsellor monthly statistics circulated in the agenda package, the Statistics Report for September was circulated at the meeting.

9. **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 9, 2002.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. to meet in Camera.

Lynne LeBoutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
November 27, 2006
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner Brad Johns
Commissioner Linda Mosher

REGRETS: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner William White

STAFF: Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Tracy Hanna, Dept. of Justice
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:56 p.m. in the Meisner Room, HRP Headquarters, Gottingen Street.

Commissioner Johns noted that this was his and Commissioner Mosher's last meeting, as new councillor appointments have been made to the Board.

Deputy Chief McNeil noted that he and Chief Beazley are working on an orientation program for new Board members. It is similar to one held last year but will focus more time on Board responsibility.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 11 and October 16, 2006

The Chair noted that the September 11, 2006 revised minutes are more inclusive of the issues Commissioner Mosher brought forward.

Commissioner Johns noted that he and Commissioner McCluskey attended the regular meeting of the October 16, 2006 session and asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect this.

MOVED by Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner Perrin that the revised September 11, 2006 minutes, and the minutes of October 16, 2006 with the corrections as noted by Commissioner Johns, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 5.1 Oral Updates - Deputy Chief McNeil
- 5.2 Update on Youth Initiatives - Commissioner Mosher

4. REPORTS:

4.1 Draft Communications Plan

This matter had been discussed at the Board's last meeting, and was referred to this meeting for further review and discussion.

In reference to the draft communications plan, Deputy Chief McNeil advised that the Chief circulated the document to the Board for feedback. In a brief overview of the Plan, he noted that it was straight forward in its intent, which is to start to change the messaging around public violence and in trying to deal with the sense of fear. He added that the Plan has been modified to include the RCMP communication so the message will be consistent through both organizations. Overall, the Deputy Chief

explained that the Plan acknowledges the problem of violent-related activities HRM is experiencing; it reminds the public that this is a safe environment and advises them what the police are doing to combat these problems.

A discussion ensued with the Deputy Chief and Supt. Barnett responding to questions.

In response to a question, the Deputy Chief advised that the last bulleted item under the heading of Strategic Considerations could be re-worded.

4.2 HRP Quarterly Stats

Information in regard to the HRP Quarterly Interim Statistical Overview for the 3rd Quarter was submitted.

Deputy Chief McNeil remarked that staff are beginning to see some improvements, and feel the new resources are starting to pay off, but there is still work to be done.

There was no discussion on this item.

4.3 RCMP 3rd Quarter and Year-to-Date Statistical Overview

Information in regard to RCMP Regional Municipality of Halifax 3rd Quarter and Year to Date Statistical Overview was submitted.

Supt. Barnett noted that there is a 20% decrease in criminal code offences and though this is positive, he cautioned that the stats tend to go up and down. He added that, although it shows offences are down, the violent types of offences that were seen in the downtown area a year ago are now common in Sackville and Cole Harbour. Supt. Barnett advised that he is optimistic about the resources that have been committed by the Province, and that staff will be able to focus those resources on street crime.

There was no discussion on this item.

4.4 Final Report -Town Hall Meetings

An information report dated November 14, 2006 from Chief Beazley to the Board was submitted.

Councillor Johns, in reference to the report, expressed appreciation that staff stated the report would not be released to the public until it was submitted to the Board and to Regional Council.

Councillor Johns noted that a flyer was circulated in Cole Harbour prior to the RCMP's Town Hall meeting, and questioned why one was not circulated prior to the Sackville Town Hall meeting.

In response, Supt. Barnett advised that a flyer was planned to be circulated however, he pulled it at the last minute because the statistics were not complete.

Councillor Johns noted that the Town Hall was well attended and, in his view, there was at least a 50% increase in attendance over last year. The Councillor advised that the Town Hall meetings were important and he hoped they would continue.

Supt. Barnett concurred with Councillor Johns and noted that their numbers showed that was a 100% increase in attendance over last year's meeting.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised that a clear message has come from the public that they like Town Hall meetings and they want them to continue.

Councillor Mosher spoke in support of the Town Hall meetings and noted that it was important to have key staff in attendance in addition to police. She added, however, at some meetings the amount of staff are overwhelming and suggested that this could be pared down. For example, the Councillor advised that traffic staff should not be included in a town hall type of meeting.

Councillor Johns also noted that staff can take up too much time with their own remarks and presentation. He advised of one meeting whereby it was a two-hour session, and staff spoke for the first hour. Some of the residents felt they were not given enough opportunity to ask questions.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Oral Updates - Deputy Chief McNeil

Distribution of Media Reports

Deputy Chief McNeil advised that at the last meeting, it was noted that some of the Commissioners were not receiving media reports from HRP and/or RCMP. Deputy Chief McNeil and Supt. Barnett indicated they would look into this and ensure everyone is receiving them.

Meeting Location

Deputy Chief McNeil advised that Chief Beazley was asking for feedback on where the Board wanted to hold its next meeting given that there was still an issue with parking at City Hall. Deputy Chief McNeil advised that the Board was welcome to meet at Headquarters if it wished.

A discussion ensued and it was generally agreed that the Board would meet at Headquarters for the next meeting and, as new members are appointed, the Board would reassess its meeting location.

5.2 Update on Youth Initiatives - Commissioner Mosher

Commissioner Mosher advised the Board of issues in Kline Heights and Flemming Heights involving youth who had set fires and caused vandalism. She elaborated on the particular incidents and advised that she was going to be setting up a Neighbourhood Watch program as one way of trying to handle the problem. She expressed concern

and frustration at the apparent inability to curb this kind of behaviour and questioned what additional initiatives could be undertaken.

In response, Deputy Chief McNeil noted that police are tracking who they are stopping, and are finding out that more than half of the youths belong to the neighbourhood in which they are stopped. Therefore, it is important to get the communities mobilized to deal with their own youth. Referring to the incidents noted by Commissioner Mosher, he pointed out that police are seeing a rise in this type of activity all over, and pointed out that there are no easy answers. He added that Police are looking into ideas pertaining to Restorative Justice. As well, the Province will be providing more resources to handle these issues. The Deputy Chief added that he would follow up with Staff Sgt. Lane on the incidents raised by Commissioner Mosher.

6. NEXT MEETING

The Chair advised that she will follow up with the Legislative Assistant to determine if a December meeting will be necessary; and the Board members will be advised accordingly.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
November 26, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Jim Perrin

REGRETS: Commissioner Terry Roane

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Councillor Walker

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chief Beazley introduced Brent Crowhurst, Chief of Police and Bob Smith, Deputy Chief of the Bridgewater Police Department. Chief Brent Crowhurst and Deputy Chief Smith are travelling the Atlantic provinces to observe how other Police Commissions conduct their business.

PRESENTATION TO OFFICERS

Mr. Fred Honsberger, Department of Justice, presented Constable Amy Lissa MacKay, Halifax Regional Police with the John Dunlop Memorial Award for her commitment to the community, particularly youth, in her role as Community Response Officer in Uniacke Square.

Mr. Dan English, CAO, Halifax Regional Municipality with the help of Chief Beazily, presented both Constable MacKay and Constable Dean Simmonds the CAO Award for outstanding work in the Community Development Team.

Mr. Dan English, CAO, Halifax Regional Municipality with the help of Supt. Gordon Barnett, presented Constable Daniel Bretzer and Corporal Dwayne Kelly, both members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Halifax Detachment, the Director's Award for Excellence in Service Delivery.

The lady (who can not be named) involved in the Ultramar Incident on August 2, 2007 presented citations to Constables Jeff Nicholson and Craig Conrad for rendering life-saving-assistance that night. She told the group that they were instrumental in saving her life.

She went on to present a citation to Const. Paul Jessen and his police dog, Dutch for quick apprehension of the accused.

Warren Maynard, Ultramar's Atlantic Canadian Director of Retail, was also on hand Monday to present a plaque to HRP and a Donation to Cops/ Kids.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 15, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the

minutes of October 15, 2007 be approved. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

ADDITIONS:

5.1 Guardian Angels

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Snow, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. REPORTS

4.1 HRP Volunteer Manual

Commissioner Snow requested the following information from Chief Beazley - What staffing resources are used (Paid) to work volunteer programs. Chief Beazley responded saying that a report could not be done for next meeting - that it would be a lengthy process tying up several manpower hours. Commissioner Snow said she would like to have it before Budget Talks start.

Commissioner Snow questioned the million dollar car insurance and if it is necessary. Chief Beazley reported that not only is it necessary; but a volunteer must produce proof that they have the required amount. He advised that although volunteers need this amount of insurance it is not a great deal of insurance and most people probably carry this already.

Commissioner McCluskey left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

4.2 H-Division Citizens on Patrol Manuel

Commissioner Snow requestyed the same information from the RCMP as the HRP - What staffing resources are used (Paid) to work volunteer programs.

4.3 Commissioners Snow

4.3.1 Funding for Community Policing Offices and Programs

This item was covered under Section 4.1.

4.3.2 City Watch

Moved by Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, to defer to the next meeting. Motion Put and Passed.

It was requested that the Report to be circulated prior to meeting.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 GUARDIAN ANGELS

Chief Beazley indicated that he was not in favour of having the Guardian Angels in HRM. He felt that the citizens involved in the Guardian Angels would be put in too much danger. Mr. Silwa promised Chief Beazley some reports and at the date the meeting took place, the Chief still had no response from Mr. Sliwa.

It was also noted that because Commissioner McCluskey had to leave before this agenda item was dealt with. If she has any further questions she could either call Chief Beazley or bring them to the next meeting.

5.2 CORRESPONDENCE RE: TWO-TIER POLICING FROM MAYOR KELLY DATED OCTOBER 23, 2007.

It was recommended that the Police Chief write a letter in response to this letter.

Moved by Commissioner Snow, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that Chief Beazley respond on behalf of the Board. Motion Put and Passed.

5.3 Chief's report 3rd quarter of statistics involving crime:

The Chief announced that crime was down in the third quarter. He, also, went on to say that if this trend continues, 2007 would be one of the best years that they have had.

The 3rd quarter of statistics will be circulated for the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:50 p.m.

November 26, 2007

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

November 8, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Commissioner Ken Hill

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Christopher McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Robin McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 18, 2010

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the minutes of October 18, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1 Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop
- 8.2 Bill 72 – Chair
- 8.3 Halifax District Annual Performance Plan -Second Quarter Update – Inspector Joanne Crampton
- 8.4 RCMP ‘Year in Review Report’ - Superintendent Beaton
- 8.5 Board Status – Commissioner Karsten

MOVED by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 HRM Youth Advocacy Program

Commissioner Karsten indicated that it had been mentioned at a previous meeting that the Board send a letter of support for the HRM Youth Advocacy Program when the matter is addressed by Council.

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board of Police Commissioners write a letter to Regional Council in support of the HRM Youth Advocacy Program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.2 Cole Harbour Check Point – Superintendent Beaton

Superintendent Beaton submitted information to Commissioner Karsten regarding this matter.

Commissioner Karsten indicated that his residents had brought this issue to his attention as they felt that seatbelt legislation was not being enforced. He stated that, should this issue arise again, he would now have tangible figures to present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations – None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Repots

The October 2010 RCMP Reports and Third Quarter Statistics were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the October 2010 RCMP reports were as submitted.

Superintendent Beaton provided an overview of the Third Quarter Statistics; noting that the combined HRP/RCMP statistics had been included as well. He stated that violent crime had decreased by 32 or 12%, robberies by 13% and homicides and attempted murder by 1%. He advised that property crime had increased by 10.5% and while drug related statistics had increased, this was good news as it meant more arrests, searches and proactive enforcement was occurring. Superintendent Beaton stated that there had been an increase of 147 incidents for theft from motor vehicles. In closing, he advised that the RCMP were currently conducting their Town Hall meetings.

Several Commissioners expressed concern regarding an increase in blatant marijuana use in the community.

Chief Beazley indicated that he planned to have Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Public Health Officer, attend a future Board meeting to speak to issues such as drug and alcohol use, particularly related to youth.

Superintendent Beaton stated that the use of medical marijuana and the issuance of licences was higher in Nova Scotia than any other Province, therefore, enforcement was a challenge as these residents could not be charged; noting that organised crime groups did have members with licences.

Regarding a recent incident where approximately 60 tires were slashed, Superintendent Beaton stated that a community meeting had been held in Eastern Passage and that the RCMP now had further information on the matter.

7.2 HRP Reports

The October 2010 HRP Reports and Third Quarter Statistics were before the Board. Chief Beazley stated that the HRP Third Quarter Statistics had been included as well. He indicated that he shared the same key messages as Superintendent Beaton; noting that violent crime was down and property crime was up. Chief Beazley advised that he and Superintendent Beaton have been and will continue to talk publically in an attempt

to get residents to lock their doors; particularly now that it was the holiday season. Chief Beazley stated that the three divisional commanders had plans to deal with this issue over the next couple of months; noting that property crime was driving a small increase in overall crime statistics.

7.2.1 HRP Budget Update

Chief Beazley advised that, as of that morning, he had met with his senior management team and frozen all discretionary spending as a result of a slight budget increase of \$150,000 which he was attempting to slow down or stop. He stated that he had cancelled all training that requires travel and training that could wait.

Chief Beazley stated that he still had to investigate crime no matter what, therefore, cuts would have to be made on the soft side of the administration. He indicated that spending would have to occur, one way or the other, this year or next. Chief Beazley advised that he would not be attending the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police conference this year as he had cut all his travel to set an example, however, this could not continue long term. He advised that it was not necessary to communicate this matter to Council at this time.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Senior Management realized that there was an element of overtime in policing that was unavoidable and, therefore, wished to make this a line item. He advised that senior staff still wished to administer the vacancy management program; however, overtime would be covered off.

Chief Beazley stated that HRP had been working on a project with the Province for several years regarding e-ticketing which would put all vacations and leave into a provincial system so court time may be reduced and money saved as a result. He indicated that he was working with Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Director of Finance, to explore different options for the creation of the police budget which could, potentially, save money.

7.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 2, Issue 11 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the newsletter was as submitted. He updated the Board that volunteers were so moved by the Halifax Home Connects event, that they would be providing haircuts and hot meals to Metro Turning Point and Barry Place residents on a monthly basis.

Superintendent Spicer also stated that there would be a meeting that week with officers from the Scotia Court area regarding a parenting program and that HRP hoped to partner with the Province on this initiative.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop

Correspondence dated November 3, 2010 from Ms. Jennifer Lanzon, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Police Boards was submitted.

The correspondence dated November 3, 2010 was submitted for information.

8.2 Bill 72 – Chair

The Chair advised that Bill 72 had gone for second reading and that the Board had until Friday, November 12, 2010 to forward any questions or concerns to the Province.

Deputy Chief McNeil suggested that the Board at least express concern regarding how the legislation states that the proposed Independent Investigation Unit will be funded. He stated that they had good intentions; however, expenses for seconded officers would be the home agency's responsibility. Deputy Chief McNeil indicated that it was now likely that HRP would be required to second a member to the Province full time at HRP's expense and that all associated travel costs for additional officers would be HRP's responsibility as well.

Chief Beazley agreed that it would be most effective for the Board to question the budget.

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board of Police Commissioners recommend that the Chair and Chief Beazley go before law amendments to discuss their budget concerns with regards to Bill 72.

Deputy Chief McNeil expressed concern that the Unit would not have enough staff to conduct their mandated work.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.3 Halifax District Annual Performance Plan -Second Quarter Update – Inspector Joanne Crampton

The Halifax District RCMP Annual Performance Plan Update dated November 8, 2010 was submitted.

Inspector Crampton provided an overview of the Halifax District RCMP Annual Performance Plan Update; noting that nine annual performance plans were currently underway and that the RCMP had hit the rest of their targets and were on track. She stated that the RCMP and HRP were jointly campaigning to encourage residents to lock up and hawk eye flyers were going to be placed on vehicles in parking lots as part of that campaign. Inspector Crampton advised that traffic was an initiative in all plans with

the exception of the RCMP Street Crime Unit and that heightened communication was also part of the initiative. She indicated that the RCMP made a commitment to the Preston community after the high school disturbances to ensure they would deliver further cultural diversity training to members; noting that this training would be done by April 1, 2011 and was specific to the communities of Preston and Dartmouth.

8.4 RCMP 'Year in Review Report' - Superintendent Beaton

The 2009-2010 RCMP 'Year in Review' report was submitted.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the submitted publication was produced by the RCMP Safety Office and welcomed the Board to provide feedback to the authors from Corporate Planning.

8.5 Board Status – Commissioner Karsten

Commissioner Karsten requested an update on the status of the current Board membership.

Commissioner McCluskey provided an email response from Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk, which stated that the correspondence from the Board of Police Commissioners was received by the Membership Selection Committee and would be addressed at the end of November 2010. Commissioner McCluskey advised that it was uncertain whether or not any of the Councillor terms would be extended past November 30, 2010; noting that this was not good governance.

For clarification, Councillor McCluskey advised that the Councillors had been extended to November 30, 2010 for the Policing Resources study and the terms of the additional three Commissioners had been extended to March 31, 2011.

Chief Beazley advised that he would follow up on this matter as he had no Board as of November 30, 2010.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for December 13, 2010

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 15, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Chair
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

REGRETS: Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner Jim Perrin

STAFF: Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Mark Hartlen introduced himself to the Board.

CITIZEN COMMENDATIONS

Deputy Chief Burbridge presented a Certificate of Merit to Ms. Stephanie Allen, Mr. Joseph Deveaux, Petty Officer Shayne Allen, Mr. Ivan Raptchuck and Mr. Chris Hutchinson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 9, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner White, that the minutes of July 9, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner White, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Media Releases

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised information has been sent regarding the crime stats.

4.2 Clearance Rate Comparison

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised this information was circulated for the information of the committee. The Board was advised more police officers are in the front line and visible and as a result crime is coming down and clearance rates are going.

Supt. Barnett, RCMP, advised clearance rates are holding steady.

In response to Commissioner Walker as to how this news would get out to the public in the Media, Deputy Chief Burbridge advised the Chief is suggesting meeting with the media and

release of information wait until December to see what impact there is between 2006/2007.

4.3 Policy - Citizens on Patrol

Supt. Bill Moore advised the Citizens on Patrol are currently car based. They are eyes and ears only and do not get involved. A policy is being developed for a foot based walking patrol.

He advised any sanctioned group follows HRP directions. A group can come in and set up outside HRP guidelines but they would not have approval of the police agencies.

Commissioner Walker requested the Policy be brought back to the Board and set by the Board. If a group is going to opt out then they would have to announce their intention not to follow the policy.

Supt. Gordon Barnett, advised the RCMP has a policy for such groups. He advise they fundraise for their expenses.

It was requested a copy of each policy be provided to the members of the Board.

Supt. Moore advised there has never been a foot based Citizens on Patrol group.

5. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 16, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner William White
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Linda Mosher
:
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Brad Johns

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Supt. Stephen Sykes, HRP
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

Commissioner Mosher introduced Mr. Kurt Pyle, Coordinator, Office of the Deputy CAO - Operations, who was in attendance to address concerns with regard to parking in Grand Parade. Mr. Pyle indicated that only members of Council and select senior staff with passes are authorized to park in Grand Parade. He noted that parking is available in Grand Parade after 5:00 p.m. to members of Boards and Committees attending meetings at City Hall.

Mr. Perrin suggested that the Board be provided with three temporary parking passes, to be used only during Board of Police Commissioners meetings, and to be returned to the Commissionaire after the meeting. Mr. Pyle indicated that he will raise this request at an upcoming meeting with the Executive Management Team, the Mayor, and the CAO, and report back to the Board.

2. **MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF MS. ROANE AS CHAIRPERSON**

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner White, that Ms. Terri Roane be appointed as Chair to the Board of Police Commissioners. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Johns arrived at 12:38 p.m.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

Councillor Mosher indicated that she does not believe the minutes of September 11, 2006 captured the her intention nor the essence of the issue with regard to item 4.2 Graffiti.

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the minutes of September 11, 2006 be returned to better reflect Councillor Mosher's comments regarding item 4.2 Graffiti. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions:

- 6.1 Information Item - Statistics Report - July 2006
- 6.2 Information Item - Statistics Report - August 2006
- 6.3 Location of Meetings - Chief Beazley
- 6.4 Draft Communications Plan - Chief Beazley

- 6.5 Policing in North Central HRM - Supt. Barnett
- 6.6 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference in Edmonton - Commissioner McCluskey

In Camera Additions:

- 2. Public Security Matter - Fire Bombings - Commissioner Mosher
- 3. Public Security Matter - Excessive Speed on Streets - Commissioner Perrin

MOVED by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Gouthro, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Commissioner Johns - Incident on Seawood Avenue - July 26, 2006

Commissioner Johns indicated that Councillor Bob Harvey requested that he raise this incident with the Board, in particular concerns raised by residents regarding the response time of the RCMP to this incident.

Supt. Barnett commented that the incident involved an argument between residents of the area, and that several vehicles were vandalized. He advised that there are five members of the Halifax Regional Police ("HRP") that work with the RCMP in Sackville, and that whomever is the first officer on the scene is to deal with the situation. He also noted that three individuals were arrested and are being charged in relation to the incident, one of whom is a young offender. Supt. Barnett advised that, to his knowledge, there have not been any further incidents on the street.

At the request of Councillor Johns, Supt. Barnett advised he would look into having bike patrols or on-foot patrols of Seawood Avenue.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Information Item - Statistics Report - July 2006

This item was distributed for the information of Board members. No action required.

The Board requested that clarification be sought with regard to a daily media or incident report coming from HRP and/or RCMP, in particular, what information is going out, what information should be going out, and who it should be going to. It was noted that Commissioners White, Roane, and Gouthro have not been receiving these reports.

6.2 Information Item - Statistics Report - August 2006

This item was distributed for the information of Board members. No action required.

6.3 Location of Meetings - Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley offered that, due to parking restrictions at City Hall, meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners could be moved to the Meisner Room of Regional Police headquarters on Gottingen Street. He indicated that there is free parking in the south parking lot at headquarters, and there is metered parking on the street if the parking lot is full.

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner White, that meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners be moved to the Regional Police Headquarters.

Commissioner Perrin suggested that if Mr. Pyle comes back with a positive response from the Executive Management Team regarding the temporary parking passes, changing the location of the meetings would be unnecessary.

Commissioner McCluskey, with the agreement of the seconder, amended her motion as follows:

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner White, that if a positive response is not received from Executive Management with regard to obtaining three temporary parking passes for the Board, that the meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners be moved to Regional Police Headquarters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chief indicated he will tentatively book the Meisner Room.

6.4 Draft Communications Plan - Chief Beazley

C A copy of the Draft Communications Plan was distributed to the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that a joint HRP and RCMP Communications Plan has been drafted, noting that the HRM Corporate Communications department is also working on the Plan, which is ready for review and input by internal and external bodies. The Chief requested that Board members review the Plan and submit comments directly to Chief Beazley and/or Supt. Barnett.

Commissioner McCluskey suggested that policy be included in the Communications Plan to address timely notification of information to members of Regional Council. Chief Beazley indicated he would add a clause to this effect.

It was requested that this item be included on the next agenda for further review and discussion.

Councillor Mosher indicated that a Principal of a school in her district recently contacted her to determine whom from the Police he should invite to a meeting of a school advisory committee to discuss vandalism in the community. Chief Beazley suggested she contact Staff Sergeant Richard Lane with the HRP to delegate an officer to attend these meetings.

The Board briefly discussed vandalism, youth crime, and the use of video surveillance by Police. The Chief indicated that a report regarding video surveillance is being prepared, as per direction from Council. He noted that this report will first come before the Board, and then to Council.

6.5 Policing in North Central HRM - Supt. Barnett

Supt. Barnett provided the Board with a brief update on the status of resources that were provided to the RCMP through the business plan. He commented that permanent policing is now in place in the north central part of HRM, which includes Musquodoboit, which was previously served through the Enfield detachment of the RCMP. Supt. Barnett advised that there are now four experienced officers patrolling the area, a temporary office is in place, and a permanent office in Middle Musquodoboit will be opened soon. He indicated that positive feedback has been received from residents regarding the enhanced community policing.

6.6 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference in Edmonton - Commissioner McCluskey

C A copy of motions with commentary submitted by the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association at the Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference was distributed to Board members.

Commissioner McCluskey indicated that she recently attended the Canadian Association of Police Boards conference in Edmonton. She is awaiting the official summation from the conference, which she will share with the Board. Commissioner McCluskey reviewed some motions that were submitted by the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association, that were passed at the conference, regarding enhancement of services to young persons necessary to support the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* and amendments to the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*.

Commissioner McCluskey also recommended to Board members reading "The Police Code of Silence" by Michael Quinn.

At the request of Commissioner McCluskey, Chief Beazley advised that he recently spoke with the Minister of Justice, the Honourable Murray Scott, regarding the promise of 250 more police officers for Nova Scotia, and he indicated that he is pursuing this initiative with Federal and

Provincial officials to make it happen. The Chief noted that meetings are being arranged for November to discuss Provincial promises made with regard to policing, and he is anticipating an invitation to these meetings.

Commissioner McCluskey advised that she also recently attended a meeting of the Nova Scotia Board of Police Commissioners in Truro. She noted that concerns regarding frequent membership changes on Boards of Police Commissioners and the need for stability and continuity on these Boards were discussed at this meeting.

Commissioner Johns indicated that membership on the Board of Police Commissioners is a highly sought after position with members of Council, which may be the reason for the two year terms of appointment for Councillors. He suggested that there may be an opportunity to extend the terms of appointment of the Provincial and citizen representatives on the Board.

Commissioner Mosher commented on the amount of information to read and learn when first appointed to the Board, and that it should be ensured that those appointed have the time and interest to be educated on the many issues before the Board.

At the request of Commissioner McCluskey, the Chair advised that she will obtain copies of the *Police Act* for members of the Committee.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners is scheduled for November 20, 2006. The Chair commented that she may have work commitments on that date, and an alternative meeting date was proposed for November 27, 2006. The Legislative Assistant will confirm the meeting date, time and location with members.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:46 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

October 18, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Ken Hill
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Commissioner Bill Karsten

STAFF: Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Christopher McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

Superintendent Beaton presented retired provincial representative, Commissioner James Perrin, with a token of appreciation on behalf of the RCMP. Superintendent Beaton stated that Mr. Perrin's contribution to the Board of Police Commissioners would be missed.

Mr. Perrin thanked the Board and staff; stating that it had been a pleasure to serve both the RCMP and HRP.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 20, 2010

Amendments:

Item 6.3.2, Page 7 – the second paragraph will be replaced with the following statement, “suggested that Provincial funding for the Program could be explored as an option.”

Item 7.1, Page 7 – the last statement under item 7.1 will be replaced with the following, “Superintendent Beaton indicated that the lengths of suspensions for impaired driving were going to be increased.”

MOVED by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that the minutes of September 20, 2010 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

8.1 Cole Harbour Check Point – Superintendent Beaton

8.2 Chaplaincy Program Policy – Superintendent Beaton

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey seconded by Commissioner MacDonald that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT THE MINUTES

4.1 HRM Youth Advocacy Program

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that this item be deferred to the November 8, 2010 meeting for Commissioner Karsten. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Proposed Independent Investigation Unit - Mr. Fred Sanford, Director, Policing Strategy, NS Department of Justice

Mr. Fred Sanford, Director, Policing Strategy, NS Department of Justice, stated that the Proposed Independent Investigative Unit had been announced by the Province in November 2009. He advised that a steering committee had worked over the past year developing the proposed model; noting that staff hoped to take it for cabinet approval this fall.

Mr. David Burchell, Policing Strategy, NS Department of Justice, provided the presentation on the Proposed Independent Investigative Unit. He indicated that the Unit had come about as a result of public concerns regarding impartiality of police when investigating a fellow officer; noting this was not to say that the suspected impartiality was actually occurring. He stated that the Unit would be led by a civilian director and while it would be operationally independent, it would report administratively to the Department of Justice. Mr. Burchell indicated that was beneficial to have a mix of civilians and officers in the Unit as the officers would provide operational effectiveness and the civilians would provide independence. He advised that they would be investigating the potential for partnerships with the other Atlantic Provinces once the Nova Scotia program was up and running; noting that the Federal Government also supports this initiative. In closing, Mr. Burchell advised that the Unit was after the confidence of the public that investigative results are the proper ones; stating that public perception should be that investigations are transparent, accountable and independent.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Sanford, Mr. Burchell and staff responding to questions.

Regarding administrative costs, Mr. Sanford advised that the Province would fund the Director's position; however, other police agencies would be responsible for paying certain additional costs.

Deputy Chief McNeil, HRP, indicated that since HRM was the largest agency involved, a full time HRP officer would be seconded to the Unit at HRP's expense. He advised that the agency under investigation would also be responsible for incremental costs such as meals and overtime; noting that this was something that the agencies had little control over. Deputy Chief McNeil expressed concern that the program may require

additional funding as the Unit would be busier than he first thought based on the types of cases which it would be investigating. In closing, he stated that there would also be a full time member seconded from the Halifax division of the RCMP and more may be required from both agencies depending on the case.

Mr. Sanford indicated that the majority of investigations seemed to come from the HRM area. He stated that the additional provincial resources may help lower the cost to municipalities for these types of investigations.

Mr. Sanford also stated that the whole investigation model was based on the Major Case Management Model. He indicated that the Unit would probably begin with two full time Provincial investigators who would likely be retired officers who were no longer associated with a police department; noting that these officers would be the team leads in any investigation. Mr. Sanford advised that; depending on the number of additional resources required, some on ground investigators would be seconded from other parts of the Province to conduct interviews. He noted that the Province would be funding all Provincial employees, vehicles and information systems, however, would not be paying in kind costs to the officers provided.

Deputy Chief McNeil noted that the Unit would be conducting criminal investigations rather than Police Act ones.

Mr. Sanford advised that the Minister of Justice could refer a case to the Unit Director; however, the Unit Director would have the final say in what they wish to investigate.

Mr. Sanford also stated that, under Bill C38, both municipal and RCMP officers could be investigated by this Unit.

Deputy Chief McNeil stated that the Unit would not investigate codes of conduct or corruption as these matters were already mandated under the Public Complaints Commission.

The Chair thanked Mr. Sanford and Mr. Burchell for their update.

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

The September 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the September 2010 RCMP reports were as submitted. With regards to training, he stated that numbers were down during the summer; however, training was now back up to speed. Regarding the victim services report, Superintendent Beaton advised that he had been speaking about increasing the number of calls for service and reaching out; noting that staff had accomplished this

during the last reporting period. He stated that he hoped to see the number increase even further as seven new additional volunteers were now involved with the Program.

7.2 HRP Reports

The September 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

The September 2010 HRP reports were as submitted.

7.2.1 HRP Budget Update

Deputy Chief Burbridge provided an update on the Municipal Association of Police Personnel (MAPP) salary negotiations which would be taking place on October 22, 2010.

Deputy Chief Burbridge also advised that HRP staff hoped to have a budget for the Board at their November meeting.

7.2.2 Online Reporting - Deputy Chief Burbridge

Deputy Chief Burbridge stated that, earlier in the year, Chief Beazley and Mayor Kelly met with local businesses and their general complaints involved trying to file a report via the telephone. He stated that, as a result, staff requested that Mr. Kevin Tulk create an online reporting system. Deputy Chief Burbridge indicated that the community would no longer be frustrated by busy signals or an answering machine and that the new system would not create any additional costs as the system had only cost \$182 thus far.

Mr. Tulk provided the presentation regarding Online Reporting and ran through the working model site for the Board's information. He stated that the site would provide the public with the opportunity to report certain incidences online, to add information to an existing report and to leave information for a particular officer. He indicated that the reports would be submitted as electronic faxes via a queue to staff. Mr. Tulk also stated that the resident would receive their 'go number' within 24 hours of submitting a report.

Deputy Chief Burbridge indicated that staff anticipated that online reporting would increase the amount of complaints received, however, the HRP did wish to have this information; for example, areas where cars have been broken into even if nothing has been stolen. He noted that he hoped this would be a more inclusive model.

Mr. Tulk noted that residents would have a choice to receive an email or phone call with their incident number.

Superintendent Beaton advised that Mr. Tulk had also extended the offer to create an

online reporting system for the RCMP; noting that some issues had to be worked out such as including bilingual service. He stated that they were looking at access via the HRM homepage and hoped to be offering online reporting soon.

Deputy Chief McNeil clarified that the online reporting would be for the 490-5016 number which was used for reporting incidents after they occurred. He noted that the 490-5020 number would remain the same.

The Chair thanked Mr. Tulk for his presentation.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Don Spicer & Mr. Allan Waye, HRP

A document titled 2010/11 Safe and Welcoming Communities Outcome Area was before the Board.

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 10 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer provided updates beyond the submitted newsletter; noting that the next iteration of HRP Sports Pals would take place on Friday, October 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. on the artificial ice surface by Dartmouth High School. He indicated that the HRM sponsored event would involve a hockey game between the HRP and youth.

Superintendent Spicer also indicated that Home Connect would be taking place at the Halifax Armouries on Sunday, October 24, 2010; noting that it was a day of services for the homeless and marginally housed including dental and medical service, hair cuts and hot food. He hoped this would become an annual event.

Superintendent Spicer stated that the Ice Awards had taken place and the HRP may be receiving some in kind creative work for their cyber bullying campaign; noting that an information report would be brought forward if this occurs.

In closing, Superintendent Spicer stated that staff were seeking permission to present the Public Safety Annual Report update in January 2011.

Mr. Allan Waye, Executive Officer to the Chief of Police, provided an update on the Public Safety Annual Report. Highlights were as follows:

- Councillors were invited to a session at the Captain William Spry Centre and provided with a month afterwards to provide feedback to the Public Safety Office
- Staff wished to present the final Public Safety Annual Report to the Board prior to having it go to print
- The issues listed were the key issues as based on Dr. Don Clairmont's report on violence
- There will be no change to the five statements of intent
- The group at the Captain William Spry Centre session thought that four other areas should be included to enhance the situation

- Safer, Stronger Communities is already an initiative in HRM and the Provincial and Federal governments will become involved as well

In closing, Mr. Wayne stated that the draft annual Public Safety Report was complete, however, staff still needed to work on formatting and hoped to have it done by the end of the year. He stated that letters from Mayor Kelly, Chief Beazley and the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners would accompany the report booklet to be submitted to Council.

Mr. Wayne also provided a presentation on the Safe and Welcoming Communities Outcome Areas. Highlights were as follows:

- Staff were working on a departmental strategic plan and now have outcome areas as well as six major themes across the municipality
- Many of the issues were beginning to overlap with simultaneous processes occurring
- The goals from 2009, however, were not overlapping
- The Public Safety Office has been meeting every Wednesday for three hours with each HRM business unit that is involved with the Safe and Welcoming Communities initiative
- At these sessions, every objective and goal from 2009 was revisited to see if refining or omitting was required
- Items may be omitted for 2011 if the goal will be achieved by the end of 2010 so new goals and objectives may be added
- Objectives must be specific, attainable and measurable

In closing, Mr. Wayne indicated that this matter would apply to every HRM business unit; noting that the Board would see the final result.

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions.

As a courtesy to Commissioner McCluskey, Mr. Wayne advised that he would inquire as to how the new civic addressing program was working.

The Chair thanked Mr. Wayne for his presentation.

7.4 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference – Chair

The Chair stated that Mr. Dave Walker, Deputy Mayor of Bridgewater and member of the Canadian Association of Police Boards, had advised him that there was an opportunity for Halifax to host the 2013 or 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference. The Chair wished to know if the Board was willing to put a proposal forward.

MOVED BY Commissioner Gosse, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey that

the Board of Police Commissioners put forward an expression of interest to host the Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference in 2013. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Cole Harbour Check Point – Superintendent Beaton

This item was deferred as it pertained to Commissioner Karsten's District.

8.2 Chaplaincy Program Policy – Superintendent Beaton

For the Board's information as per the September meeting, Superintendent Beaton submitted a document containing the details of the RCMP national and divisional policy regarding their Chaplaincy Program.

The Chair requested that the HRP also submit information regarding their chaplaincy program at the next meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for November 8, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

October 19, 2009

PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

REGRETS: Commissioner James Perrin

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - September 11, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the minutes of August 10, 2009, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Correspondence - None

6.2. Petitions - None

6.3. Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1. RCMP Reports

C The September 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

As there were no questions at this time the RCMP reports were tabled as presented.

7.2. HRP Reports

C The September 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

As there were no questions at this time the HRP reports were tabled as presented.

7.3 Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

- C The October 2009 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 1 Issue 4 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer provided the Safety Update. He advised that he had met with Mr. Don Clairmont and Mr. Chris Murphy regarding the overall strategic plan and noted that they would also be involved in the evaluation piece along with several of Mr. Murphy's grad students.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the Gun Amnesty Pixels for Pistols Program was coming together nicely for the month of November and he invited the Commissioners to attend a news conference regarding the Program on October 30, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. He stated that the Program had been very effective in Toronto in 2008 and, in fact, had been the most successful gun amnesty program the city has ever had. He indicated that the Program was in association with Henry's stores who would be giving a digital camera to those who surrendered their loaded guns to police. Superintendent Spicer advised that Mr. Donnie Jenkins was coordinating the program and could be contacted at gunamnesty@halifax.ca so arrangements could be made to pick up guns. Superintendent Spicer noted that no one would be charged with possession when surrendering a gun, however, serial numbers would be ran and any crime associated with the gun would be investigated. He also advised that the guns would be destroyed via the Nova Scotia Chief Firearms Officer once the serial numbers were ran.

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the Board of police Commissioners support and endorse the Pixels for Pistols Gun Amnesty Program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for November 9, 2009.

9.1 Discussion Re: Additional Meetings

The Chair asked if 12:30 p.m. was a good time frame for meetings.

Commissioner Hill indicated that it was difficult for him to meet for all day sessions as

he had a full time job. He advised that he was available to meet for half day sessions and that Mondays and Wednesdays were fine for him, however, he was unavailable on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He stated that he could attend the all day meeting on October 28, 2009 and the morning session on October 29, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 20, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Doug MacDonald

REGRETS: Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Beverley Peters

STAFF: Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant
Mr. Darrell Beaton, RCMP, Acting Superintendent
Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Deputy Chief Chris MacNeil, HRP
Mr. Darryl Harvey, RCMP, Acting Officer in Charge

GUESTS: Ms Tracey Hannah, Department of Justice

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Chief Beazley presented Chief's Commendations to Constables Marques Reeves and David Chambers (who was a cadet completing on-the-job-training at the time). These two officers were recognized for their actions in addressing a potentially life-threatening situation for a citizen of HRM this past summer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. in the Meisner Room, at Halifax Regional Police Department, 1975 Gottingen Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 21, 2008

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of July 21, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 7.1 Non Emergency police number (490-5020)**
- 7.2 Budgets for both the HRP and the RCMP for 2009**

MOVED by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Order of Business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Deployment of Eight New RCMP Officers and its Budget Implications and Solutions.

Commissioner Walker advised he had sent an email with an attached memorandum from Mr. Dan English, CAO dated August 27, 2008 to all members of the Board asking them if they had any issues with the method of deployment of the new officers to contact him. Hearing no replies, Commissioner Walker advised the CAO that the deployment of the new RCMP officers could go as directed in the memorandum.

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. REPORTS

6.1 THE MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE ON VIOLENCE REPORT

- A Report to the Mayor as a Result of the Mayor's Roundtable dated April 2008
- A Synopsis of the Mayor's Roundtable Report for Chief Frank A. Beazley
- *The Digby Declaration on Racism: Seven Recommendations for Repairing the Broken Relationship between the RCMP and the Black Community.*

Chief Beazley distributed the above-mentioned synopsis explaining that this synopsis pulls out the information that pertains to the Police only.

The Chief also distributed a report that was given to him by the RCMP on *The Digby Declaration on Racism: Seven Recommendations for Repairing the Broken Relationship between the RCMP and the Black Community*. Although he advised this could be discussion for another day, he made the following comments:

- There are a couple of items in the report that he will be sharing with his in-house committee.
- Although the Report is localized to the current situation in Digby, it also deals with issues pertaining to race relations, training and working within the Black Community of Digby.
- At some point there will need to be a discussion on HRM's ability to work with the African Canadian Community and to be able to work with them in a much different way than that of today based on the finding of this report.

Chief Beazley introduced Mr. Allan Way, Executive Officer to the Chief, who has been working on these reports. The Chief also indicated that next Monday he and his senior officers will participate in a full day workshop finetuning these reports. He also invited any members of the Board that wanted to participate to notify him. The Board could appoint someone to work with the Chief and Senior staff on this project, should they choose to do so.

Mr. Way walked the group through what he has been doing to this point. In a spreadsheet format, Mr. Way outlined Dr. Clairmont's recommendations. He then added a second column with clarifications of these recommendations. Any recommendations that were multi layered were broken out into several narrower recommendations. An action plan column was then added for each recommendation. Actual people will be listed that will be responsible for each recommendation and a time line for each of the actions will be given. Budgets may need to be restructured to find funds for the recommendations.

The Chief advised that a report that will be coming to Council in December. The

Commission will need to see the final report before it goes to Council. The Chief advised that a report should be ready to come to the November 10, 2008 meeting of the Commission.

Commissioner Walker advised the Board that he has a complaint with Dr. Clairmont's report in that neither the Board of Police Commissioners nor what should the actions be of the Board had not been mentioned in the Report to the Mayor as a Result of the Mayor's Roundtable dated April 2008.

6.2 DONATION OF COMPUTERS FROM ALIANT

Chief Beazley advised the Board that Aliant has partnered with Halifax Regional Police Liaison Officers to provide educational materials that will further educate students as to the dangers of the internet. Aliant has donated three laptop computers to School Liaison Officers for use in the classrooms.

MOVED By Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald the Halifax Regional Police accept the computers and use them to educate students in the classroom about the dangers of the internet. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

6.3 BILL 129

Commissioner Walker advised the Commission that at the October 7, 2008 Regional Council session, a motion was made to recommend that HRM write the leaders of all three political parties to urge reconsideration of Bill 129 to provide an opportunity to reflect on the public safety issues it raises. A response was received back stating that it was a non government Bill, it was very contentious and it would be looked at further from all sides before it is moved any further. It is currently before the Law Amendments Committee.

6.4 HRP REPORT

Chief Beazley advised the Board that the reports were just as submitted.

He further advised the Board that although the 2nd quarter stats were late being submitted due to the fact that meetings during the summer were cancelled, they were a good news story and he wanted that noted for the record. He also said that the 3rd quarter stats would be ready for the December meeting.

Commissioner McCluskey asked for clarification on the prostitution numbers. Chief Beazley informed Commissioner McCluskey that although the numbers were up, these numbers are enforcement driven, meaning that more arrests were made.

6.5 RCMP REPORT

A\Inspector Beaton advised the Board that the reports were just as submitted.

Darrell Harvey, A\Officer in Charge of the Halifax District gave a report on the addition of the new officers.

7 ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Non Emergency Police Number

Commissioner McCluskey informed the Chief that when one calls the non-emergency number, staff are taking too long to respond to the incident. She had called to report there were two prostitutes strolling from point A to point B. The taker of the call wanted to know the address at which this was happening. She tried to inform them that they were not connected to an address but were strolling the street.

Chief Beazley informed the Board that should any member of the Board wish to he would gladly give Board Members a tour of this operation. He told Board members that the operators were given a set of questions that they must ask and one of these questions is to what address is this incident connected. He also reported that the dispatcher may be deploying officers while questions were still being asked.

Acting Supt. Darrell Beaton advised Commissioner McCluskey that perhaps what she could have said was that they were currently at 1442 Albro Lake Road.

Chief Beazley explained that an address needs to be connected because the numbers need to be captured in the stats and not outside the crime catchment area as this is the way the stats are set up.

7.2 Budgets for HRP and RCMP

Commissioner Walker asked if any envelopes have been given to either policing agency and if there has been any work completed on next year's budget with the Chief responding that no envelopes had been given and very little on the budget as HRP are waiting for directions. Further work is being completed on the final analysis of the 518 police officers and their salaries as it is nearing negotiations.

Commissioner Walker informed the Chief and the A/Superintendent that he would like to have their wish lists/budget at December's meeting.

7.3 Nova Scotia Chiefs' Association Meeting

As the result of the last meeting of the Nova Scotia Chiefs' Association meeting and Police Boards meeting in Yarmouth, HRP has been offered to sponsor next year's meeting . The Chief suggested that a member of the Board will need to work with the committee that HRP staff will be putting together. The Chief is also looking for a member of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards to work on the committee. The Chief advised that September 23, 24, 25 are the working dates for next year's meeting.

He further advised that the attendance at the meeting in Yarmouth was low but was attributed to the Elections but planners are hoping that attendance will be greater next year.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners is November 10, 2008

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to In Camera at 1:35 p.m.

Barbara L. Coleman
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. Adams
Comm. North
Comm. Harvey
Comm. Hetherington
Comm. Monard

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Chief Beazley, HRP, Acting Police Chief
Supt. Chris McNeil, HRP
Supt. Tony Burbridge, HRP
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Mr. Robert Eyre, Policing and Victim Services, NS Dept. of Justice
Mr. Barry Allen, Solicitor
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Robert Eyre, Policing Services Consultant, Policing and Victim Services, Nova Scotia Department of Justice, who is replacing Mr. Dennis Kelly following restructuring, was introduced.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The following additions were made to the agenda:

Item 4.3 - Media Releases (Comm. Hetherington)

Item 6.1 - ATV Team (Supt. Ferguson)

Information Item 2, complaints associated with the demonstration against the G7 Finance Ministers meeting, transferred to the In Camera session.

MOVED BY Comm. Adams and seconded by Comm. Hetherington that the agenda be adopted as revised. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY Comm. Adams and seconded by Comm. Hetherington that the minutes of the September 9, 2002 be adopted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

3.1 **2003 CAPB CONFERENCE - UPDATE**

The Clerk advised that Mr. Gillett, Coordinator, Civic Events and Festivals was unable to attend today's meeting as he is on vacation. It is his intention to attend the Board's November meeting.

Supt. McNeil advised the Board that he has been in contact with Mr. Gillett. Mr. Gillett indicated the organization of the few events the Board is responsible for will not be too taxing.

3.2 **SALE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - FLEA MARKETS**

Deputy Chief Beazley advised the situation is being looked into. Essentially he noted that their sale is looked at from different points of view in the courts. Police have been warning vendors that they could be in violation and these articles should be taken off the shelf and if they continue to be displayed, they could be charged.

4. **NEW BUSINESS (HRP)**

4.1 **CAUSEWAY BAY COMPANIES OFFER TOWARDS KEEPING POLICE SERVICES ON GOTTINGEN STREET**

5. Correspondence between the Mayor and Mr. Pe-Tse, Causeway Bay Companies Ltd. related to an offer of \$50,000 to continue a one year policing project in the area of Uniacke and Brunswick Street.

Both Deputy Chief Beazley and Supt. McNeil explained to the Board why they could not recommend accepting Causeway Bay Companies' offer to pay salaries.

It was suggested that Police Services propose to Mr. Keung that he provide the \$50,000 to the Gottingen Street Business Commission for use towards crime prevention. Staff will follow-up and report back to the Board.

4.2 **WHITE PAPER ON POLICING**

6. Correspondence from Alex Steeves, Acting Executive Director, Policing and Victim Services, N.S. Department of Justice entitled "White Paper on Policing" to which an overview of the outcomes of the initiative were attached.

Deputy Chief Beazley noted that this is essentially an information item. He referred to the connections with the Police Study.

4.3 **MEDIA RELEASES**

Comm. Hetherington expressed concern that the media releases from the RCMP are no longer being forwarded. Supt. Ferguson indicated this practice should not have been discontinued. He will ensure that the practice is resumed.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)**

5.1 **POLICE STUDY - VERBAL REPORT**

Inspector Fraser was not in attendance to respond to the question posed at the last meeting by Comm. Adams re \$600,000 identified as surplus in the Police Study. Supt. Ferguson advised the Board that they are looking into the matter with Betty MacDonald. Item deferred to November.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)**

6.1 **ATV TEAM**

Supt. Ferguson referred to the RCMP's ATV Team who commenced work the middle of September. He reported to date the program has had good success particularly the education aspect. This is demonstrated in the reduced number of ATVs observed on the roads. He felt he should give an update as there has been coverage of the team in the newspapers.

Comm. Hetherington noted that Dartmouth By-laws don't permit ATVs on municipal property. Barry Allen confirmed that this by-law is still enforceable.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

As identified earlier, two added information items were circulated at the meeting related to the following:

8. October APB
9. A communique from the CAPB related to a reminder of the seminar on police and private agencies being held November 15, 2002 in Brampton, Ont.

8. **STATISTICS**

8.1 **VICTIM SERVICES - STATISTICS REPORT - AUGUST 2002**

The Victim Services August 2002 Statistics Report and Counsellor Monthly Statistics were provided in the agenda package.

9. **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

It was decided to hold the next meeting, Monday, November 18, as the regular meeting date falls on Remembrance Day.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned on motion of Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Adams.

The meeting reconvened following the in camera session to ratify a motion related to HRP Management.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
September 10, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey

REGRETS: Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner William White

STAFF: Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Deputy Chief Burbridge awarded Certificates of Merit to Chief Warrant Officer Jim Johns and Staff Sgt. Stephen Harper of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires for their efforts in assisting the Regional Police in the prevention of an attempted suicide on the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 9, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of July 9, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 5.1 Policing Resource Study
- 5.2 Guardian Angels Policy - Commissioner Walker

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. REPORTS

Deputy Chief Burbridge provided an overview of the crime statistics noting there has been a reduction of 12.37% in violent crime, 18.68% reduction in crimes against property and 7.73% reduction in other criminal code crimes HRM wide since last year. Overall the reduction is 13.9%.

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the stats be made available to the public through a press release. Further, staff to ascertain the cost of placing an ad or inserts in all newspapers. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised he will have a press release drafted and sent out.

Commissioner Walker requested the stats for arrests and apprehensions be provided for the October meeting.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Policing Resource Study

Deputy Chief Burbridge and Commissioner Roane provided an update on the Study advising the report is expected to be available by the end of January rather than the end of December.

**MOVED by Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that staff the Policing Study report be made available to the Board at the end of January.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

5.2 Guardian Angels Policy - Commissioner Walker

In response to Commissioner Walker as to whether there is a policy in place with regards to the Guardian Angels, Supt. Bill Moore, advised they are private citizens and do not have any authority or power.

Commissioner Walker stated there should be a reporting procedure or code of conduct in place. In response, Supt. Moore advised they can make a citizens arrest. He noted that if they work with the police they would be similar to citizens on patrol which does have a policy in place.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised staff can do a follow up to find out who is coming, when they are coming and how many are coming. Staff will also ascertain whether they are just coming to recruit and/or what capacity they are working in.

Commissioner Walker requested staff report at the October meeting whether there should be a policy with regard to this type of group.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
September 11, 2006

PRESENT: Ms. Terry Roane, Chair
Commissioner Ernestine Gouthro
Commissioner William White
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Linda Mosher

REGRETS: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey
Commissioner Brad Johns

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Ms. Terry Roane was sworn in as a member of the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2006

MOVED by Commissioner Perrin, seconded by Commissioner White, that the minutes of July 10, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 5.1 Information Report - Integrated Traffic Report - Lower Sackville
- 5.2 HRP Town Hall Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Commissioner Gouthro, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Commissioner Johns - Incident on Seawood Avenue - July 26, 2006

This item was deferred to the October meeting as Commissioner Johns was not in attendance.

4.2 Commissioner Mosher - Graffiti

Commissioner Mosher stated this item was brought forward in 2005 and a presentation was requested from Gary Martin, Manager, Community Response Team. The presentation was given in November. She stated the reason she had brought the item to the Board in the first place was that she perceived there to be a lack of coordination between the community response and policing in general working together on the graffiti issue and having a joint strategy. The reason she wanted to come to the Board was so

that an action plan could be developed. Subsequent to the presentation, she had met with the CAO and Mayor and the CAO had given direction to the community response team to come up with an integrated strategy. Subsequent to that, she met with Mr. Whittemore, CAO's office, and provided him with information and had indicated to him that the Board had a motion that the matter should come back to the Board first. The Commissioner noted that the issue came to Council in the first week of August and it did not address many of the issues she had brought forward in her meeting with Mr. Whittemore and it did not come to the Board first. The Commissioner stated staff was told it should come back to the Board but there was no acknowledgement of that.

The Commissioner stated she has concerns as to why it did not come back to the Board, what was the disconnect. She stated she will be bringing the matter forward at Council and will be pursuing the By-Law under the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Act. She stated the report that came to Council was effective in some ways but it did not look at the fact that no matter what HRM or the Water Commission does, there is graffiti everywhere and there is evidence that it is a crime and there are associated crimes.

The Commissioner stated graffiti is not a trivial thing and the Municipality has to be more aggressive and treat it like a crime. She stated graffiti is treated like a crime in the UK and that is what she wants to see here. She stated there is a need for camera surveillance and a By-Law to be put in place as well as action taken. She stated staff are not provided with the money and tools they require to address the matter. She stated at Council she will be asking police put money in next year's budget for surveillance cameras and for the implementation of a By-Law.

Chief Beazley advised Supt. Moore has been made the lead in developing the By-Law. He noted the work plan that went to Council was vetted through Community Response, RCMP, Mr. Labrecque and himself.

Chief Beazley advised that with regard to the video surveillance issue, Mr. Labrecque's staff will be assigned full time to deal with graffiti and will be issued cameras thus becoming the eyes and ears for the police and will call in occurrences to the police for response.

Supt. Barnett advised the RCMP has worked closely with HRP and the Community Response team on graffiti and will continue to do so.

Commissioner Mosher stated there has to be a "no tolerance" position taken on this issue.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Information Report - Integrated Traffic Report - Lower Sackville

An information report dated July 20, 2006, was circulated to members of the Board for information.

5.2 Town Hall Meetings

Chief Beazley and Supt. Barnett provided a list of times and locations of the Town Hall meetings for information.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2006.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

September 11, 2009

PRESENT:

Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

STAFF:

Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - August 10, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of August 10, 2009, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

8. Fallen Peace Officers Memorial - Commissioner Karsten

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

6. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C Copies of the August 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton advised that the RCMP would be sending 40 officers to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics; noting that they would be attending for two to six weeks. He indicated that the request for no acronyms in the statistics would be carried out for the

October Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

7.2 HRP Reports

C Copies of the August 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

As there were no questions at this time the HRP reports were tabled as presented.

Commissioner McCluskey congratulated the HRP on how many speeders had been caught.

7.3 Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

C The September, 2009 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 1 Issue 3 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that good work was ongoing and that he would be happy to address any questions or concerns. He indicated that the distribution of the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was growing and that he would also submit a quarterly report to Council.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that he was getting positive feedback from the community regarding the Fall Back student program; noting that Mr. Brian Palmeter was the Community Officer for the project. The Commissioners commended everyone involved; including Councillor Uteck.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Fallen Peace Officers Monument - Commissioner Karsten

Commissioner Karsten advised that Regional Council had approved an RFP for a Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officers Memorial in Grand Parade in June of 2008; noting that the project should commence within the next four weeks. He indicated that a fellow Councillor had moved a Notice of Motion at the Regional Council meeting on September 8, 2009 requesting that the monument be relocated to another part of Grand Parade which he did not believe was appropriate.

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board of Police Commissioners write a letter to Regional Council reaffirming their support of the original location of the Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officers

Memorial which was approved by Council in June, 2008. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

September 20, 2010

- PRESENT: Commissioner Russell Walker, Chair
Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner Kenneth Hill
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse
- REGRETS: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair
- STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - August 16, 2010

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, that the minutes of August 16, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1 Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association Conference Update - Commissioner Gosse
- 8.2 Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards Conference Update - Commissioner Gosse

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Police Chaplains

The Chair welcomed the Police Chaplains to the meeting.

Father Lloyd O'Neill, Catholic Police Chaplain, thanked the Board for allowing the HRP Police Chaplains to present. He noted that he had been a Police Chaplain since 1966;

working with both the HRP and RCMP. He stated that chaplaincy was a very valuable service in policing as chaplains assist officers and their families as well as the public in many varied kinds of situations. Father O'Neill advised that the toughest time for people was when they lose a family member and that, in those situations, no one is an atheist; noting that even the toughest person has a faith component when their back is to the wall. He stated that chaplains can have a positive influence by helping people through the greatest crises in their lives. He indicated that the chaplains help police officers in bad times through debriefings as there can be negative results when people cannot deal with trauma; noting that he had helped with the Swiss Air debrief. Father O'Neill addressed one final concern; advising that with all the violence that was occurring, planning for negative events such as school shootings was extremely important. He stated that the Police Chaplains could play an important role in this planning.

Canon Robert Power, Anglican Police Chaplain, stated that it was interesting to see the reaction of police cadets when they are made aware of the variety of faiths that are present for them in the training classroom. He indicated that many of these cadets, particularly those that come from a non faith tradition, learn the value of chaplaincy on their very first watch. He recounted the brother of a deceased man wanting to see him at the hospital to thank him on behalf of his non Christian family as his brother did not die alone as Canon Power, a man of prayer, was by his side. He advised that this was an important message. Canon Power stated that it is a wonderful experience for the Chaplains to participate with officers on their watches and that this has helped their work considerably.

Reverend Dr. Cynthia Chenard, Presbyterian Police Chaplain, indicated that she had been with the HRP Chaplaincy Program for eight years; noting that she began during the Swiss Air crash. She stated that they were an ecumenical chaplaincy and were there for staff and their families for emotional and spiritual support, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Reverend Chenard advised that the Chaplains were volunteers and had parishes of their own to look after. In closing, she noted that she was married to an HRP Officer.

It was noted that Reverend Wayne Desmond, Baptist Police Chaplain, was unable to attend the meeting.

A discussion ensued with the Chaplains responding to questions.

Regarding a new chaplain being appointed to the Cole Harbour area, Reverend Chenard stated that this appointment was through the RCMP Chaplaincy Program; noting that the RCMP had 24 chaplains across Nova Scotia in each division.

Superintendent Beaton stated that he and Reverend Chenard, who also headed the RCMP Chaplaincy Program, had just sworn in three new volunteers; one of whom would be the Chaplain for Cole Harbour. He indicated that young members may not be so inclined to think of using the Chaplaincy service so they had been working on an education piece to increase awareness.

Reverend Chenard advised that police chaplains had a national body, the Canadian Police Chaplains Association. She stated that they meet annually to receive solid training as well as fellowship.

The Chair thanked the Police Chaplains; stating that the Board appreciated their work and hoped they could help make the service even better.

6.3.2 HRM Youth Advocacy Program - Ms. Sharon Martin, Program Manager, Youth Advocate Program

- A presentation was submitted.

Chief Frank Beazley, HRP, stated that Mr. Paul Dunphy, Director of Community Development, Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager of Community Relations and Cultural Affairs, and Ms. Sharon Martin, Program Manager, Youth Advocate Program, were in attendance to speak about the HRM Youth Advocacy Program. Chief Beazley indicated that they would be speaking about a proactive approach to public safety. He advised that staff would be approaching HRM for some permanent funding for the program in the future and would be requesting the Board's support as well. In closing, Chief Beazley stated that the Program had proven itself to be an effective crime prevention tool.

Mr. Whittemore provided the presentation. Highlights were as follows:

- The four year Youth Advocate Program began in 2007
- Over that period, the Program received \$1,900,000 in funding which HRM was required to match
- The program is not a social service; its job is to improve the coordination of already existing services
- Youth are referred to the program by the police, school or by social services
- Dr. Michael Ungar, who is leading the evaluation of the Program, feels the wrap around model is successful and now the program is being rolled out across Canada based on that success
- Staff are looking to expand the Program to 15 and 16 year olds

- Staff for the Program are not necessarily all social workers, however, many come from the neighbourhoods in which they are working and have been in the same situations as the youth they are helping
- Dr. Ungar thinks the Program requires a clinical social worker
- Staff thinks the Program should be expanded region wide

In closing, Mr. Whittemore stated that the Nunn inquiry was an example of the negative consequences that could occur if the Program is discontinued; noting that HRM would lack a coordinated approach to service.

Ms. Martin ended the presentation with an example of a successful case study.

A discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

The Chair advised that the Youth Advocate Program has been very successful in his District; noting that it was a proactive approach and was well received by his residents. He expressed concern that seven to nine year olds also needed help and that age group should be explored for referral. He also stated that referral was not easy as parental consent had to be granted and parents were sometimes unwilling to admit there was a problem. In closing, the Chair advised that as this was such a positive program, the current six workers could be doubled.

Commissioner Karsten echoed the Chair's statements; noting that the Program was instantly recognized as successful at its launch in 2007 as it had a clear and defined focus. He expressed concern that the Federal Government would not come through with sustainable follow through funding to continue this successful program. In lieu of Federal funding, he advised that he would support the Program moving forward even if HRM had to carry all funding and requested that this matter be further discussed at a later date.

Regarding the possible HRM wide expansion, Mr, Dunphy stated that staff would continue with the same case load over a larger area.

Mr. Whittemore advised that the Program would end in March of 2011 as that was when the funding would end. He stated that staff required a clear direction from Council to make the transition. He indicated that while there may be Federal funding available in the future, it was unclear at this time.

Mr. Dunphy stated that the required \$660,000 in funding did not have to come from new expenditures as it could be reallocated from existing services.

Ms. Martin advised that of the 54 youth staff have been working with, all save five have shown improvement; noting that one of those five was currently incarcerated and the other four had moved out of the province before staff could complete their evaluation.

Commissioner Hill stated that this evaluation would be the most important selling point for the Program.

Chief Beazley stated that he had been involved with the Youth Advocacy Program since the beginning. He indicated that the Program works and that he would stand in support of it when this matter goes to Council.

Superintendent Beaton, RCMP, suggested that Provincial funding for the Program could be explored as an option.

It was agreed that this matter be added to the next agenda.

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C The August 2010 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Beaton stated that the August 2010 RCMP reports were as submitted. He advised that victim services numbers had not improved as much as he would like so staff were still working on that issue. He provided corrections to the Personnel Report as follows; one member listed as off duty sick under the Street Crime Unit was now back at work on restricted duty, one member from the Cold Case Unit was working full time on restricted duty and that the member from Watch Four should be listed under the off duty sick category.

At the Board's request, Superintendent Beaton indicated that he could obtain the amount of summary offense tickets issued for the seatbelt initiative.

Superintendent Beaton indicated that the length of suspensions for impaired driving were going to be increased.

7.2 HRP Reports

C The August 2010 HRP reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley stated that the August 2010 HRP reports were as submitted. He indicated that on August 24 and 25, 2010 HRP had partnered with Service Nova Scotia

and the RCMP to seize 'clunker' cars off the road; noting they had rejected six cars and one had to be towed it was in such poor shape. In closing, Chief Beazley advised that they had issued over 16000 summary offense tickets to date and that they may break the 50,000 mark once again this year.

Commissioner Karsten requested that staff investigate how the matter of the Department of Transportation doubling fines for speeding in school zones was proceeding.

7.2.1 HRP Budget Update

Chief Beazley advised that he had no update this month.

7.3 Public Safety Update - Superintendent Spicer

C The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 9 was submitted.

Chief Beazley indicated that the HRP Town Hall Meetings were underway; noting that one would be taking place that night in Dartmouth. He stated that the first meeting on September 15, 2010 had went well and encouraged Commissioners to attend if they were available.

Chief Beazley also advised that Halifax Community Chaplaincy was creating a Circle of Support and Accountability program for sex offenders and that they were seeking volunteers. He stated that there were not many programs in place to help people coming out of an institution and such programs were effective in helping ex offenders adjust.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association Conference Update - Commissioner Gosse

Commissioner Gosse advised that, overall, the Chiefs of Police Conference in Pictou had gone well. He stated that the facilities were excellent as were the presentations; noting that the Honourable Minister Peter MacKay was a guest speaker.

8.2 Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards Conference Update - Commissioner Gosse

Commissioner Gosse indicated that he had also attend the annual general meeting for the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards. He stated that, at the meeting, members

reviewed the constitution and changed the amount of Board members from five to seven; noting that they had also elected a new Board and that HRM gets one position on that Board. He advised that a new member from the Board of Police Commissioners would have to be selected as Commissioner McCluskey was no longer on the provincial board.

MOVED BY Commissioner Karsten, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that the Board of Police Commissioners elect Commissioner Gosse as the HRM representative for the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Gosse noted that Mr. Dave Walker was still the Chair of the provincial board.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for October 18, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. Bryson, Chair
Comm. Adams
Comm. North
Comm. Harvey
Comm. Hetherington

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Chief Beazley, HRP
Supt. Chris McNeil, HRP
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP
Mr. Dennis Kelly, Nova Scotia, Department of Justice
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Deputy Chief Barss, HRP

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Meeting called to order by the Chair at 12:40 p.m., Training Room, City Hall.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Added Items lists were circulated, together a copy of the 2002 Annual Report, Organized Crime in Canada.

The following additions were made to the agenda:

Under New Business, Item 4.2 - Recognition Board (Deputy Chief Beazley)

Under New Business (RCMP), Item 6.1 - Sexual Assault Investigation Team (SAIT) - Inspector Fraser

Under Added Items:

Item 7.1 - Request HECC for update on the Status of the Pawn Shop By-law.

Item 7.2 - Status Sheet

Item 7.3 - CISC - 2002 Annual Report (Organized Crime in Canada)

Added Information Items:

C CAPB Bulletin #63 Re Federal Government Releases - Consultation Document on Lawful Access & Lawful Access Consultation Paper

C Information pertaining to an International Conference on Policing and Security, previously referred to in the CAPB's Bulletin #59.

The agenda was adopted, as circulated, on a motion of Comm. Adams and Comm. Hetherington.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 19 and 27 meetings were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Comm. Adams and Comm. Hetherington.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 POLICE STUDY

The Chair asked if anyone present had any concerns regarding the Police Study.

Inspector Fraser noted that the RCMP had an opportunity to question and comment previously, thus they have little to comment upon at this time.

Supt. McNeil referred to discussions between the HRP and RCMP about making a joint submission from a policing perspective.

Comm. Adams posed a question to Inspector Fraser about an extra \$600,000 identified as surplus. Inspector Fraser will look into and report back as an information item.

4. NEW BUSINESS (HRP)

4.1 2003 CAPB CONFERENCE

The Chair reflected on the attendance of three of the Board's members to the 2002 CAPB Conference in Ottawa. He noted how well run the Conference had been. He recalled that it was agreed that the 2003 Conference would be hosted in Halifax. Efforts to organize the Conference should not be overlooked.

Comm. Harvey advised that he had an opportunity to speak with Mike Gillett, Coordinator Civic Events and Festivals. Mr. Gillett, along with Supt. McNeil are both heavily involved with the Police Chiefs Conference held subsequent to the CAPB Conference. Mr. Gillett has agreed to assist the Board. Similarly, Supt. McNeil is willing to help. Mr. Gillett has been supplied the contact numbers for Wendy Fedec, Executive Director, CAPB to determine what exactly is expected of the Board in its role as host.

It was concluded that this should be an item on upcoming agendas. It was requested that Mr. Gillett attend the next meeting to provide an update.

4.2 RECOGNITION BOARD

Deputy Chief Beazley noted that Comm. MacVicar had been the Board's representative on the Recognition Board. He was seeking a volunteer to attend the meetings, chaired by the Deputy Chief, every three months to replace Comm. MacVicar.

MOVED BY Comm. Hetherington and Comm. Adams that Comm. Gregory North be the Board's representative on the Recognition Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (RCMP)

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS (RCMP)

6.1 SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION TEAM (SAIT)

Inspector Fraser reported on a trial one year project, involving a two officer team employed full time to deal with sexual assaults involving both children and adults. The program will be monitored closely and a decision made on whether to continue it following the trial period. He noted that the HRP has a dedicated team already. It is recognized that there is a need for consistency in this area. It is an area that the Police Study highlights as needing improvement. He advised that nine individuals have expressed interest in joining the team. Results will be provided to the Commission.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the better rapport the HRP have established with agencies since as Avalon, since the HRP established a dedicated team and conducted training. It was noted that the RCMP has been invited to courses put on in association with the SANE Program scheduled for this fall and spring.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 HECC - PAWNSHOP BYLAW

- C Memo dated September 6, 2002 from Harbour East Community Council regarding a motion requesting an update on the status of the Pawnshop By-law. Information Report requested by their October 3, 2002 meeting.

Deputy Chief Beazley referred to a draft Pawnshop By-law prepared with Barry Allen's assistance. Reference was made to contact with the Provincial Department of Justice. It was noted that a Committee has been struck to put together provincial wide legislation re pawnshops, flea markets, etc. A presentation of the new provincial draft will be made at the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Conference in October. Deputy Chief Beazley will endeavour to get a copy of the draft to the members.

Mr. Kelly indicated that he did not feel the Flea Market Act failed, but enforcement aspects of the Act need to be improved and a Committee has been meeting regularly in this regard.

Concern was expressed by Comm. Hetherington regarding the sale of drug paraphernalia at flea markets. A discussion ensued on whether there were any Federal, Provincial or Municipal laws to deal with this. He noted that he has seen police officers walk through the flea markets, but no action is taken against the vendors. He therefore wondered if their sale

was legal. If under the Criminal Code, why isn't something done about the practice. Deputy Chief Beazley indicated he will look into the situation.

7.2 STATUS SHEET

A copy of the updated status sheet was circulated.

8. STATISTICS

8.1 VICTIM SERVICES

Copies of the July Statistics Report and Victim Services Counsellor Monthly Statistics had been circulated in the agenda package.

9. NEXT MEETING

Since the regularly scheduled meeting falls on Thanksgiving, it was decided to hold the next meeting, Monday, October 7.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to meet in camera, on motion of Comm. Adams and Comm. Hetherington.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING - AUGUST 27, 2002

PRESENT: Comm. S. David Bryson, Chairman
Comm. Bob Harvey
Comm. Steve Adams
Comm. Eartha Monard
Comm. Greg North
Comm. Bruce Hetherington

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Chief Bob Barss, HRP
Deputy Chief Frank Beazley, HRP
Supt. Tony Burbridge, HRP
Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP
Inspector Vern Fraser, RCMP
Dave Muirhead, Director, RCMP, Ottawa
Ms. Joanne Marriott, Police and Victim Service, Dept. of Justice
Mr. Weldon Myers, Finance, Department of Justice
Mr. Alex Steves, Director, Police and Victim Services, Dept. of Justice
Mr. Bob Purcell, NS Department of Justice
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Manager, Financial Planning Services
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:05 a.m., Council Chambers, City Hall.

1.0 **PRESENTATION OF THE POLICE SERVICES STUDY - FINAL REPORT - PERIVALE + TAYLOR**

- C Final Report of the Police Services Study conducted by Perivale + Taylor dated August 2002 entitled "Partners in Policing - The Halifax Regional Police Service, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Community, 'Taking Care of Business' Together".
- C Back grounder to the Police Study
- C Summary of the Final Report of the Study
- C List of Recommendations

A special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held to hear a presentation on the final report of the Police Services Study conducted by Perivale + Taylor.

In his opening remarks, the Chair welcomed David Muirhead, RCMP, Ottawa and various representatives of the Provincial Department of Justice in attendance. He requested that Mr. Keith Taylor of the consulting firm Perivale + Taylor briefly explain the report, focusing on aspects related to the Board. The Commissioners were encouraged to pose questions to Mr. Taylor during the course of his presentation.

In his presentation, Mr. Taylor referred to the following:

- C The study team involved in the three month study consisted of individuals with police, academic and private industry experience.
- C In order for the resultant report to be comprehensive and understandable to the general public, it is quite lengthy.
- C The majority of the report deals with the two police agencies and identification of duplications and gaps in their services and improving the relationship between the HRP and RCMP.
- C Reference was made to the community based policing orientation of both, which is a more involved process than working reactively.
- C The Province is a major stakeholder.
- C The complex and pivotal role the Board of Police Commissioners plays, particularly related to oversight.
- C The uniqueness of HRM in Canada being policed by two agencies, HRP and RCMP.
- C Given the different perspective and history of both agencies, the role the Board plays in mediating and coordination.
- C The study focuses on the role of the Board in planning and reporting.

- C The role of the MOU, Bylaws and the Police Act in defining the powers and authority of the Board. The Board currently has different powers with regard to the HRP versus RCMP. Recommendations were formulated against this backdrop.

The Chair, reflecting on his observations based on his three year experience with the Board, felt it had functioned basically as a forum, where police officers report on a regular basis for the sake of transparency and in lieu of going to Council. He felt to this extent the Board worked reasonably well. The Board did not do any monitoring or planning and does not develop budgets. As for the mediating role, the Board had not performed this function very much. The Board acted in a sensitizing fashion.

Mr. Taylor felt that acting as a forum is a somewhat passive function. Referring to the Board's role in budgeting, Mr. Taylor felt the Board should not simply receive information and pass on, but be initiating planning processes. The Board is the voice of the community and thus needs to plan an appropriate response to community needs and report.

During the ensuing discussion of how the Board should assume a more assertive role, Mr. Taylor acknowledged that more time would have to be devoted by the Board members and more training will be required. To assist in the process, it is recommended that a resource person be hired by the Board. The importance of the Board being seen as independent was stressed by Mr. Taylor.

Resuming his review, Mr. Taylor made further reference to the following:

- C Since the RCMP is a Federal force which also performs local functions, there is a pull on this agency. The consultants would prefer to see more orientation at the local level, i.e. a better understanding of local needs. He noted that some of the RCMP's information was not available at the local level. It was felt that the Board could play a role in helping pull the RCMP around to focus on HRM.

- C Some data not available or its incompatibility prevented a statistical analysis. It was noted that data was also missing on per capita costs for RCMP policing. It had to be obtained from Ottawa. The consultants felt policing agencies should be doing calculations and submitting to the Board. In addition some day to day data, involving, for example, response time was not available. It was felt that having this data available was important in understanding how the agencies worked. Reference was made to the UK having standards which are very comprehensive. It was noted that since this was pointed out, it is felt that the Municipal Police Unit of the RCMP in Ottawa will likely be providing such data to the local level. Supt. Ferguson confirmed that action is being taken to remedy the situation. Mr. Taylor concurred noting the two agencies have been very open and responsive to the ideas resulting from the study and some changes have been made.

- C The Board take a more critical role versus its present passive role.
- C The province needs to develop and provide standards. These may come out of the drafting of the White Paper. At present the two agencies, in some situations, are working with different standards and independently which causes problems. A set of standards would improve this situation and should be applied province wide.

Comm. Monard reflecting on the larger role envisaged for the Board, did not feel competent or capable of fulfilling this role with the training members had. Mr. Taylor contended that while the members are not in a position to ask complex questions re policing, the members had an understanding of the community. The report essentially is endeavouring to give the Board license to ask more questions. In this regard, some slight changes to the Police Act and By-law are being suggested. It is recognized that in order to ask sophisticated questions, training is required.

A general discussion followed on how training might be improved on governance and how policing works. For example, reference was made to the need to update the binder provided to Board members. Active training would also be promoted, over just the provision of reference materials as contained in the binder. Mr. Taylor noted the value in attending CACOLE (Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement) conferences.

Comm. Monard noted that the N.S. Association of Police Boards provides professional development through three workshop sessions on the role of police commissioners.

Reflecting on his position as regional councillor, Comm. Hetherington noted that council members on the Board likely asked more questions as they get more public input.

Comm. Monard commented that the Board had a very low profile in the community. A discussion followed on the pros and cons of having a low profile. The general public does not know of the Board's existence or what it does. She felt that the proposed resource person could be a contact point between the public and the Board. Public education might be required.

Caution was expressed that high profile Police Commissions are also very political and while the members may wish to raise the Board's profile, they may desire to not raise it too high.

Reflecting on the address of the key note speaker, an RCMP Commissioner, at the recent CAPB Conference in Ottawa, Comm. Harvey recalled he had encouraged Board members to ask difficult questions either to the RCMP or municipal police services. The importance of Boards being accountable and knowledgeable was referred to. However, it was emphasized

by the speaker that this doesn't necessarily require an in-depth knowledge but bringing forth the community's expectations.

Having not had enough time to digest the study, Comm. Monard questioned if the study suggested a review process or monitoring. Mr. Taylor indicated that in the conclusion of the report, it is recommended that the recommendations be included in the strategic planning process of HRM and the agencies. The consultants did not want the recommendations considered on a piecemeal basis and suggested ways to introduce the recommendations and a monitoring process be developed. No time line is provided, however. This would be the responsibility of the HRM and agencies.

Noting that all parties were present, Comm. Hetherington questioned whether any of them saw any problems with the changes being proposed, including the White Paper and Police Act. Deputy Chief Barss noted that some issues surrounding certification will require some work. No major problems were identified.

Referring to recommendations associated with Human Resources, Comm. North questioned, given the RCMP is federally regulated, if there was any opportunity for the Board to take a more proactive role in this regard. Mr. Taylor felt that the Municipal Policing Unit in Ottawa would entertain changes.

The meeting concluded following clarification of what changes the consultants are proposing re the Memorandum of Understanding.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Lynne LeBoutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

January 9, 2012

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Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Steve Streach
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Sue Uteck

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners for 2012.

MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Read that Commissioner Gosse be elected as Chair for 2012. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair for 2012.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that Commissioner Ruth be elected as Vice Chair for 2012. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12, 2011

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the minutes of December 12, 2011 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1 Mayor's Roundtable on Violence re: Public Communication – Commissioner Uteck
- 8.2 Policing Reports for Commissioners – Commissioner Uteck
- 8.3 2014 Conference Update – Commissioner Ruth
- 8.4 Department of Justice Steering Committee Representative - Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Streach seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) Newsletter #4 – January 2012 – Mr. David Walker, President, NSAPB

The Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) Newsletter #4 – January 2012 was before the Board.

The draft NSAPB By-laws for February 2012 were before the Board.

The Chair advised that the NSAPB was looking at increasing the number of representatives from seven to nine in order to include representatives from advisory boards. He indicated this would require an amendment to their constitution which would be done at the next annual meeting.

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The December 2011 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Blais indicated that the December 2011 RCMP reports were as submitted.

An update on the RCMP budget was made after the HRP Budget Update. Please see page 10.

7.1.2 HRP Reports & Budget Update

The December 2011 HRP Reports were before the Board.

A budget document dated December 15, 2011 was before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the December 2011 HRP reports were as submitted.

The HRP Budget Update was dealt with later in the meeting. Please see page 8.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 1 was submitted.

A document titled Crime Free Multi-Housing Program was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 1 was as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer circulated a document on a new initiative in British Columbia titled Crime Free Multi – Housing Program; an initiative that began in the United States which he would like to bring to HRM as a partnership between HRP, RCMP and the private sector. He reviewed the document with the Board.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the program was voluntary and participation had to be renewed each year; noting a volunteer or community officer would annually ensure that the buildings were in compliance.

Regarding the potential to hold a Pixels for Pistols or similar initiative again as it had been a successful program, Chief Beazley advised that they could investigate whether there was any corporate interest for sponsoring such an incentive based event. He added that police had taken 530 firearms off the street in 2011.

7.2 Committee Members

7.2.1 2012 Strategic Objectives - Chair

The Board reviewed their 2011 Strategic Objectives and amended the list for 2012 as follows:

1. Prepare A Positive Bid to Host the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference.

The Board agreed to leave this item on the list as the event would take place in 2014.

2. Liaise with the Provincial Department of Justice and NSAPB as Applicable to Ensure that HRM's Interests are Protected Regarding Bill No. 72 - Police Act - Creation of the Serious Incident Response Team.

Chief Beazley advised that a Director had been appointed to the Serious Incident Response Team and Deputy Chief McNeil had been appointed from HRP to work out secondment details; noting a Memorandum of Understanding was to be created and work would continue throughout 2012.

The Board agreed to remove this item from the list.

3. Establishment of a Board Budget within the Existing HRP Budget

This item had previously been taken off the 2011 list; however, the Board agreed to add it for 2012.

It was noted that the Board was looking for a line item in the HRP Budget rather than their own budget.

4. Ensure Suitable Representation at Conferences

The Board agreed to remove this item as they had already met this objective.

5. Have New Board Members Attend Board Training

The Board agreed to remove this item as they had just met this objective as well.

6. Smooth out Board Transition to New Members

The Board agreed to leave this item on the list.

It was noted that turnover on the Board should include succession planning and that a balance of genders and minorities should be sought during the planning stages and recruitment process, if possible.

7. Establishment of a Municipal Court

The Board agreed to remove this item as the Province did not plan on changing their approach to the Court system.

8. Communication/Public Relations Campaign for Public Engagement

Commissioner Uteck requested that this item be included for 2012. She suggested a public relations campaign to aid in the work already being done by the Public Safety Office to get the public further engaged in taking back their communities. She indicated that the Board could come up with ideas to further engage the public and develop a communications plan.

Chief Beazley advised that this suggestion would fit in with the current Safe and Welcoming Communities Strategy that HRP was working on via a number of corporate public safety strategies. He stated that a lot of information on policing was already being posted on Twitter, Facebook and via media releases; however, what sometimes gets lost is the single crimes that shock the public as despite the spike in gun crime and homicides in 2011, crimes against persons were actually down by almost 56% and property crimes by 33% over the last five years. He stated that he could bring HRP communications staff in for a meeting with the Board.

The Board agreed to add this item to the list and requested a crime presentation at a future meeting.

9. HRP Contract Negotiations

The Board agreed to add this item to the list.

A new 2012 Strategic Objectives list will be drafted and forwarded to the Board for their information.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Mayor's Roundtable on Violence re: Public Communication – Commissioner Uteck

This item was addressed under item 7.2.1. Please see page 6.

8.2 Policing Reports for Commissioners – Commissioner Uteck

Commissioner Uteck requested a comparison of the internal HRP reports and media reports which the Board and Council currently receive.

Chief Beazley advised that some action was already being taken on this request as a result of the December 2011 Board meeting.

Superintendent Blais indicated that reports were currently sent out from both the HRP and RCMP. He stated that the RCMP report goes to Councillors, Senior Managers and MLAs from the Watch Commanders with a summary of what has occurred over the last 24 hours and another goes to the media; noting the HRP report was a bit different. He indicated that the two organizations were hoping to create one specific, harmonized report and had just purchased crime mapping software as well to help the RCMP and HRP with their internal crime reduction program. He requested two months to complete this work.

The Board agreed that they would like greater engagement in the reporting process.

Chief Beazley advised that HRP completes a media report for the areas of interest the public needs to know about. He indicated the only other report HRP completes is the Watch Commander report which was designed to provide daily information to the Chief of Police similar to a briefing note; noting these reports have never been broadly sent out to Councillors or Boards. Chief Beazley stated that, in the Police Act, there was a clear division between what the Board and Chief of Police does; the Board provides governance to ensure the Chief is taking care of day to day operations which were under his jurisdiction and which he had total control over. He indicated that the Act compels him to bring the HRP budget to the Board and the Board could hold public meetings and communications in support of the police; however, if there was something extra in particular that the Board wanted to know, he wondered if it information the Board required to do its job or if it was just information they wanted to know as they were getting close the day to day operations of the HRP by requesting such additional

information. In closing, he advised that he would bring Councillors up to date on issues in their Districts if they asked; noting there were also privacy issues to consider.

Commissioner Moreash stated that this matter required further discussion as he believed the Board was not getting sufficient information nor did he think there was any conflict with the issue.

It was noted that the RCMP and HRP would continue investigating the harmonized reports matter as indicated at the December 2011 meeting.

8.2 2014 Conference Update – Commissioner Ruth

Commissioner Ruth reported back to the Board that the host community of the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference has to provide \$25,000 for the event which they do not get back. She indicated that at the end of the 2013 conference, the host of the 2014 conference would host a breakfast to speak about the area in which the upcoming conference would be held. Commissioner Ruth stated this would be a chance to showcase Halifax; however, there would probably be a cost involved with this as well; yet it would also be beneficial for tourism advertising. In closing, she advised that, before she could tell CAPB that Halifax could host the 2014 conference, she had to know the \$25,000 would be available.

Chief Beazley advised that the HRP did not have the available funding in its budget.

Commissioner Uteck indicated that she would approach Destination Halifax to see if they would be interested in this funding opportunity as this event would not qualify for Special Events or Council budget funding.

8.4 Department of Justice Steering Committee Representative - Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read that Commissioner Moreash be appointed to the Department of Justice Steering Committee on policing standards. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting recessed at 1:37 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:44 p.m. with the same members present.

7.1.2 HRP Budget Update

The presentation for the First Draft of the 2012-2013 HRP Budget dated January 2012 was submitted.

The HRP 2012/13 Operating Budget Situation (Summary) was submitted.

Chief Beazley provided opening remarks to the presentation of the first draft of the 2012-2013 HRP Budget and thanked his staff including Deputy Chiefs Burbridge and McNeil, Superintendent Bill Moore, Ms. Barbara Palmeter, Financial Consultant and Mr. Craig Horton, Financial Coordinator, for helping with the process. Chief Beazley advised that Superintendent Moore had gone through the process of reviewing the budget by completing a five year trend analysis and also looking at spending to see what HRP did and did not need as all HRM business units had been given a target of a 0 based budget; this includes absorbing the raises for the union and non union employees.

Superintendent Moore provided the presentation of the 2012-2013 HRP Budget.

In closing the presentation, Chief Beazley reiterated that while budget cuts had been made upon completing the five year review, HRP had not touched their core policing services.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the goal and challenge for all HRM business units was to work aggressively on expenditure management. He indicated that these budget cuts would not negatively impact boots on the street and the HRP budget was challenging yet achievable.

A discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

Superintendent Blais advised that staff did not yet know the total projected RCMP cost with salaries for 2012-2013; however, the projected operating budget was \$2,800,000.

Ms. Palmeter indicated that finance staff was using a 5% increase for their RCMP projections.

Chief Beazley advised that HRP's largest budget cost is for salaries, benefits and overtime; noting if a highly unusual event did occur, the budget would not address that; however, HRP does have a reserve for extraordinary events which they could request from the CAO and Council, if required.

Commissioner Uteck advised that she did not agree with the presented budget cuts of \$163,000 on page 14 of the presentation as she was concerned that the public perception of policing would be impacted.

Chief Beazley advised that over \$2,000,000 in total cuts were being made and he did not know where else to cut from the budget which he supported. He encouraged the Board to review the document and provide further suggestions; noting they had chosen the things that, if cut, would not impact HRP's ability to investigate crime.

Chief Beazley also indicated that there would not be many retirements in the near future as they currently had a young force.

It was noted that the Board would further address the budget at their next meeting and they were encouraged to contact Chief Beazley or Superintendent Moore as soon as possible in the meantime with any questions or suggestions.

Regarding the removal of the permanent downtown surveillance cameras, Chief Beazley indicated that HRP had recently purchased portable equipment that could be used in hot spots.

Commissioner Read requested that staff ensure that no capital items are put in the operating budget.

The current quarter update for the RCMP budget was submitted.

Superintendent Blais advised that the update was simply for the Board's information to bring them up to date.

Inspector Jeff Dowling advised that presented was the operating budget that the Superintendent could control including overtime but not capital or salaries; noting \$3,100,000 was the budget available to him. He stated that at this time, at the third quarter of the year, they had spent 70% of budget and the projected year end would; therefore, be 95% of the budget depending on overtime claims.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 13, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

February 13, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Steve Streach
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Sue Uteck

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the minutes of January 9, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1 2014 CAPB Conference – Commissioner Ruth
- 8.2 Commissioner Updates - Chair
- 8.3 Retirement Announcement – Chief Beazley

Deferral:

- 7.2.1 Regional Council – January 28, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Streach that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentation

6.3.1 Contributors to Crime – Chief Beazley

A presentation was submitted.

Chief Beazley provided the Contributors to Crime presentation which he noted was a high level overview of what contributes to crime and how that compares within HRM. In closing, he stated that crime prevention through social development was the best plan of action and HRM needed to focus on the long term by talking about changing living

conditions, working with children, issues of economics and employment, and the culture of heavy drinking.

A discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

It was requested that an item on the potential of having crime mapping available to the public be added to the next agenda.

The meeting recessed at 1:59 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The January 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Inspector Crampton indicated that the January 2012 RCMP reports were as submitted.

7.1.2 HRP Reports & Budget Update

The January 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the January 2012 HRP reports were as submitted. He noted that, budget wise, HRP was doing well as they were still forecasting a \$280,000 surplus for 2011/2012 year end budget.

As for the 2012/2013 budget, Chief Beazley announced that the list of items he advised he had to cut at the January meeting were now able to be put back in the budget as HRP has since become aware of some additional revenue to continue funding these items.

Chief Beazley also indicated that he had a full staff compliment and the only item now missing from the budget was funding to hire part time, appropriately skilled employees to assist with intercepting private conversations via wire tapping.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners request that the HRP draft budget be adjusted to include \$500,000 for the purpose of funding wire tapping.

A discussion on the motion ensued.

It was noted that the RCMP does aid HRP with this work, when possible; however, they did not have enough capacity with their own work load to provide staffing all the time. Both the RCMP and HRP did; however, agree that they could draw on each others staffing resources for wire tapping when possible.

Chief Beazley advised that if the Board did not support the motion, he would have to either take officers off the street to conduct wire tapping or ask the RCMP for help if they were not busy.

Chief Beazley also noted that further information regarding the budget would be brought back to the Board, perhaps at a special meeting, if required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:06 p.m. with the same members present with the exception of Commissioners Uteck and Streach who had left the meeting.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 2 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 2 was as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer also advised that he was working on a partnership with the Nova Scotia Council on the Status of Women and the Department of Justice regarding a campaign targeting messaging for men as bystanders or potential perpetrators rather than focussing primarily on women as was usually done and is sometimes felt to be a form of re-victimization. He stated that funding had been applied for via Victim's Services from the Department of Justice with the target of having this campaign during Sexual Assault Awareness Month in May. He indicated that the Province was also stepping up to help with the Public Safety Strategy which he would be presenting to the Department of Children and Youth later that week.

7.2 Motion of Referral

7.2.1 Regional Council – January 28, 2012

This item was deferred to the March 12, 2012 meeting under the approval of the order of business.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 2014 Conference - Commissioner Ruth

Commissioner Ruth requested an update on the potential of obtaining approximately \$30,000 in funding to host the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) conference.

Chief Beazley advised that it could be put on the floor at the next budget meeting to be included in the HRP budget; noting it would ultimately have to be approved by Regional Council.

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners request that \$30,000 be added to the draft HRP budget to cover the required costs of hosting the 2014 CAPB Conference. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Ruth noted that CAPB has advised that sponsorship must be approved by Regional Council.

8.2 Retirement Announcement – Chief Beazley

Chief Beazley announced that Deputy Chief Burbridge would be retiring as of March 31, 2012, after 34 plus years of service; noting he had been responsible for many of the HRP's successes.

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised that in his fifteen years of management he never had a member of the Board, Council, or the Chief Administrative Officer tell him what to do; they had always supported public safety first and he could not say thank you enough.

8.3 Commissioner Updates – Chair

The Chair advised that he would like to include this as a regular agenda item. He announced that he attended a Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) meeting on February 10, 2012 at which Mr. Ronald MacDonald, the Director of the Serious Incident Response Team, made a presentation which he would provide to the Board at some point as well. The Chair also stated that he and Commissioners Moreash and Ruth had attended the recent Comstat briefing.

Commissioner Moreash announced that he was on the provincial Policing Governance and Standards Steering Committee which had not yet held their first meeting.

Commissioner Ruth announced that she was on the CAPB Justice Committee and she would be going to Ottawa during the first week of March to address their concerns regarding Bill C-10 with the Federal government; noting she was responsible for Part 4 which was the young offenders section. She advised this was not a lobbying effort but to state their position on record.

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Chief Beazley advised that Deputy Chief McNeil would be talking to the Senate the following week on behalf of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police regarding the youth justice act.

Superintendent Spicer added that he also had a paper from the Canadian Association of Social Workers regarding this matter.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 12, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

Information Item

1. 2012 Strategic Objectives – Updated List

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Steve Streach
Commissioner Sue Uteck

REGRETS: Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Phillip Read

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

In Camera

8.1 Personnel Matter - Deputy Chief Selection Committee - Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 HRP Budget Update

A 2012 – 2013 HRP budget document was submitted.

Chief Beazley advised that he was seeking the Board's approval of the budget at a special meeting due to the timeline set up by HRM as final proof of budgets and business plans had to be completed by March 12, 2012 which was the date of the next regular meeting. He stated that all services that had previously been recommended to be discontinued had been put back into the HRP budget and the additional \$250,000 in funding for witness protection and wire tapping had been set aside from this current year's surplus in a reserve. He indicated that the proposed \$71,942,000 budget would bring HRP in at zero as requested by HRM and the additional cost for the CAPB conference of \$30,000 would become a line item within the budget and would be replaced once outside funding was secured.

Commissioner Uteck verified that once Halifax is accepted as host for the 2014 conference, she and Commissioner Ruth would look for sponsorship to reimburse the HRP funding.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the Halifax Regional Police 2012-2013 Preliminary Operating Budget of \$71,942,000 plus an additional \$30,000 to be included in the Board of Police Commissioners line item for the purpose of hosting the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards conference for a total of \$71,972,000.

A discussion on the motion ensued with staff responding to questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Personnel Matter - Deputy Chief Selection Committee – Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board move In Camera to discuss item 8.1. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 12, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

March 12, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Steve Streach
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Sue Uteck

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, RCMP
Inspector Joanne Crampton, RCMP
Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 13, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the minutes of February 13, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

8.1 Commissioner Updates – Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth seconded by Commissioner Streach that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Motion of Referral - Regional Council – January 28, 2012

An extract of the draft Regional Council minutes dated January 24, 2012 was before the Board.

The 2000 Report re: Community Mobilization Program was before the Board.

Councillor Smith was present to speak on behalf of his motion from Council. He stated that the motion was driven by inquiries from residents regarding the root causes of crime; noting that he had not heard any complaints about the work the police was doing and this would be a community driven initiative. He advised that the 2000 Community Mobilization Program document which he submitted focussed on preventative crime and also made recommendations; many of which had not yet been implemented. Councillor Smith indicated that he would like to see a Council initiative to speak to the communities most impacted by crime to see what they believe the root causes of crime are and how HRM could move forward.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Kelly stated that this information may already be available as the debate had taken place during the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence, which had included

Council. He advised that they spoke to the community and also found that some of the root causes of crime are poverty, lack of education, and mental illness.

Councillor Smith advised that he did not get the sense from the most impacted communities that they had been spoken to.

Chief Beazley indicated that the Safer and Stronger Communities Committee had been in place since 2006 and was comprised of the HRP, RCMP, and Province. He announced that, next April, the Committee would be reviewing what had been accomplished since then and what could be added; noting they would be meeting with the Department of Justice, Community Services, the RCMP and Chief Administrative Officer to look at the issues and some of the longer term solutions. He advised that he did not see any short term changes at this time and did not want to raise expectations; however, he did agree with community engagement; noting he had invited Mr. Paul Shakotko, from the United Way, to the meeting. Chief Beazley also indicated that North End Dartmouth consisted of a number of communities that would not come together because of their layout and that there was a higher percentage of low income households than in HRM; 35% versus 15% in the rest of HRM. He stated that they were looking at how to change the strategy of working with these communities and had met with the Minister on what could be done differently. He advised that those who want to form community groups should know there are no short term fixes; noting that as the community continues to come up with plans, they should go to their Councillor to look for funding for groups and projects and to see if grants are available. Chief Beazley stated that the community has to get out ahead of the problems.

Mr. Shakotko advised that the United Way believes the solution lies within the residents themselves; noting that in North Dartmouth, they link residents who want to start initiatives and, paired with understanding the root causes of crime, this course of action was working thus far.

Chief Beazley advised that the HRP would support a community group in any way they could.

It was agreed that Councillor Smith was welcome to move forward with his initiative and did not require permission from the Board to do so.

Commissioner Uteck entered the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that Chief Beazley respond to Council's request at it relates to the referral and offer to work with the community. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The February 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais indicated that the February 2012 RCMP reports were as submitted.

7.1.2 HRP Reports & Budget Update

The February 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the February 2012 HRP reports were as submitted.

Chief Beazley circulated an updated budget; noting a decision had been made to centralize interdepartmental costs around fleet so \$2,000,000 would be transferred and the new budget number was \$69,906,600.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the Halifax Regional Police 2012-2013 Preliminary Operating Budget of \$69,906,600. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Chief Beazley also circulated the 2012/13 Annual Business Plan; noting the final version, as populated by HRM Finance staff, would be available by 4:30 p.m.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The March 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the March 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer announced that the crime prevention strategy on violence against women titled the Don't Be that Guy campaign would be fully funded via the Department of Justice; noting the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Restaurant Association were also involved in the initiative. Superintendent Spicer also advised that a pilot project dealing with intervention would commence in the Gottingen Street and Uniacke Square area. He stated the initiative was for people involved with drugs and violence; noting that criminals would meet with

the HRP and could chose between being fully prosecuted or getting help. He stated that partners were gradually coming on board and the program would be up and running by September. He advised that an employment and adult education section would be individualized with the purpose of finding ways of making such people more employable.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Commissioner Updates

The Chair advised that he was on the selection panel for the New Deputy Chief of HRP; noting interviews had been held the week prior and more would be held on March 13, 2012.

Commissioner Ruth advised that she had gone to Ottawa with the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) to meet with Senator and MPs regarding Bill C-10 which had been passed that day. She stated that the Conservatives were not open for discussion; however, the Liberals were and a number of people in the Senate were also following up.

Commissioner Uteck advised that she had submitted the letter of intent to CAPB to host the conference in 2014 and had, with the help of Destination Halifax, submitted a tourism package to Ottawa.

Commissioner Moreash announced that the first meeting of the Policing Standards Steering Committee would be held on April 4, 2012.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 16, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

May 14, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Steve Streach
Commissioner Michael Moreash

STAFF: Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5 & 12, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the minutes of March 5 & 12, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1 Formation of a Citizen Led Committee or Task Force - Information Report
- 8.2 Joint Crime Reduction Strategy Presentation –Inspector Dennis Daley

Deletion:

- 5. In Camera Presentation – Confidential Police Investigations

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 HRP & RCMP Report Discussion

The Chair continued the discussion in reference to the information the Board receives in the HRP and RCMP reports. He asked for the Board's comments and guidance regarding the process.

A discussion on the HRP and RCMP reports ensued.

Commissioner Kelly advised it was his understanding that the attempt was to standardize the process of RCMP and HRP reports and that staff would be coming back the Board once they had set out this process, as directed by the Board.

Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais advised that he, Chief Beazley, and Ms. Theresa Rath, HRP Public Relations Manager, had briefly discussed this matter, and provided background on the request. He stated that it had been asked whether there could be standardization; noting that it would be too onerous a task for HRP Communications staff and would take away from their other work as the HRP has more than three times the area as the RCMP and two and a half times more calls for service.

In closing, Chief Superintendent Blais asked the Board what they wanted to have included in the reports they receive.

Commissioner Kelly clarified that they were not receiving the same comparator between the HRP and RCMP reports and he thought it would be better to try and standardize both processes; including consistent information for both the media and Council.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised that what the HRP tries to produce is a document which includes the significant events that have occurred within a 24 hour period. He stated that it would be a significant burden to ask Watch Commanders for the same detail they provide in monthly Board reports in a daily report.

Several Commissioners indicated they wanted to receive the daily updates and that the details in the monthly reports they received were disproportionate.

Several Commissioners also requested that if police knew an issue had arisen outside of the normal reporting, to advise the Board or District Councillor.

Commissioner Ruth advised that she did not mind the different reporting formats as the RCMP and HRP were different agencies.

Deputy Chief McNeil indicated that, as Deputy Chief of Operations, he receives the same information as included in the daily reports; noting a more unusual significant event would be reported to the Board via the Chief. He undertook to further review this matter.

Chief Superintendent Blais agreed that he also received the same information as included in the daily reports.

This item will be concluded at the next meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Crime/Violence in Dartmouth North – Submitted by Councillor Smith on Behalf of a Resident

Correspondence dated March 19, 2012 submitted by Councillor Smith on behalf of a resident was before the Board.

**MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the correspondence dated March 19, 2012.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 HRP Communications Strategy for 2012/13 – Ms. Theresa Rath, HRP Public Relations Manager

A presentation was submitted.

Ms. Theresa Rath, HRP Public Relations Manager, provided the presentation on the HRP Communications Strategy for 2012/13.

Discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

Commissioner Uteck complimented Superintendent Don Spicer on his 'Don't be that Guy' campaign; advising that she had received a great deal of positive feedback, especially from high school students.

As a result of the discussion, a presentation on Social Media will be provided at the next meeting.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The March & April 2012 RCMP Reports and First Quarter Statistics were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais indicated that the March & April 2012 RCMP reports and First Quarter Statistics were as submitted.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the March & April 2012 RCMP reports and First Quarter Statistics as submitted.

The Board agreed to have a one page environmental scan included in the monthly reports for consistency.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The March & April 2012 HRP Reports First Quarter Statistics were before the Board.

Deputy Chief McNeil indicated that the March & April 2012 HRP Reports and First Quarter Statistics were as submitted.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the March & April 2012 HRP reports and First Quarter Statistics as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The April & May 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletters were submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the April & May 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletters were as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that Sexual Assault Awareness month began on May 1, 2012 with a tremendous amount of support from the public and, in particular, women's groups in reference to the 'Don't be that Guy' and "Be More than a Bystander" campaigns. He stated the School Board Commissioner had contacted his office to advise that students wanted to get involved this year as well. He announced that Police Week had been held at the MicMac Mall this year rather than the Dartmouth Sportsplex and the event was much better attended as a result; noting they would go back next year as it had also saved \$10,000 in budget costs. In closing, Superintendent Spicer stated that 80 participants would be taking part in a two and a half day session at the Black Cultural Centre to discuss violence in HRM and the Chicago Ceasefire initiative.

7.2 Commissioner Updates

Commissioners Uteck and Ruth advised that they had not been formally notified about being approved as host city for the 2014 CAPB Conference and could not begin seeking out sponsorship until this notification was received.

Commissioner Moreash advised that he attended the first Policing Standards Steering Committee meeting in April and they were just getting organized to review and create policies.

Commissioner Read advised that he had visited the Queensland State Police when he was in Australia in April; noting it was a different policing model than in Canada; however, similar to the RCMP. He recommended that Commissioners stop by if they were ever in Australia.

The Chair advised that two Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) meetings had occurred since March and reviewed what had taken place. He stated that, as of the fall, he will have been a member of the NSAPB for almost two years and recommended appointing a new Commissioner at the next meeting. The Chair also indicated that he attended a Nova Scotia Criminal Justice meeting at St. Mary's University on May 11, 2012 where Deputy Chief Moore provided a presentation.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Formation of a Citizen Led Committee or Task Force - Information Report

An information report dated May 14, 2012 was submitted.

The Board accepted the report and agreed to forward it to Regional Council.

8.2 Joint Crime Reduction Strategy Presentation –Inspector Dennis Daley

A Joint Crime Reduction Strategy document was submitted.

Inspector Daley reviewed the Joint Crime Reduction Strategy document. He announced that the HRM police forces were launching a joint project into the East Division of the Dartmouth Area and both agencies were working towards looking at crime and resource deployment in HRM as a whole. He welcomed the Commissioners to visit if they were interested.

Chief Superintendent Blais advised that the whole idea was to eventually have one ComStat model. He stated that the key was getting away from anecdotal and bias based policing and into reactive, evidence based policing.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 11, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

June 11, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Steve Streach
Commissioner Michael Moreash

REGRETS: Commissioner Phillip Read

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Judith Ferguson, Deputy Minister of Justice, to the meeting and provided introductions.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the minutes of May 14, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 HRP & RCMP Report Discussion

Chief Superintendent Blais advised that he and Chief Beazley had a discussion regarding this matter following the last meeting. He referenced an email that the majority of the Commissioners would have received that morning from staff asking for input on what they would ideally like to see and how useful they found the information that was currently contained in the reports.

Chief Beazley advised that he had no problem with some compromise regarding the matter; however, he noted the Board ought to revisit its oath of confidentiality as most places renew it on a yearly basis and he had some concern regarding privacy and rights when providing the Commissioners with additional information. He requested that this matter be deferred to the next meeting for a conclusion.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that this matter be deferred to the next Board of Police Commissioners meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.2 Commissioner Selection

4.2.1 Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) - 1 Member

The Chair called for nominations to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) for a term to commence in September 2012.

MOVED by Commissioner Uteck, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that Commissioner Ruth be appointed to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) effective in September 2012. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.2.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference - 2 Members

The Chair advised that they had decided earlier in the year to send two Commissioners to the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference in August. He asked if anyone was interested in attending.

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that Commissioners Gosse and Ruth attend the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was noted that no other Commissioner was interested in attending as an alternate at this time.

4.2.3 Selection Committee for the New Chief of Police - 1 Member

The Chair called for nominations to the Selection Committee for the New Chief of Police.

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Uteck that Commissioner Moreash be appointed to the Selection Committee for the New Chief of Police. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Social Media Overview/Update – Ms. Lauren Leal

A presentation was submitted.

Ms. Lauren Leal, Halifax Regional Police, provided the presentation on Social Media Overview/Update.

A discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The May 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that the May 2012 RCMP reports were as submitted.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the 2012 RCMP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The May 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the May 2012 HRP Reports were as submitted.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the May 2012 HRP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The June 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer indicated that the June 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer advised that the Downtown Safety Strategy was proceeding favourably; noting recognition from bar owners and patrons. He stated that the Ceasefire meeting held in May had been successful and a follow up meeting would be held the next week to investigate funding opportunities. Superintendent Spicer also advised that he was looking into doing an Atlantic Province wide gun collection in September 2012 as part of a requested second gun amnesty initiative.

7.1.4 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results

The Urban Report: Final Results prepared for the HRP and RCMP Halifax District for the Second Quarter of 2012 was before the Board.

The Distribution of the Survey Sample document was submitted.

The Urban Report Comparison for years 2005 – 2012 was submitted.

Chief Beazley presented the statistics as contained in the 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results.

A discussion on the Survey ensued with staff responding to questions.

At Commissioner Kelly's suggestion, staff advised they would make a note of using the 2011 census rather than the 2006 data next time.

7.2 Commissioner Updates

The Chair advised that he attended a NSAPB meeting and noted the NSAPB Newsletter # 5 – June 2012, Information Item 1, which provided an update.

Commissioner Kelly indicated that the Provincial Board he was on was attempting to organize a meeting in the next few weeks regarding the RCMP contract

Commissioner Ruth advised that Halifax had been awarded the 2014 CAPB Conference.

Commissioner Moreash advised that the Policing Standards Steering Committee had met on May 17, 2012 and had prioritized a list of policies to be undertaken first; noting Mr. Paul McKenna, with the Department of Justice, was going to work on a draft over the summer for the Committee's review in the fall.

8. ADDED ITEMS - None

9. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera, as required, to consider the following matters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1 In Camera Minutes – May 14, 2012

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.2 Personnel Matter - RCMP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.3 Personnel Matter - HRP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.4 Public Security - Presentation – Confidential Police Investigations

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – July 9, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

Information Item:

1. NSAPB Newsletter # 5 – June 2012

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

July 9, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Steve Streach
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read

STAFF: Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2012

Amendment:

7.2 The comment regarding the RCMP contract was made by Commissioner Kelly rather than the Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the minutes of June 11, 2012 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 HRP & RCMP Report Discussion

Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais advised that he and Chief Beazley had further discussed this matter since the last meeting. He stated that, as a result, the RCMP would be using three current reporting formats via City Watch, RCMP NS, and Commissioners would also receive any and all press releases; including those coming from outside of Halifax. Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that the RCMP wished to begin using social media as a reporting format as soon as possible and, as a result; they would be looking to phase out daily reports by September 15, 2012. He stated that the RCMP would continue to provide extra communications regarding unusual issues. In closing, Chief Superintendent Blais advised that the status quo for RCMP and HRP reports would remain with the eventual migration to social media within the next two months for the RCMP as the HRP were almost already there.

Commissioner Uteck entered the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the presented approach regarding HRP & RCMP reports. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Crime Mapping

A presentation on Crime Mapping was submitted.

Deputy Chief Bill Moore provided the presentation on Crime Mapping.

A discussion on the presentation ensued with staff responding to questions.

Deputy Chief Moore advised that they would provide a full demonstration of the software in the fall prior to it going online.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The June 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that the June 2012 RCMP reports were as submitted.

Chief Superintendent Blais advised that the Federal Government recently passed Bill C42 to amend the present RCMP Act. He stated that it would be two years before implementation as second reading still had to be done and that he would provide a presentation to the Board after that occurs as they would have more information on what the Bill would look like at that time.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The June 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Deputy Chief McNeil indicated that the June 2012 HRP Reports were as submitted.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The July 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter as submitted.

Superintendent Don Spicer indicated that the July 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was as submitted.

Superintendent Spicer also stated that he would be working with a Masters student in Criminology at Saint Mary's University who was writing her thesis on gun violence.

7.1.4 Commissioner Appointment - HRP Recognition Review Board

Deputy Chief McNeil advised that the Review Board meets approximately three times per year.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Streach that Commissioner Read be appointed to the HRP Recognition Review Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 CAPB Resolutions 2012 – Commissioner Ruth

The Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Resolutions 2012 were before the Board.

Commissioner Ruth advised that the Board had been asked to review and rank the submitted resolutions to be brought forward to the conference in August.

A discussion on the 2012 CAPB Resolutions ensued.

The Chair noted that in previous years the resolutions had been made on the floor during the conference.

Commissioner Ruth noted that the previous year, those attending the conference had not been asked to rank the resolutions but had simply been asked if they agreed to them or not.

The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Ruth to follow up with the CAPB for clarification and then email the Commissioners with further information, including a resist for their voting preferences. It was noted that this would also provide the Commissioners with additional time to review the resolutions prior to their August 1, 2012 due date.

7.3 Commissioner Updates

There were no updates at this time.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read that the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera, as required, to consider the following matters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1 In Camera Minutes – June 11, 2012

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.2 Personnel Matter - RCMP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.3 Personnel Matter - HRP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 13, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

August 13, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Michael Moreash

REGRETS: Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Steve Streach

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

A presentation was made to Mr. Elliott Kerrin and Mr. Geoffrey Johnston, citizens at large, who were awarded Certificates of Merit by Superintendent Sean Auld for aiding Halifax Regional Police in an altercation at the Quinpool Road Superstore in July.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the minutes of July 9, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The July 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that the July 2012 RCMP reports were as submitted.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the July 2012 RCMP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The July 2012 HRP Reports and Second Quarter Statistics were before the Board.

Chief Beazley indicated that the July 2012 HRP Reports and Second Quarter Statistics were as submitted. He then reviewed the Second Quarter Statistics.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the July 2012 HRP reports and Second Quarter Statistics as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The August 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was submitted.

The August 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was submitted for information as Superintendent Spicer had sent his regrets for the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the August 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Commissioner

7.2.1 Review of 2012 Board Objectives – Chair

The 2012 Board Objectives document was submitted.

The Board reviewed their 2012 Objectives as follows:

1. Prepare a Positive Bid to Host the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference

Commissioner Ruth indicated that this objective was on track; noting that she had secured their first sponsor.

2. Smooth out Board Transition to New Members

The Chair noted that this could be a consideration for the police as well. He wondered how the Board would be impacted by the upcoming Municipal Election.

Commissioner Uteck advised that there has been a discussion with Council about the transition and they were attempting to maintain consistency.

Chief Beazley and Chief Superintendent Blais indicated that they would make sure their orientation packages were ready for any new Board members as a result of the election.

3. Review the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence

This item was deferred to the September meeting for discussion with Superintendent Spicer.

4. Establishment of a Board Budget within the Existing HRP Budget

The Chair noted that this objective has been achieved and asked for further comment.

Commissioner Kelly stated it was his understanding that the Board was looking for a category in the overall budget for boards and committees so it would not come out of the Chief's operational but rather the overall budget. He stated there had been a discussion of how the Board wanted to bring up an amount.

Chief Beazley stated the Board may want to give this matter some thought for further budget discussions in the fall.

The Chair asked Commissioner Read to investigate and recommend an effective budget system for the board.

5. Communication/Public Relations Campaign for Public Engagement

Commissioner Uteck stated that Superintendent Spicer was doing an excellent job on this objective. She hoped that information could be released to the public with examples of how strong ties are in the integrated unit and what strides they were making.

Chief Beazley advised that they were currently working with Corporate Communications staff on Strategic Initiative communications and would have pieces to bring to the Board in the fall.

The Board agreed to await this information.

6. HRP Contract Negotiations

It was noted that this was an ongoing objective to be discussed In Camera as it was a Personnel Matter.

7.2.2 NSAPB Conference Attendees – Chair

It was noted that Commissioners Moreash, Ruth and possibly Gosse were interested in attending the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) Conference in September.

Chief Beazley indicated that he would contact Commissioner Read to find out if he was also interested in attending.

7.2.3 Updates

The Chair stated that he and Commissioner Ruth would be going to the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference on August 15, 2012.

Commissioner Ruth indicated that she had attended her first NSAPB board meeting the week prior.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera, as required, to consider the following matters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1 In Camera Minutes – July 9, 2012

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.2 Personnel Matter - RCMP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.3 Personnel Matter - HRP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 10, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

Board of Police Commissioners
MINUTES

September 10, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Sue Uteck
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read

REGRETS: Commissioner Steve Streach

STAFF: Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Jean Michel Blais, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
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Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32pm in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 13, 2012.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the minutes of August 13, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

1. The Chair noted that item 7.2.1 in the August 13, 2012 minutes should have been worded differently to reflect the Chair's understand that the board had tasked Commissioner Read with investigating and recommending an effective budget system for the board.

Commissioner Read agreed to investigate this matter.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Review the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence

3. Objective – This item was reserved for discussion with Superintendent Spicer.

The Chair advised that at the last meeting the Board went through the objectives for 2012 and noted that one objective was the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence.

Superintendent Spicer distributed a document three months ago addressing the status of the Board's objectives in reference to this item.

Commissioner Uteck requested information on those objectives the Board has not yet achieved.

Commissioner Kelly noted a number of the objectives require engagement with federal government in respect of their practices and the Board will have to continue engaging them moving forward.

Superintendent Spicer committed to providing a list of those objectives that are feasible and those for which he may require assistance from the Board on completing. Superintendent Spicer committed to providing the Board an update at the Board's October meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentation - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Report

The August 2012 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Discussion ensued as to the nature of sick leave at departments.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the August 2012 RCMP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The August 2012 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Commissioner Kelly asked if traffic statistics were comparable to last year's. Chief Beazley noted that if trending remains the same last year's statistics will be similar to this year's at year-end.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the August 2012 HRP reports. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The September 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter was submitted and received by the Board.

Superintendent Spicer noted he will co-host a forum on the culture of alcohol in the HRM this week. The focus of the forum is a discussion on trying to change the culture of events to move away from alcohol being the primary focus.

The Board of Police Commissioners accepted the September 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety Newsletter as submitted.

7.2 Commissioners

1. 2012 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference – Victoria, BC

The Chair referenced that Commissioner Ruth took detailed notes of the conference proceedings with a view to HRM's commitment to host the event in 2014. The Chair suggested Commissioner Ruth should continue her involvement in the preparation stages for HRM's conference in 2014.

Commissioner Ruth offered to provide a synopsis of the conference to members via email before the next meeting of the Board.

2. Opening of the North Preston RCMP Detachment

The Chair took part and noted the event was very well attended by law enforcement, politicians and community leaders. He stated the event was successful.

3. Joint Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police & Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards Conference – Kentville, NS

The Chair, Commissioners Ruth and Moreash attended the very interesting conference. The Chair strongly recommended attendance in the future.

4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Commissioner Uteck attended a Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference recently in Laval, Quebec. During the meeting she was appointed to sit on committees related to corrections and the prevention of crime. She will attend the next meeting in November and offered congratulations on the success of Operation Fallback. Chief Beazley agreed this program is working well.

Councillor Moreash recently attended a conference which featured an interesting video entitled "Anatomy of an Investigation" which was produced by the Calgary police department. The documentary explores the process of a homicide investigation. Commissioner Moreash suggested this video be presented at the next meeting and the committee agreed. Deputy Chief Moore provided a copy of the video.

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera, as required, to consider the following matters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1 In Camera Minutes – August 13, 2012

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.2 Personnel Matter - RCMP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.3 Personnel Matter - HRP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – October 15, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

Board of Police Commissioners
MINUTES

October 15, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Peter Kelly
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Steve Streach

REGRETS: Commissioner Sue Uteck

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32pm in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 10, 2012.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Read that the minutes of September 10, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

8.1 Transition

8.2 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference

8.3 Board of Police Commissioners' Budget

8.4 Secondary Duties

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At this time, the Chair welcomed new members to the Board and requested attendees to introduce themselves.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Business Arising – None

4.2.1 Anatomy of an Investigation viewing

The viewing of this video was deferred to the next meeting due to technical issues.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 International Conference for Police & Law Enforcement Executives

An invitation to attend the above conference in Toronto in 2013 was before the committee.

Chief Blais attended this year's conference and believes there may be some advantage in sending a representative to the conference. The Chief recommended that one person attend and represent the HRP, RCMP and the Board.

The Chair advised the committee has some time to consider this and asked members review the letter and consider sending a representative to the conference.

6.2 Petitions – NONE

6.3 Presentation – NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Report

The September 2012 reports were before the committee.

Superintendent Foran asked that the reports be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Kelly asked if his staff were at full complement. The RCMP are staffed where they should be at this time, but are waiting for several more undergoing a transfer process.

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the September 2012 RCMP reports as submitted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The September 2012 reports were before the committee.

Chief Blais noted he has no additions or deletions to the reports.

Commissioner Kelly asked after the complement of staff at this time.

The Chief is slightly behind with six staffing requests but, due to the transition, he needs to consider the budget situation. Full complement will be achieved by end of year.

With respect to his transition, Chief Blais has had several meetings with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board and is offering email updates on a regular basis. The Chief is receiving feedback from all units and unit heads and is considering present opportunities and challenges; in addition, the Chief is meeting presently with his officer cadre to better understand role expectations. The Chief is also receiving firearms training.

The Chief also noted he is changing the schedule of meetings for the Executive Management team to meeting once monthly for two hours; entitled Executive Development, these will focus on officer development and broader development of the force.

Joint committees have also been struck to look at integration and optimization between the HRP and the RCMP.

Overall, the Chief noted the transition has been smooth and former Chief Beazley has been very generous with his time.

The Board accepted these reports as read.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update – Superintendent Don Spicer

The Spotlight on Public Safety was before the Board.

Superintendent Spicer offered no changes or deletions.

Superintendent Spicer co-presented at a Better Health conference involving Nova Scotia Deputy Ministers on models for assistance for youth, with a view to bringing services together to build better assistance case plans.

This is Superintendent Spicer's last meeting in his current role and wanted to thank the Board and members for their support and guidance. Superintendent Spicer will work to transition his replacement.

The Chair directed the Board's appreciation for Superintendent Spicer's attendance and participation at Board meetings.

The Mayor thanked Superintendent Spicer for his participation in the Mayor's task force.

The Board showed its appreciation.

The Spotlight on Public Safety was received by the Board as read.

7.2 Committee Members (Commissioner reports)

7.2.1 Budget

A discussion ensued on the deferral of discussion on the HRP budget.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Streach that the Board of Police Commissioners defer discussion on the HRP budget until its next regular meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Transition

The Chair commented that he and the Vice Chair attended a meeting with the Chief and went into detail about the transition. He noted that they examined the transition process and are satisfied it is proceeding smoothly.

8.2 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference

Commissioner Ruth is already engaging in preparation for the 2014 conference and has secured its first speaker. She is presently considering logistics.

At this time, Commissioner Kelly took note that this is his last Board meeting. He thanked the Board for playing a key role in helping to keep HRM safe. He noted that we have achieved a great deal, but there is still more work to be done and expressed his pleasure in working with the Board members.

The Board expressed its appreciation for Commissioner Kelly's service.

8.3 Board of Police Commissioners' Budget

Commissioner Read opened discussion on this item and raised questions concerning the roughly \$31,000 set aside for conference expenditures. Commissioner Read also requested information from Commissioner Ruth with regard to 2014 conference expenditures.

Discussion ensued on budgeting for conferences.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised \$25,000 of the \$31,000 is specifically for the 2014 conference.

The CAO cautioned against using one line item for both the 2014 conference and individual Board member conference expenditures. Commissioner Read agreed.

The Chair noted on an annual basis the Board also has membership charges.

Commissioner Read is building a history on budget expenditures and also suggested there should be a line item for Board membership dues.

The Chair suggested at the next meeting there should be a budget-related recommendation.

At this time Commissioner Streach apologized for having missed a previous meeting, but was encouraged to report that the sense of renewal at the HRP is being received positively on the doorstep.

8.4 Secondary Duties

Chief Blais advised the Board that he is a remunerated referee with Hockey Canada. The policy at present is unclear with respect to off-duty employment for the Chief, as he is the approval officer in the case of other HRP officers. For this reason, the Chief noted he requires the Board's approval to continue this off-duty commitment.

Discussion ensued.

The Chief explained the requirement for the refereeing responsibility. The commitment will be a maximum of eight hours per week, but reassured the Board that he would be available at all times.

There was a consensus on the Board that this is a good opportunity and the Chief should continue refereeing.

Moved by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners permit the Chief of Halifax Regional Police to pursue his disclosed, remunerated, secondary duties outside of working hours. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At this time, the Chair noted that this meeting is the last for Commissioner Kelly and commented that it was a pleasure to have him on the Board.

Chief Blais thanked Commissioner Kelly on behalf of uniformed and non-uniformed staff for his contributions and his support for civilian oversight and accountability. The Chief presented Commissioner Kelly with the Halifax Regional Police badge as a token of his gratitude.

Superintendent Foran, on behalf of the RCMP, presented Commissioner Kelly with a picture in gratitude for his support and guidance.

Commissioner Streach similarly congratulated Commissioner Kelly and noted that it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Commissioner Kelly thanked the Board for their remarks and kind wishes.

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners adjourn the public portion of the meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The public portion of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.

9. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Streach, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera, as required, to consider the following matters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1 In Camera Minutes – September 10, 2012

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.2 Personnel Matter - RCMP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9.3 Personnel Matter - HRP Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – November 19, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

November 19, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Superintendent Frank Foran, OIC
Mr. Don Spicer
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Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 15, 2012

The minutes of October 15, 2012 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the minutes of October 15, 2012 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Legislative Assistant amended the minutes as directed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Deletions:

- Item 7.2.1, Discussion of HRP Budget, has been deleted as it is referenced already under item 5.3.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Business Arising – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Viewing of Calgary Police Service video “Anatomy of an Investigation”

The Board viewed the above video, which chronicled a murder investigation.

Deputy Chief Moore noted some of the similarities between the Calgary Police Service and investigative processes in HRM, including undercover operations, probes and covert activities.

Commissioner Moreash posed a question related to the technology used for documentation and a discussion ensued on this point.

Chief Blais noted this is an important, topical issue and, with Deputy Chief Moore and Superintendent Foran in agreement, raised the continuing concern of compatibility with existing processes in other areas of the justice system, such as the Crown and defense.

Superintendent Foran noted there are efficiencies to be found in this discussion.

5.2 Board of Police Commissioners Budget

The Board of Police Commissioners Budget was before the Board.

Commissioner Read discussed the contents of the budget, which includes a budget comparison between years.

The Chair noted the continuing issue with having the Board of Police Commissioners budget exist as a line item under the HRP, specifically because the RCMP also participates and, in addition, the Board should be financially independent from law enforcement bodies.

The Chair asked the CAO about having the Board's budget be drawn from HRM. A discussion ensued on this point.

The Board agreed to discuss this further with the CAO.

5.3 HRP Budget – DEFER to next meeting.

The Board decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

5.4 Usage of Restorative Justice

This item was initially raised by Commissioner Moreash, particularly with regard to its use in the case of university students in South End Halifax. He connected with Superintendent Spicer on the issue and is satisfied with this approach.

Superintendent Spicer noted that this is a pilot project to address quality of life issues for young adults in that area, rather than criminal issues.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence – NONE

6.2 Petitions – NONE

6.3 Presentation – NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The RCMP reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Foran addressed the force's gradual move toward online, dashboard reporting with a greater reliance on graphs and statistics as a way of providing information in a more robust and efficient manner.

Commissioner Moreash queried staff about training integration between the HRP and the RCMP, specifically through the use of multi-media and computerized tools.

Superintendent Foran responded by reporting there is a tremendous amount of training taking place at the provincial level and a great deal of integrated training with municipalities.

Chief Blais noted the Integration and Optimization Committee is considering further integrated training. More instructors are also being brought to Nova Scotia to hold training sessions, rather than sending staff outside of province, as this is more economical.

Regarding multi-media training, Superintendent Foran noted the RCMP is now often using webinars as a training platform and Chief Blais further explained that the HRP has its own portal on the Canadian Police Knowledge Network. He further suggested the need for a combination of direct, person-to-person training and the use of multi-media.

Staff invited Commissioners on the Board to participate in an advanced police training course.

Superintendent Foran discussed the use of weekend overtime and his discussions with labour on this point.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The HRP reports were before the Board.

The Chief drew the Board's attention to the participation of staff on overseas missions, such as UN peacekeeping assignments. He noted the issue of over-extending staff on these projects and in future decisions he will consider the opportunity the HRP has to benefit from these types of missions, in particular, he would like to see staff gain leadership experience which can be translated to their efforts in the HRM.

The Chief has requested the opportunity to attend a conference on the sustainability of policing in Ottawa from January 16 and 17 in Ottawa. This will be an important conference and has invited others to attend.

With reference to the dashboard reporting document, he is still inviting suggestions on formatting and will request the same from Councillors when they begin participating on the Board.

The staff report considers attrition and provides some information on staff demographics. He also invited Board members to provide suggestions.

With respect to the retirement of Mr. Don Spicer, his interim replacement will be Sergeant Scott MacDonald, who has worked extensively with Mr. Spicer in the past. Mr. Spicer has committed to continue transitioning his replacement going forward. Sergeant MacDonald will attend the next Board meeting.

The Chief and Chair expressed their thanks to Mr. Spicer for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Ruth requested information on demographics related to gender, specifically with respect to turnover. The Chief committed to providing this.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update

The Spotlight on Public Safety was before the committee.

Mr. Spicer, along with the Chief, attended the Halifax Connects event on November 3, 2012 and noted the event was very well attended and a great service to those in need. HRP should continue this partnership.

7.2 Commissioners

7.2.1 Updates

The Chair commended the organizers of the HRP change of command ceremony.

The Chief thanked the Board for their representation and noted that there had not been a change of command ceremony in the past. His office is working on a transition CD-ROM to assist in future transitions.

There will be new Councillor appointees to the Board beginning at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ruth is a member of the Canadian Association of Police Board's Justice Committee and reported on the committee's work looking at the finances of policing and gangs.

Commissioner Read noted the importance of booking early the training courses for incoming Commissioners as it took a long time during previous transitions. The Chair concurred that the transition should happen faster this time.

On another note, the Board discussed the practice of going In Camera and agreed to go In Camera only when necessary, rather than making it routine.

Inspector Daley noted that the Board's reports should be attached to the agenda posted online. The Legislative Assistant committed to do this.

8. ADDED ITEMS

9. IN CAMERA

The In Camera minutes of October 15, 2012 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the In Camera minutes of October 15, 2012 be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – December 10, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

January 14, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Tim Outhit
Commissioner Barry Dalrymple

REGRETS: Chief Jean-Michel Blais

STAFF: Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Sergeant R. Scott Macdonald
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2012

The minutes of December 10, 2012 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the minutes of December 10, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Moved: Board of Police Commissioners' Objectives 2013 moved to item number 5.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair welcomed Inspector Roland Wells from the RCMP, who will soon be attending Board meetings as the Officer in Charge (OIC). The Board offered its congratulations on his appointment.

Inspector Daley will represent the RCMP for this meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Letter from Mr. David Potter Re: HRM Police Crime Map – Commissioner Mosher

A letter from Mr. David Potter was before the Board.

5. Board of Police Commissioners' Objectives 2013

The Board of Police Commissioners' Objectives 2013 were before the Board.

The Chair advised the last time these objectives were updated was in August, 2012 and he would like the Board to revisit these and determine what the priorities would be for 2013. He noted he has made some changes to the August, 2012 document.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – December 10, 2013

6.1 Presentation on Disclosure Procedures

Deputy Chief Moore circulated a briefing note to the HRM Board of Police Commissioners and provided background on this item.

The item regards the public release of information about an individual of concern living near a school in the HRM. Officers provided information to the school and it was released into a public forum without the knowledge of the officers. Deputy Chief Moore undertook a review of this process and found that the situation did not meet the criteria for designating the individual a high-risk offender.

With respect to notification, staff have closed the gap to ensure a more seamless process in the future.

Commissioner Dalrymple indicated his support for the officers' approach.

Deputy Chief McNeil noted it's not possible for the HRP to be aware of the backgrounds of all individuals living in a community and they only become aware when a notification is received.

Inspector Daley advised the RCMP follows the same protocol.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

8. REPORTS

8.1 Staff

8.1.1 RCMP Reports

The December 2012 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Commissioner Read noted there appears to be more interest from the public in notifying detachments of issues.

Inspector Daley welcomed the point and noted there was a great deal of media over the holidays encouraging the public to report road issues, such as impaired driving.

Commissioner Dalrymple applauded staff on the degree of training taking place.

8.1.2 HRP Reports

The December 2012 HRP reports were before the Board.

A discussion ensued on the budget and Deputy Chief Moore gave his briefing on the budget.

The HRP – Comparative Operating Budget Analysis, dated December 31, 2013, was before the Board.

Overall, Deputy Chief McNeil advised the HRP is projecting a small budget surplus. He further advised that earlier in the year there were a number of major investigations which drove costs up, but costs have come back down since then.

Commissioner Mosher questioned staff on what the overtime expenses are.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised the HRP have overspent on overtime by roughly \$900,000 and it is this expenditure, more than any other, driving budget increases. The HRP has cut overtime by 30% and have attempted to make up for this expenditure with savings elsewhere.

Commissioner Mosher asked for year-over-year overtime trends and Deputy Chief McNeil committed to providing this.

Commissioner Outhit asked if it would mean spending less if HRP hired more permanent staff.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised that overtime incurred is a function of the number and complexity of crimes taking place and hiring more staff depending on the investigation would not meet the needs of the investigation. Additionally, many homicides take place between Thursday and Sunday, which means weekend overtime hours are required. To address some of these issues, staff have looked at managing shifts differently.

Commissioner Mosher asked if staff have looked at auxiliary policing and whether or not officers are required to do some of the tasks they are currently performing.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised his staff are considering this and there may be opportunities in the future to relieve officers of tasks which could be performed by another professional.

Policing in schools was discussed and Commissioners agreed with having a police presence in high schools.

Commissioner Mosher asked about investigations outside HRM by HRP officers and whether or not HRM is reimbursed for these.

Deputy Chief Moore advised that in some cases there is a charge for these services and in other cases the service is reciprocated through the receiving municipality providing a service in return.

8.1.3 Public Safety Update - Sergeant R. Scott MacDonald

The January, 2013 Public Safety Update was before the Board.

Sergeant MacDonald reviewed the update and highlighted the cooperation on the Bloomfield site, International Human Rights Day at Millwood High, the “Unlike Cyber-Bullying” campaign, and the use of volunteers over the holidays to protect residents from theft. The further engagement of citizens on catching impaired drivers led to 60 charges for impaired driving, 25% of which came from notifications by concerned citizens.

Sergeant MacDonald further noted that Verona Singer successfully defended her PhD thesis at Dalhousie University in December. Ms Singer is the Coordinator of the HRP Victim Services Unit. Her accomplishment and research on high-risk domestic violence case coordination add to a growing national recognition of our expertise in this field.

Finally, he noted the important collaboration taking place within the city in pedestrian safety.

Moved by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read, that the January 2013 Public Safety Update be received as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Dalrymple noted he was glad to see law enforcement involvement in crosswalk safety and commended both the HRP and the RCMP for their holiday spot-checks.

Commissioner Mosher asked about past efforts to acquire from the province the authority to install cameras for areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. She argued that having signs indicating the possible placement of a camera may encourage speed reduction.

Deputy Chief McNeil indicated there is no appetite at the provincial level for the devolution of this authority. He committed to raising this with the Chief and asking him to speak to the province again. Staff will report back to the Board on this item.

Commissioner Outhit suggested school zone speeding regulations should be addressed at a meeting between the Chief and the province as well.

The Chair advised that the Board has written the province in the past.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised receiving more information before moving forward.

8.1.4 Dashboard Reports

The January 13, 2013 RCMP Dashboard reports were before the Board.

Inspector Daley noted these reports will be circulated bi-weekly and would welcome feedback from Commissioners. He notes crosswalk accidents are trending upwards.

The second page of the report examines specific offences.

Commissioners Mosher and Outhit approved of the format.

Inspector Daley indicated the first page will continue to contain information that is topical and at a glance.

The Chair noted this is similar to the HRP's dashboard.

Commissioner Mosher noted the majority of accidents in 2012 are at a crosswalk. Inspector Daley responded that crosswalk accidents are happening all over HRM and there isn't an area in particular where these accidents are endemic.

8.1.5 Uptown Drug Prevention Project – Superintendent Auld

Deputy Chief Moore advised that Superintendent Auld could not attend the meeting for health reasons, but would provide some background on this.

This project took place in partnership with a number of community organizations in the uptown or "North-End" area of Halifax and was classified as an undercover operation. The program was adopted from a similar initiative in North Carolina and has been used in many other jurisdictions, but this may be a first in Canada. The undercover operation identified five individuals selling drugs, but whom the operation deemed candidates likely for rehabilitation. Following the operation, the five individuals were confronted on their illicit practices and were given the option of pursuing a rehabilitation program, with the prospect of having their charges dropped, or to be charged with the offence.

The Deputy Chief noted that four of the five individuals identified chose to pursue the rehabilitation route. A media release, including a quote from Reverend Rhonda Britten, will announce the program. Staff believe this is a positive approach and a way to break the catch-and-release cycle.

Commissioner Ruth asked how long the program was and Deputy Chief Moore advised the program length depends on the individual. He further noted that if the individual is seen to be making a sincere effort in the program the charges would be stayed, but the program does not end when this takes place.

Commissioner Ruth further asked how many participants the program can accommodate. Deputy Chief Moore indicated in response that anyone meeting the criteria can be accommodated in the program. Their focus is on anyone trafficking. However, those with a long history of drug-trafficking, convicted of weapons possession, and or a history of violence will not be admitted.

Commissioner Outhit asked if the program is a pilot and Deputy Chief Moore advised it has been done in as many as twenty-five other cities, but this is the first time it is being used in Halifax. He further advised that the program is designed for inner city neighbourhoods who are under pressure to engage in trafficking.

Deputy Chief Moore noted this program was embraced by the community and offered his congratulations to Superintendent Auld for his work in building community partnerships.

8.1.6 Deputy McNeil – Budget Briefing

See above under item 8.1.2.

8.2 Commissioners

8.2.1 Appointments of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board

The Chair noted the Board of Police Commissioners is expected to select a new Chair and Vice Chair annually in January. The Chair further stated his term on the Board ends in March and suggests that the Board vote to defer these appointments to the March meeting to allow for a transition to take place and ensure his replacement on the Board has the opportunity to take part in this decision.

Commissioner Moreash noted he has no difficulty in deferring this item so long as the board is in compliance with the Act. In response, the Clerk advised the Board is in compliance so long as a majority of members vote to defer the appointment.

MOVED by Commissioner Outhit, seconded by Commissioner Mosher that the appointments for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners be deferred to the Board's regular meeting in March, 2013. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2.2 Updates

The Chair noted that Commissioner Ruth will be attending the policing conference in Ottawa this week through an invitation she received through the Canadian Association of Police Boards.

9. IN CAMERA

9.1 Personnel Item

The Board moved to go In Camera to address a personnel item.

9. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 11, 2013

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

February 11, 2013

- PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Tim Outhit
Commissioner Barry Dalrymple
- REGRETS: Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
- STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Sergeant R. Scott Macdonald
Mr. Greg Keefe, Director of Finance and Information,
Communications & Technology/CFO
Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. Presentation to Superintendent Don Spicer (Retired).

Mr. Don Spicer was presented by the Chair, Commissioner Gosse, with the Diamond Jubilee Medal. Chief Blais offered his thanks and gratitude to Superintendent Spicer.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 14, 2013

The minutes of January 14, 2013 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Read that the minutes of January 14, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Email Regarding Officer Use of bicycles – Councillor Mosher

Commissioner Mosher distributed correspondence forwarded to her from Councillor Watts.

7.2 Phillip Larkin, Solicitor, on behalf of the Halifax Regional Police Association

The letter was forwarded by mail to all Board of Police Commissioners and referenced the legal requirement that discussions on the budget be held in public.

The Chair indicated that the discussion will be held in public in accordance with the Police Act.

Commissioner Dalrymple commented that he found the note offensive and threatening.

In addition to the above, representatives from the Halifax Regional Police Association distributed three questions to each Commissioner pertaining to the budget discussions.

Commissioner Read indicated they cannot answer these questions until the budget is tabled.

8. HRP Budget

The Proposed Halifax Regional Police 2013/14 Operating Budget Situation (Summary) was before the Board.

Chief Blais offered introductory remarks, indicating he is pleased to see members' interest in the process.

This is a compensation driven budget consistent with other jurisdictions in Canada. The 2011/12 budget witnessed an increase to 92.2 per cent compensation for sworn and civilian employees. This figure has risen to 95.51 for 2012/13. There has been significant, compounded growth in compensation budgetary spending in recent years.

The 2012/13 budget has a net target of \$69,913,700.00, with the possibility of a slight surplus or deficit. Staff have spent a great deal of time looking at various scenarios and there are service enhancements included in this proposed budget as well as efficiencies. With respect to wages, members of the HRP PA will see an increase of 3.7287 per cent. The Chief elaborated on other pressures outlined in the budget.

The federal government is also making cuts and four individuals seconded to the RCMP will be returning to the HRP.

With respect to service enhancements, the Chief indicated an emphasis on Information Technology (IT) and the witness protection program. In most jurisdictions, the provincial government funds most elements of these programs, but in Nova Scotia, HRM funds this. He also notes that Overtime and Court Time have been historically underfunded.

The Chief then gave an overview of efficiencies, highlighting LT fleet rentals which will no longer be done on a long-term basis, changes to senior management, leaving positions vacant and the possibility of converting sworn positions to civilian positions. In addition, the Board of Police budget will now be administered by the CAO.

The Chief emphasizes that this budget does not affect front-line policing and no one will lose their job. His predecessor, Chief Frank Beazley, iterated that this kind of compensation growth is risky. Staff have investigated every opportunity to find efficiencies without effecting the front-line, but they have striven to achieve this.

Commissioner Ruth asked the Chief to elaborate on the conversion from sworn positions.

The Chief advised that the total, annual compensation for a first-class constable is over \$103,000. He notes there are between thirteen and seven positions which could feasibly be civilianized, such as the public information office, but this presents challenges.

Commissioner Dalrymple noted his displeasure with information leaks which took place recently regarding this matter. He is glad to see no frontline positions are being lost. He would like to see more background on manager-office relationship, court overtime and upcoming fleet and capital cost projections over the next couple of years.

The Chief is unaware of the origin of the leak. With respect to the budget process, the Chief asked his staff to provide four possible scenarios and that this scenario is most in line with his objectives. There is an issue with long-term business capacity, but that his staff are pursuing a longer-term plan to address infrastructure requirements, including the headquarters. HRP does not have a strategic plan yet, but staff have volunteered to look at the long-term vision, led by Deputy Chief Bill Moore.

Commissioner Dalrymple thanked the Chief for his response but not that other business units are providing longer term projections and in the future he would like to see this from HRP.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised staff have three year projections and noted it is very difficult to compare policing per capita.

The Chief indicated his preference to have a ten year plan and would like to bring the Board in during the process of building one. With respect to staffing, the history indicates that there was no hiring done in the 1980s and so there is a glut of senior officers and they will be leaving HRP soon. The recently hired officers are the future of the HRP and it doesn't make sense to let them go.

Commissioner Mosher asked about auxiliary policing and the Chief advised there are best practices in Winnipeg and Toronto where there is a robust policing program. However, reports from the United Kingdom suggest that staffing issues there have cast doubt over the program's effectiveness. In HRM exploration is embryonic.

Commissioner Mosher raised the case of British Columbia with respect to severance pay and the RCMP as a possible concern, but Inspector Daley noted that he does not have the specific rate as the relationship is with HRM and the Department of Justice. They are better placed to provide that information.

With respect to the investigation of officers, Commissioner Mosher asked about cost recovery.

Deputy Chief McNeil advised a full-time officer is seconded to this program, but HRP have not been asked by the province to offer additional support to this program.

Commissioner Mosher questioned staff on the witness protection program. Deputy Chief McNeil advised, when someone in Nova Scotia enters the program, it is up to the municipality to fund the new start in life and this funding may last for up to 24 months. He further noted HRP can discuss funding options with the Province.

Commissioner Mosher noted she had asked about red-light cameras and speed cameras in 2006. Rather than using first-class officers with radar guns, their experience may be better used elsewhere. We should be pursuing these traffic solutions.

Deputy Chief McNeil noted there are large upfront costs to these options, but pursuing a pilot with the Province is an option.

Commissioner Mosher indicated she would rather see officers pursuing more serious crimes and Deputy Chief McNeil advised there is value in the cameras and the HRP has supported them at intersections.

The Chief noted in Winnipeg that it was phased in over several years and it took time to see a cost recovery. A comprehensive communications plan was important.

Commissioner Mosher questioned staff on the cost increase for the RCMP, which will be a significant issue for the municipality. The Chair noted in response that the RCMP piece is going to Council and that this information is not known yet. However, the CFO committed to providing information if available.

The Chair noted, with respect to the witness protection program, that we can't impact this year, but it should be raised again. Deputy Chief McNeil noted this is a matter that can be pursued and it can also be addressed by the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards.

Commissioner Read referenced the letter introduced under correspondence regarding policing and bicycles.

The Chair noted that the item was an issue last year and that the Board considers public opinion and retained this item in the budget. The Chief noted bicycles remain a part of the Force's equipment.

Inspector Daley indicated the RCMP have a robust summer program for bicycles and they will not be reducing this component.

Commissioner Ruth requested clarification on court time enhancement and Deputy Chief McNeil responded that this commitment is to bring the item back to balance.

The Chief notes, regarding court time, that there is a limit on officers providing testimony in only two cases per evening. While crime has gone down in HRM over the years, case complexity has gone up and this increases the amount of time officers and staff have to spend on this component of policing.

Councillor Dalrymple suggested the time has come for Regional Council to lend its weight to addressing rising costs as a function of Court Time. He argued that police are being inhibited from expending resources elsewhere due to the increasing complexity of the court system. He also suggested the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities could play a role here as well.

The Chair noted this was one of the Board objectives last year and that the previous Mayor was pushing for this. He advises the Board consider this at another meeting as its one of the largest expenses after salaries.

The Chair asked for comments from the Board on the direction for this budget item.

Commissioner Read noted he would like to see the complete budget lines, not just the summary. Staff noted they have the material, but it is not present at the meeting.

Commissioner Read indicated he is not informed enough to provide any further comment and Commissioners Moreash and Dalrymple agreed.

Deputy Chief McNeil suggested a special meeting to address only the budget.

Commissioner Read expressed a desire to review this information before the meeting and staff indicated they would provide this by week's end.

A meeting on February 25, 2013 can be set for an open meeting on the budget.

With respect to the RCMP, the Chair advised that if they have budget information they are welcome to attend, but if not there is no requirement.

Regarding information from Justice, Mr. Keefe, Chief Financial Officer, noted he will bring forward information on the RCMP piece.

Councillor Outhit noted that other business units are bringing forward several budget options, including one which does not lead to a tax increase as directed by Council.

Mr. Keefe advised his staff sent out budget expectations for every unit and were asked to provide a flat budget. Councillor Outhit repeated that this option has to be provided before Council.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read, that the HRP Budget item be deferred to the February 25, 2013 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Staff

9.1.1 RCMP Reports

The January 2013 RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Inspector Daley points to Operation Breech. This is a joint operation that actively checks in on known offenders. There has been an increase in charges related to breeches, but that the majority of known offenders are abiding by their programs. The Inspector further details the Repeat Calls for Service Report with a view to reducing calls per service and to intervene in issues before they escalate.

With respect to pedestrian accidents, there were 35 accidents in RCMP areas and 15 of these were related to parking lot accidents.

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Outhit that the January 2013 RCMP reports be accepted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 HRP Reports

The January 2013 HRP Reports were before the Board.

The Chief indicated the reports are as submitted.

MOVED by Councillor Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the January 2013 HRP Reports be accepted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.3 Public Safety Update - Sergeant R. Scott Macdonald

The February 2013 Public Safety Update was before the Board.

Sergeant MacDonald would like to go into more detail on the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence and the 64 recommendations at another time and notes there are some initiatives which have been completed and some which are still ongoing.

Councillor Outhit indicated his support for the pedestrian crosswalk initiative and noted his colleagues, including Councillor Craig, are looking forward to this. He asked for confirmation that officers at intersections aren't just there to ticket J-walkers.

Deputy McNeil responded that tickets for J-walking are rare, but more common are tickets for failing to yield. He noted that drivers and pedestrians have a responsibility to ensure a safe environment.

Commissioner Outhit noted that much of what was taught to children of his generation about pedestrian safety seems to have drifted. He further noted that street paints are not reflective enough and should be more like Florida and Europe.

Commissioner Read asked about the prioritization of the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence at Council and the Chief indicated this item is an ongoing priority for Mayor Savage.

9.1.4 Dashboard Reports

Commissioner Read asked about the timing for the Crime-Mapping website and the Chief indicated the launch date is February 14, 2013. Five types of crimes will be listed.

Commissioner Dalrymple noted that he has viewed the outcome of this initiative and recommends others to do the same as he believes this will be of great interest to residents.

Commissioner Read asked if pedestrian-related statistics could be reported as well and Deputy McNeil noted this is possible. Anything collected can conceivably be reported.

Over time, there may be any number of other additions we want to make for the site and Inspector Daley noted there will be a public feedback mechanism.

A discussion further ensued on this point.

Commissioner Outhit asked who the targeted user for the service will be and staff suggested home-buyers will likely be frequent users.

9.2 Commissioners

Commissioner Ruth committed to raising the witness protection program at an upcoming meeting of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards.

Deputy McNeil raised the money set aside for the Canadian Association of Police Boards is attached to this budget year and it should be apportioned soon. Commissioner Ruth indicated she will raise this as well.

Commissioner Dalrymple notes that Council must approve the budget put forward today and was displeased to see discussions regarding cuts taking place before Council had seen the budget.

A discussion ensued on the process for the adoption of the HRP budget.

Commissioner Outhit noted Council can send a budget back for changes, but its capacity to change details is limited.

Commissioner Mosher was pleased to see the data on pedestrian safety and would like to see the same from the HRP. She would like to see divisional commanders working with Councillors to target problem areas.

Councillor Outhit is still concerned about overtime and what more can be done to hire more permanent employees rather than paying out overtime.

The Chief responded that his staff need the flexibility to action new information, which is often time sensitive, and when this occurs is not predictable. In some years homicides are much higher than others and this increases the need for investigations.

Deputy Chief McNeil asked that items for the budget discussion be sent to him in advance.

The Chair clarifies that the date of the next regular meeting is March 18, 2013.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Outhit that meeting move In Camera. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. IN CAMERA

11.1 Approval of the Minutes.

This item was discussed In Camera.

11.2 Personnel

This item was discussed In Camera.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 25, 2013

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

February 25, 2013

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 11, 2013

The minutes of February 11, 2013 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the minutes of February 11, 2013 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Outhit, seconded by Commissioner Dalrymple that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Email Regarding RCMP Severance – Commissioner Mosher

A copy of email correspondence, dated February 21, 2013, provided by Commissioner Mosher was before the Board.

Commissioner Mosher indicated the short-term impact of severance being built into the fee may have to be factored into the cost per officer.

Inspector Daley noted the corrected document, which had been circulated to the Board, indicating that the total complement of RCMP constables is 206 and HRM funds 178 of these.

A letter sent to Board of Police Commissioners from the HRP, dated February, 2013, was before the Board.

Commissioner Dalrymple referenced question number two in the letter pertaining to the total percentage of money spent on policing. He would like to see these statistics and in comparison with other cities, statistics on police officers per capita, as well as officers to incidents of crime. The Commissioner further indicated he was pleased to see the comparison between management to officers.

The Chief noted his documents provided some of these answers and that staff attempt to make comparisons with cities of similar size, such as London and Winnipeg.

Commissioner Mosher pointed to Question three regarding the replacing of staff sergeants with civilian positions. The Chief indicated in response that HRP is looking at reorganization involving positions such as quartermaster, professional standards as well as the audit section. Deputy Chief McNeil advised that the budget and policy positions are being replaced with one person.

Commissioner Mosher pointed to Question 10 and the civilianization of officers, particularly with respect to graffiti. She argued that officers have access to files, can lay formal charges, track suspects and otherwise provide this service better than civilians could. Commissioner Mosher pointed to a number of studies indicating that graffiti is a gateway crime and lead to other, more serious issues.

The Chief responded that there are three necessary elements of an officer position: specialized training, specialized equipment and specific authorities under the criminal code. He noted that some of these civilian positions may be filled by retired officers who have the requisite experience.

Commissioner Mosher reiterated that intervening in less serious crimes leads to the prevention of more serious ones. Thanks to Community Response Officers (CRO), she has noticed a difference in her community.

Commissioner Outhit echoed Commissioner Mosher's comments that the CROs in his community have been very helpful, especially regarding restorative justice. He asks what will change if these positions become civilianized and the Chief responded that at a practical level, nothing will change.

7. HRP Budget

The Chair provided an overview of the options facing the Board with respect to the Budget and opened the floor to discussion.

Commissioner Read indicated the budget has been presented with precision. Regarding line item 6399 on contract services, he asked if this was a reduction and Deputy Chief McNeil advised it is a line move dealing with the cost of special investigations. He elaborated, regarding the contract, that it was negotiated at an increase and budgeted for a certain amount. However, collective bargaining had not caught up to the budget process and adjustment was required.

Commissioner Read asked about the cost recovery of the Boots on the Streets program. Deputy Chief McNeil advised that it is 39 officers; a \$3.9 million contribution. This budget will have no impact on the program.

Commissioner Read asked if there is a \$275,000 risk related to UN deployments. Deputy Chief McNeil advised that three officers were set to deploy, but this process is being delayed. He expects them to be sent, but that it is a risk.

Commissioner Read asked about transfers to and from capital pertaining to line 8008 and Deputy Chief McNeil advised that the transfer is to and from reserve. He further advised that there is an extraordinary investigation reserve intended for a catastrophic event.

Commissioner Mosher asked about red-light cameras and the provision of a business case. Deputy Chief McNeil advised this is something staff can investigate this year, but the business case would not affect this budget.

After a comment from the CAO, Commissioner Mosher indicated she would like to see a business case on both red light cameras and speed cameras.

Commissioner Dalrymple asked about line items 6315 and 6711 which ask for significant moneys. Deputy Chief Moore advised these reflect investigations, such as cold case files. Some files are for the witness protection program.

Commissioner Outhit directed a question toward the CAO, asking if the HRP was given instructions to present options: One budget with an overall increase of 2.4% and the second with a zero per cent increase. He asked if the CAO has what he needs.

The CAO advised that Council provided staff with the challenge and noted a zero per cent option will be brought forward. HRP and Fire will provide challenges given the budget increase.

Commissioner Read pointed to the document he circulated regarding Halifax Regional Policing Costs. Deputy Chief McNeil noted staff had to make adjustments as it also includes 911 and crossing guard expenses.

The Chair asked the Chief about the causes keeping the budget down as compared to last year. The Chief responded that the cause is largely due to wage increases which were negotiated in good faith years ago. There were wage increases last year and there will be this year. There is a request for new money for witnesses and new investigative capacities. Expenditures are related to criminal activity and last year crime levels were stable.

The Chair provided the Board with a draft copy of his covering letter for the budget recommendations.

Commissioner Outhit advised that the letter include a statement about the additional funding for increased investigative capacity, in addition to the wage increase as a reason for the budget increase.

The Chief asked if inflation is a significant component to the increase and Deputy Chief McNeil advised that it has a negligible impact.

Commissioner Dalrymple suggested that the motions in the recommendation, one regarding the budget and the other regarding the contract negotiations, be separated and the latter be taken out of the motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Dalrymple, seconded by Commissioner Read that the Board of Police Commissioners recommend that Halifax Regional Council accept the 2013/14 Halifax Regional Police budget, totalling \$73,718,700.00.

Commissioner Dalrymple indicated that wage increases present unique challenges, but taxpayers have gotten a good deal given the services provided. He noted that he does not see how any further cuts to the budget can be made. Additionally, he identified public safety as an important issue for residents and was in the top two when the results of a major survey on residents' concerns came out.

Commissioner Dalrymple further asked about the provision of field dressing kits, as it was raised in the HRP letter. Deputy Chief Moore advised this is being done and they are augmenting the existing provisions. There also needs to be appropriate training done.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Staff

8.2 Commissioners

Commissioner Ruth indicated that she is doing a provincial and national scan for information on the witness protection program.

The Chair indicated there will be a presentation from Commissioner Ruth at the next Board meeting on her attendance at the economies of policing conference in Ottawa.

Commissioner Outhit indicated he was pleased to see work being done on educating residents on pedestrian safety. He asked the Chief what was being done regarding the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence and the Chief suggested speaking to the Mayor and that it may have to be revisited at Council.

Commissioner Mosher noted there may be a need for additional resources to address Roundtable concerns. The Chief responded that 87% of recommendations from the Roundtable have been actioned, but there are some items which are dependent on changes in legislation.

9. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

10. IN CAMERA

10.1 Approval of the Minutes.

This item was discussed In Camera.

10.2 Evaluation of the Chief

This item was discussed In Camera.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 18, 2013

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

March 18, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Tim Outhit
Commissioner Barry Dalrymple

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Superintendent Trish MacCormick, RCMP
Sergeant R. Scott Macdonald
Mr. Richard Butts, CAO
Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 25, 2013

The minutes of February 25, 2013 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the minutes of February 25, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

1. Chief's Directional Statement 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Dalrymple that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

A letter from Dalhousie University was presented, acknowledging the Chief's recent lecture for graduate students in Library and Information Science.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The February RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Inspector Daley circulated the Dashboard.

Inspector Daley indicated the upcoming review of the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence; provided an update on firearm incidents; noted a recent media spot which spoke to thefts of motor vehicles. He also advised the appointment of Trish McCormick to the

criminal investigation division and that Superintendent Roland Wells will be assuming the Officer in Charge duties soon.

Inspector Daley pointed to the comparison data he has provided following a request from Commissioner Dalrymple. It provides comparison data on population per officer, caseload and the new crime severity index. At present, HRM ranks 83rd in their list of jurisdictions.

Commissioner Dalrymple noted he was pleased to see the caseload level and commented that the crime severity index is a better indicator than just homicides. HRM's comparative performance is far better than one might expect given perception.

The Chief made the point that if you have more reported crimes, it may not mean criminal activity is rising, but rather enforcement is on the rise.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Outhit that the February RCMP reports be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The February HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Blais noted that he will be attending a church service on Sunday, March 24, 2013 focusing on racial discrimination.

Chief Blais circulated the police blotter, which offers a tally of one day's criminal activity. The document indicates the date time and district. The Chief provided highlights and noted it is complementary to the ongoing crime mapping service.

Commissioner Moreash asked about the distribution of the document and the Chief indicated it would be sent to the media and can be sent to the Board.

Councillor Outhit asked if it will be sent to the other Councillors and Deputy Chief Moore noted it will be disseminated broadly through the 12 hour media reports.

Chief Blais congratulated Superintendent Stephen Sykes on his retirement after 39 years of service.

Commissioner Ruth asked about the origin of the report and Deputy Chief Moore indicated that it was at the request of the Coast. The blotter is common to other jurisdictions and will not be labour-intensive to produce; it will also not take the place of their existing media updates.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Outhit that the February HRP reports be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update - Sergeant R. Scott MacDonald

The March Public Safety Update was before the Board.

Sergeant Macdonald reported that with the mid-February release of the crime mapping tool, the HRP has received requests for further data and noted the feedback has been much more on the positive side. The provision of this service addressed number 29 of the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence.

Sergeant MacDonald further noted that reviewing the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence was unanimously endorsed by Halifax Regional Council.

Commissioner Dalrymple noted that the public has been asking for years for this kind of information and thanks to this initiative law enforcement are making great strides toward transparency.

The Chair indicated that Commissioner Dalrymple's comments reflect the sentiments of the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the March Public Safety Update be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.4 Court Time

Commissioner Dalrymple indicated there must be something the Board can do to address the costs associated with this.

Commissioner Mosher asked what had happened with the discussion on having a municipal court, with the Chair responding that it was on last year's list of objectives, but the previous Chief and Mayor did not want to move forward on the item.

The Chair indicated a desire to have the item on a future agenda.

The Chief indicated this item takes up a great deal of officers' time.

Commissioner Ruth noted that the item fits well with the economics of policing considerations.

Deputy Chief Moore noted a new approach to this issue will pay off in the long run. Having officers turn up to court when witnesses fail to attend, among other issues, continues to be a significant drain on time.

The Chair noted that the past Chief had offered to do a draft document on this issue, but it never returned to the committee.

The Chief responded that he was willing to provide a document addressing the court time issue to the committee at a future meeting.

Deputy Chief Moore indicated that the fall may be the best time to return with this item. He further noted that the HRP would see immediate cost savings on breathalyzers alone.

Inspector Daley noted that the RCMP faces the same challenges. When officers are transferred to other jurisdictions, but are called back to testify, the Crown has been supportive. However, there is still a cost to this and, in addition, when the laboratory closes in Nova Scotia further travel will be required. In New Brunswick, video conference testimony is allowed.

Commissioner Dalrymple advised that he would like to see overtime costs going back several years. He would also see the costs for witness travel, whether they are civilian or police.

Commissioner Read asked what other levels of government should be involved in this discussion and that it should be an item for discussion provincially as well.

Deputy Chief Moore advised selecting witnesses is out of the HRP's hands, but it is HRP who is required to pay officer overtime.

The Chair indicated that the Chief's report will be the starting point for further discussion on the matter.

7.1.5 Chief's Strategic Direction

The Chief's 2013 Directional Statement, dated February 4, 2013, was before the Board.

The Chief requested input from the Board on the document.

The Chief raised the possibility of submitting an annual report from the Board to Regional Council. It would detail what the HRP has done and its plans for the future. He noted that there used to be a process like this, but this is no longer the case.

Deputy Chief Moore indicated the content and type of report is here for discussion and any feedback from the Board would be appreciated. His strategic communications staff are already considering this.

The Chief noted that the 2013/2014 budget is still an item for him and that he will address the Audit and Finance Standing Committee on March 20, 2013 regarding it.

The Chief indicated he would like to start discussion on the next budget earlier, particularly with the union, to avoid any unnecessary issues. This priority will dovetail with the strategic planning process, which will be led by Deputy Chief Moore.

7.2 Commissioners

The Chair advised that he has spoken to Mayor Savage regarding the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence and expressed the Board's opinion that they are glad to see it moving forward. He also noted that the advertisement for a new Board member has been circulated.

Commissioner Outhit also spoke to the Mayor on the roundtable and noted there is significant support for bringing it back. He was also glad to see the pedestrian safety campaign. He further noted that in past years HRP had a campaign to help get guns off the streets, "pistols for pixels" and asked if it was time to reinvigorate an initiative to do the same.

Sergeant Macdonald said he had had some discussion pertaining to this issue in the fall. He noted that a program like this took place in Toronto during hunting season and was considered a success and Winnipeg has also done something similar recently. He also noted that if there is no reward the Board should be prepared to have less interest.

Commissioner Outhit indicated that Councillors may be able to help with this and raised an experience he had at a hockey game in the US, where the team sponsored a gun return program.

Sergeant MacDonald indicated that most guns used in crimes are stolen out of the homes of legitimate owners. Owners should dispense with guns they do not use.

Deputy Chief Moore indicated that at all times, if someone wants to be relieved of their firearm, the police will come to retrieve it.

Commissioner Ruth reported that she testified last week to a House of Commons committee on the witness protection program. The Canadian Association of Police (CAPB) Boards indicated that recent changes have not gone far enough and more witnessed need to be allowed into the program. In 2011/12, only 30 of 108 individuals being considered for protection were admitted. The total cost of the program was roughly \$9.1 million.

Commissioner Ruth further noted that she is going to Ottawa again for the CAPB lobby days where members will meet with Members of Parliament. Most of the MPs she is meeting are Liberals. Along with the economics of policing, they will also be raising the Mental Health Act as well as First Nations policing.

Returning to the firearms collection item, Commissioner Mosher noted that one American city partnered with a jewelry store to create an innovative program. It was called the called the "calibre collection". She also indicated that Councillors may be willing to contribute some of their district funding to a program for gun retrieval.

Councillor Dalrymple echoed those remarks. Councillors have contacts who might be willing to support this initiative. The last program was a success. On another note, he has received a great deal of positive feedback on the crime-mapping website and that the crosswalk safety and bus ads are generating lots of conversation.

7.2.1 Updates

7.2.2 Presentation – Commissioner Ruth (15 mins.)

A summary of Commissioner Ruth's presentation was before the Board.

Commissioner Ruth offered a presentation on her recent attendance at a summit on the economics of policing, at which the Chief was also an attendee, in Ottawa.

She noted the conference was well attended, with about thirty speakers from Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and New Zealand. A general theme of the conference was the need for a holistic approach to finding solutions that includes others such as Justice, Health and Social Services.

Commissioner Ruth also noted that representatives from other countries indicated that Canada still has time to avoid the mistakes those countries have made. The country must look more broadly than frontline policing and consider the impact of education and how we define crime itself.

Commissioner Ruth indicated that the document provided to the Board is what will be taken to Ottawa for the CAPB's lobbying days.

Inspector Daley asked what mistakes other countries referenced that they had made and the Chief responded that it was more with respect to the model of policing, given that the US model is more centralized and as a result many cities have had to borrow money to fund operations.

Inspector Daley asked if any weight was given to safety and Commissioner Ruth responded that the focus on this was limited, particularly given that no one from health or housing spoke.

Deputy Chief Moore asked if community mobilization was discussed and the Chief noted that a woman from Scotland, with a health background, spoke to the relationship between health and crime.

Deputy Chief Moore referenced the efforts of the former police Chief in Prince Albert who brought together various departments such as health, education, community workers and others to create a community approach. Scotland has a similar community health model.

Inspector Daley noted they are adopting a similar approach to Price Albert involving a partnership with Education. The second phase of CommStat involves offender management as well as a risk assessment piece.

Commissioner Moreash would like to see more on this approach at a future meeting and Commissioner Dalrymple indicated that a presentation on this would be ideal for the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence.

Deputy Chief Moore advised that his staff are instituting a Youth Advocate Program focusing on youth ages 7-14 who are vulnerable to gang activity.

7.2.3 Chair – Departing Remarks (15 mins.)

The Chair advised that this meeting would likely be his final meeting as Chair of the Board and read the following into the minutes as parting words for the Board:

1. Board members time on board

This culminates four years for me on the board which is longer than any Halifax board member for quite some time. Yet other municipal board members often serve much longer, sometimes in the order of 10+ years. Other Nova Scotia municipal board members have served on national boards, while Halifax has not had that kind of representation. It seemed to me that for a Halifax board member, if one were to get on a national board, that person would probably be near the end of his/her term without being extended. However I would encourage anyone who is interested to simply offer to serve on a national board and trust that the council would take that into account and likely extend the term with that as justification.

2. Attendance at conferences

In the past two years our board has been represented at provincial and national conferences. However in that period no council appointee has attended even though approval was given. The value of these conferences is tremendous in terms of sharing of information from other municipal boards. The provincial conferences are particularly beneficial because it is a good mixture of board members and Chiefs of Police. So a good cross section of board representation is encouraged. And it is imperative that we have representation at this year's national conference because of our turn to host the closing ceremonies, and prepare for hosting the conference the following year. We have exciting times ahead.

3. Chair/vice chair positions

For my first two years the chair and vice chair were council appointees and the NSAPB appointee was a councillor, and for the past two years they have all been citizen appointees. I think that we should remain open to either citizen or council appointees serving in those positions, and also share the representation on various committees and other provincial boards.

4. Board image

I have heard previous and current board members concerned about the image of the board, not wanting to appear as the coffee club/lunch club, whatever. My thoughts are not to get too hung up on that. We have a job to do in accordance with the Police Act, and we should simply do it without feeling the need to gain some kind of visibility. However I anticipate that that visibility will come with the impending contract negotiations and the hosting of a national conference in less than two years.

5. Confidentiality/Spokesperson for board

The Police Act item 79(1) (d) and (e) states that board members keep confidential any information disclosed or discussed at a board meeting, and not claim to speak on behalf of the board unless authorized by the chair. Freedom of Information legislation has its limits. We still have protected lawyer/client privilege, doctor/patient information, and the media protect their sources. Those people stand to lose their job for disclosing information. Military members can be jailed for life or executed for disclosing information. This board also must guard information of a sensitive nature. It is incorrect to think that you can share information with someone else who has sworn an oath. You can only share information with someone else who has sworn to protect information and also has a need to know.

6. Two tier policing

I have heard various members and the media refer to the promise held by setting up two standards of police officer, of which the lower standard officer is much lower paid, in order to manage budgets. I personally think that that is a wrong headed approach for various reasons, so don't go there. Firstly, the basic requirements to become a police officer is really not that high, to have high school education, be healthy, and to have no criminal record. So would a lower calibre of officer not have high school, or maybe have a minor criminal record, or not really be fit? Two tier systems is becoming the trend in some other occupations, mainly because the managers use it as a way of avoiding dealing with the runaway salary costs of the main stay certified workers. And it is possible to get away with that in other occupations because the organization has time to assign jobs to people based on their capabilities. In the case of a police officer, the public has an expectation that if they see a uniformed officer then that officer can respond to on the spot distress needs such as apprehending a bank robber or any other criminal activity. The response from the police officer, to someone crying for help, cannot be "sorry I am not certified for this type of police work". The proper way of managing the rising costs of police salaries is simply to pay the market value for a police officer, no more, no less. This leads to my final point.

7. Budget and costs

I have frequently heard it said that policing is in the middle of the "perfect storm", and comparisons being made to health care costs. It is totally misplaced to make

those comparisons. The exponentially increasing costs of paying out pensions and covering medical costs of an aging population at a time when the revenue base shrinks, is going to bankrupt the western world in a few years. Whereas an aging population usually leads to a diminishing crime rate, even though concern about crime may rise. In policing we have created a mini crisis by agreeing to salary settlements that is not based on supply and demand. For example HRM has been locked in for about 12 years to a made in Central Canada salary scale leading us to pay more than is quite likely necessary to recruit and retain fully qualified police officers. It is dumb headed. We need a made in Atlantic Canada salary scale.

The discussion turned to the selection of a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Mosher suggested the item be deferred until the next meeting as the new member should be able to participate. She noted that previously the CAO used to appoint the Chair and pointed out that meetings worked well when a new member was Chair of the Board and that the advertisement lists a specific skillset required.

The Chair advised he would like the terms of the Chair and Vice Chair to begin on the first of April so he can retain signing authority until then and completed some unfinished business.

Commissioners Moreash and Read advised their preference to have the vote now as it has been deferred for too long. Commissioner Dalrymple indicated the same preference.

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

The Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Dalrymple that Commissioner Micki Ruth be appointed Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners effective April 1, 2013. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Outhit that Commissioner Phillip Read be appointed Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners effective April 1, 2013.

The Chair nominated Commissioner Mosher for Vice Chair. There was no seconder for the motion. MOTION FAILS.

On the nomination of Commissioner Read a vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair offered his congratulations to the new Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Read offered the Board's gratitude to the outgoing Chair, Commissioner Gosse. Applause was offered by the Board.

**MOVED by Commissioner Ruth, seconded by Commissioner Outhit that the Board of Police Commissioners move In Camera to discuss personnel matters.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

10. IN CAMERA

10.1 Approval of the Minutes

This item was discussed In Camera.

10.2 Approval of the Order of Business

This item was discussed In Camera.

10.3 Personnel

This item was discussed In Camera.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 8, 2013

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

April 8, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioner Micki Ruth, Chair
Commissioner Phillip Read, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Barry Dalrymple

REGRETS: Commissioner Tim Outhit

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Roland Well, OIC, RCMP
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 18, 2013

The minutes of March 18, 2013 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the minutes of March 18, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Dalrymple, seconded by Commissioner Mosher that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 RCMP Reports

The March RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Superintendent Wells distributed a copy of the RCMP dashboard and noted that enforcement efforts have increased impaired driving charges in the first quarter of the year were up 27%, with suspensions higher as well.

In addition, he noted a significant increase in the number of failing to stop at stops signs and pedestrian collisions.

Commissioner Mosher asked if there has been an emphasis on monitoring impaired driving, with Inspector Daley responding that it is always a priority and some watches are more dedicated to this than others.

RCMP have mapped all impaired drivers from 2013 and distributed to officers, which allows them to target high-risk clusters.

Superintendent Wells added that providing this information allows officers to investigate the root causes of why there may be a cluster in certain areas.

With respect to failing to stop, Commissioner Mosher asked if officers are ticketing those who simply slow down in advance of a stop rather than come to a complete halt.

Superintendent Wells responded that failing to stop is taken literally and Deputy Chief Moore concurred, noting that the charge is for failing to stop.

Commissioner Moreash noted that there is an impression among many drivers that there is no requirement to stop and he asked if officers can direct more attention to this.

Superintendent Wells noted that April 1st is when RCMP begins its performance plan. Further, there is always a communications component when enforcement protocols are changed.

Inspector Daley noted that HRP/RCMP are in the middle of the crosswalk safety program and many of those accidents are when drivers do not stop completely, especially on the right turn. The results of this program so far demonstrates good progress.

Superintendent Wells referenced the number of Court Time hours in the document and noted the amount of time lost when no evidence is given; time which could be better spent elsewhere.

Commissioner Dalrymple indicated that the problem is worse than previously thought and that there is a significant need for action. He noted that messages should be given to officers as to whether or not the case is going to go ahead.

Superintendent Wells noted the situation is not likely different in many other jurisdictions and that the issue is a challenge with respect to the work-life balance for officers.

Commissioner Mosher asked if having a municipal Court would make a difference and Superintendent Wells responded that officers would still have to go to court and expect defendants to show up to address the ticket.

Deputy Chief Moore noted that two components to this question involve having the right people at court to address the issue, and to only have those required to be present attend. With respect to having a municipal court, he indicated it is unlikely the process will improve much, but managing witnesses may be easier.

Superintendent Wells noted that video-conferencing has cut down on costs with respect to officers transferred elsewhere having to testify at previous cases.

The Chair asked for clarification with respect to shifts and overtime and a discussion ensued on this point.

Commissioner Dalrymple cited his own experience as an officer, noting that while eight officers may be on shift, four could be in court, with the need for the scheduling of more officers to compensate.

Superintendent Wells noted that most court time is double-time and time-and-a-half and the RCMP is looking closely at who is essential to be at court, as the costs are unacceptable. Officers attempt to arrange schedules to minimize costs and manage work-life balance for officers.

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Read that the March RCMP reports be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 HRP Reports

The March 2013 HRP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Blais noted that HRP officer Randy Wood will be presented with an award by Blue Line magazine in Toronto. In the next issue, there will be three articles about HRM and members may wish to pay special attention to it.

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Read that the March HRP reports be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Public Safety Update - Sergeant R. Scott MacDonald

The April Public Safety Update was before the Board.

Sergeant MacDonald indicated that there will be a joint training day for the HRP and RCMP volunteers; Police Week will involve a Police Day at MicMac mall, which precludes prescription drug awareness week, at which the public can dispose of medications. This will be on May 11, 2013.

Sergeant MacDonald also noted that May is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which involves cooperation between units and the Province. A public campaign is being organized again this year.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the April Public Safety Update be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.4 Chief's 2013 Strategic Planning Statement

As submitted at the last meeting.

The Chief indicated that this will be an annual feature during his tenure and he is looking for input on formatting and content.

7.1.5 Social Media – Theresa Ruth and Lauren Leal from HRP Public Relations

The legislative Assistant advised that it was the preference of staff that the item be deferred to the next meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Read, that the above item be deferred to the May 13, 2013 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Commissioners

Commissioner Ruth offered details on her recent efforts with the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) on Parliament Hill. She noted that it was an effective effort in raising awareness and she noted that the CAPB is speaking at committees. One prominent issue they spoke to MPs about was mental health and policing.

The Chair noted there is an invitation to the Board to send a representative to management employee relations committee and the Chief advised that this is a monthly meeting which acts as a forum for management and union representatives. The collective bargaining agreement expires on March 31, 2015, which the forum will address on an ongoing basis, along with smaller matters.

The Police Association advised that the meeting is informal and any number of Board members are welcome to attend.

Commissioner Moreash expressed his interest in attending.

Commissioner Mosher suggested having a rotating member attend so more than one person has an opportunity.

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Dalrymple that all members of the Board of Police Commissioners be invited to attend the monthly meetings of the management employees relations committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Dalrymple asked about overtime figures.

The Deputy Chief indicated that the HRP spends \$1 million per year on overtime; \$350,000.00 is spent on motor vehicle night court and the remaining \$650,000.00 is for

criminal code expenses. Only allowing officers to have two trials per night is costing more.

Commissioner Moreash asked if this is common among adjudicators and Deputy Chief Moore indicated this was an arbitrary decision.

Commissioner Dalrymple indicated he was pleased to see this issue being considered, as it is not only a budget factor, but also a quality of life issue for officers. Often these obligations diminish home and family time for officers.

The Chair offered the Board's commitment to help move this forward.

Deputy Chief Moore offered to provide a presentation on Full Circle Community Safety, which stemmed from a previous Board discussion on holistic approaches to policing.

Deputy Chief Moore provided the context for this, noting that the current model is unsustainable. The Prince Albert model provided a different framework and a model for Canada as it emphasizes policing as a shared responsibility. He presented the full circle model, which involves agencies and priorities working together. Finally, one of the key principles is sharing information and breaking down barriers, given that agencies are often dealing with the same people, but separately.

The Institute for Strategic International Studies, which produced these items, can be accessed online:

<http://www.cacp.ca/ISIS/pages/ISIS.php?title=ISIS%202012%20Full%20Circle%20Community%20Safety%20Model>

Commissioner Ruth asked what HRP is doing to engage in this process and Deputy Chief Moore responded that they are currently looking at a research-based approach and the youth advocate program is a component of this.

Commissioner Ruth asked who was the lead to get other agencies involved, with Deputy Chief Moore responding that Safe Communities was an early step in this direction.

Superintendent Wells noted that the RCMP have reached out to health and education to build on this model and they are developing an approach to address the pre-criminal stages. The RCMP are looking at an intervention model for people who experience crime, not just the criminal and victim.

Inspector Daley noted staff have developed a protocol for privacy issues and as a result more open communication between agencies will be available.

Commissioner Dalrymple indicated he was pleased to see this coming forward and suggested new systems and technologies need to be put in place that shows the whole story of an individual of interest for police, from a health, social, educational and criminal perspective.

Deputy Chief Moore indicated that Prince Albert has built a model of this kind.

Commissioner Dalrymple asked that this be added to a future agenda, so the Board can give clear direction to HRP and RCMP to proceed with this approach.

Deputy Chief Moore indicated he is in the strategic planning process at the moment and the Chief indicated the June meeting will lead to a discussion about strategy.

Commissioner Mosher asked if HRP intends to do mapping and Deputy Chief Moore responded that they can do mapping and overlaying.

Commissioner Mosher suggested staff make this a starting point as it has been done at HRM in the past and is a revealing exercise for exposing strengths and weaknesses.

Superintendent Wells indicated that the June or July meeting would be suitable for him.

Inspector Daley noted that more work needs to be done with schools, health, mental health and also with non-governmental-organizations.

7.2.1 Updates

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. IN CAMERA

9.1 Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2013

This item was addressed in the public portion of the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Dalrymple that the In Camera minutes of March 18, 2013 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 13, 2013

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

May 13, 2013

PRESENT:

Commissioner Micki Ruth, Chair
Commissioner Phillip Read, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Fred Honsberger
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Barry Dalrymple
Commissioner Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Chief Jean-Michel Blais
Chief Superintendent Roland Wells, OIC, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Sergeant R. Scott Macdonald
Ms. Marian Tyson, Acting-Director, Legal Services
Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. Swearing In – Mr. Fred Honsberger

Ms. Marian Tyson, Acting Director, Legal Services swore in Mr. Fred Honsberger as a Commissioner of the Board. Introductions amongst the meeting's attendees followed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 8, 2013

The minutes of April 8, 2013 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the minutes of April 8, 2013 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- Chief Blais: Commendations
- Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Communications
- Commissioner Mosher: Correspondence.

MOVED by Commissioner Dalrymple, seconded by Commissioner Read that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6.1 Social Media – Theresa Ruth and Lauren Leal from HRP Public Relations

Ms. Teresa Rath and Ms. Lauren Leal, from Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Public Relations, presented to the Board of Police Commissioners via a powerpoint presentation.

Ms. Rath gave background on the public relations division at HRP and described the impetus in 2009 for the HRP to become an active participant in social media, which launched with the 'Pixels for Pistols' firearm amnesty campaign.

Commissioner Outhit entered the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Ms. Leal noted that social media is now part of officer training and it has become an important component in recent high-profile cases. She gave examples of the HRP's presence in social media, including through Twitter, Facebook and Youtube.

A Traffic Officer gave his experience on his use of social media, noting that it has been largely positive and serves to generate discussion among the public.

Councillor Mosher asked if staff are communicating issues proactively through social media to educate the public, with Ms. Leal responding staff are doing this and would welcome input from Commissioners.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Commissioner Mosher referenced a confidential piece of correspondence received from a resident and asked that it be given to the City Solicitor via the Legislative Assistant.

A discussion ensued on this point, with Commissioner Mosher indicating that the piece can come back to the Board, but only after it has been reviewed by Legal Services and the personal information redacted.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Staff

8.1.1 RCMP Reports

The April RCMP Reports were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Roland Wells provided the monthly dashboard report to the Board, noting with emphasis the upswing in property crime during the summer months and that his resources will be targeted to addressing this trend.

Commissioner Ruth asked about the enforcement of lower speed-limits in school zones and if the reduction in speed is required without the presence of a child, with Chief Superintendent Wells responding that it is assumed children are present during school hours.

Superintendent Daley noted there is a grey period during after-hour activities, with the Chief indicating that HRP and RCMP have raised the nebulosity of this legislation with the Province.

Chief Superintendent Wells drew the Board's attention to the reduction in false alarms.

Commissioner Moreash asked if there is a distinction in the data between automated calls and those generated by persons, with Superintendent Daley responding that this

item refers to self-generated false alarms. He further noted that calls from the public account for 30-35,000 calls, of which 6% are false alarms.

Commissioner Outhit asked if staff redirect more resources to deal with spikes in property crime, such as more park patrols and the reallocation of Community Response Officers (CRO).

Chief Superintendent Wells responded that officers identify hotspots and coordinate a number of expanded responses, which might include allocation of CROs, bike patrols, citizen patrols and Neighbourhood Watch.

MOVED by Commissioner Dalrymple, seconded by Commissioner Read that the April RCMP reports be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.1.2 HRP Reports

The April 2013 HRP Reports were before the Board.

The Chief circulated a dashboard focusing on human resources, with an emphasis on female and cultural community trends within the HRP.

Commissioner Ruth noted that visible minorities are not here, with the Chief responding that there is no legislative requirement in Canada for employers to acquire this type of information, but the HRP has completed a survey requesting the voluntary provision of this information and are waiting on the results.

Commissioner Dalrymple congratulated the HRP and the RCMP on the steady decline in crime across the board.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the April HRP reports be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.1.3 Public Safety Update - Sergeant R. Scott MacDonald

The May Public Safety Update was before the Board.

Sergeant MacDonald began by thanking the Board and staff for their assistance during sexual assault awareness month and circulated original copies of the posters being distributed to various locations.

Sergeant MacDonald reported on the success of the prescription drug drop-off day, which collected more than 80 litres of pills. He thanked the four pharmacists and a pharmacy student for their help in this endeavour.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the May Public Safety Update be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Sergeant MacDonald provided a briefing on the external review currently underway of the Halifax Regional School Board as related to the Rehtaeh Parsons case. Part of the review will involve examining supports available from the police for victims of bullying, cyber-bullying and sexual violence and the extent of police coordination with the HRSB. The HRP, RCMP and HRSB have had established documents for a number of years which detail their sharing of information and their cooperative response to incidents. These School Response Protocol and Sharing of Information MOU documents will likely be shared with the review panel in the coming weeks.

Sergeant MacDonald provided detail on the Youth Advocate Program, which the Board will assume responsibility for following an April 23, 2013 Regional Council decision. The program was a federally funded private project providing intensive support for youth between ages 9 and 14. This funding came to an end and has since been operating for two years under the Community and Recreation Services HRM business unit.

Ms. Tyson noted that Legal Services considered the funding mechanism for this program and deemed that it is not appropriate to have it funded by an HRM business unit, as it is a crime prevention program and should be a police initiative.

Councillor Dalrymple noted that the project comes with a budget, with Sergeant MacDonald indicating that the budget provides for roughly \$526,000.00 and eight full-time equivalents.

Commissioner Read asked who will be responsible for managing the program, with Ms. Tyson responding that its administration would be through the HRP and RCMP, but it would be overseen by the Board.

Commissioner Moreash asked for further clarification of the Board's role in the oversight of the program, with Ms. Tyson responding that the Board's oversight role for this program will not differ from its existing role in overseeing other operations of the HRP and RCMP.

The Chief clarified that this program will operate like all others. In this case the money will come from the HRP's budget and will be then transferred to Community and Recreation Services, which administers the program. The program functions well as it is and there is no need to change this. The Chief offered to report monthly on the program.

Commissioner Moreash asked what the funding accountability arrangements will look like and specifically if there will be funds expended externally, with the Chief responding that the arrangement will be the same as any other program in HRM and there will be no external expenditures

Commissioner Honsberger referenced a recent provincial program and asked what had become of it, with Sergeant MacDonald responding that the program was a pilot that was discontinued.

Councillor Outhit asked if there is any indication as to how program recipients will view the program, with the Chief responding that he has considered this and has not received any indication of reluctance from participants or families given this change.

Commissioner Outhit asked if there has been any information on the success of the 'Distractions Kill' campaign, with Sergeant MacDonald responding that he can get back to the Board on this.

MOVED by Commissioner Dalrymple, seconded by Commissioner Mosher that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the Regional Council recommendation, dated April 23, 2013 that it assume responsibility for the Youth Advocate Review Program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Ruth asked if the Board could get a report from staff in six months' time on feedback from clients and employers regarding the program. The Board can revisit the matter at its November, 2013 meeting.

Commissioner Read suggested the program manager be invited to speak to the Board regarding the program.

8.1.4 Court Time – Marion Tyson, Acting Director, Legal Services

Ms. Tyson was asked to lend her experience and expertise to comment on approaches to make the court system more efficient in lieu of the significant expenditures shouldered by law enforcement with respect to the time spent by officers at court.

Ms. Tyson advised that the Board and Regional Council approach reform carefully before approaching the Province with requests for reforms. It would take a significant amount of resources for HRM to build a municipal court system and research would have to be undertaken before cost-effectiveness can be determined. There is no guarantee that doing this would make the system more efficient for officers, as Judges and Justices of the Peace are independent. Ultimately, the system works interdependently and finding efficiencies requires the coming together of all parties. The Justice Forum, which has representatives from the Bar Society, senior police, the Chief Prosecutor, among others, has committees working to improve system efficiencies. These committees can hear concerns and issues.

Commissioner Mosher thanked Ms. Tyson for the presentation.

Commissioners Mosher and Outhit exited the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Commissioner Dalrymple indicated the amount of time wasted at Court by officers is unacceptable, and further noted that the Board has been more concerned with finding efficiencies than generating revenues.

Ms. Tyson noted that former Mayor Peter Kelly raised this issue with the Minister of Justice and there was discussion on whether a municipal court would save law enforcement time and money. The Justice Forum is also looking at the use of evidence certificates.

Commissioner Moreash asked if a report has ever been produced regarding the municipal court system and efficiency, as this would be useful background. He also asked what the degree of independence is with respect to the Justices of the Peace.

Ms. Tyson indicated that Justices of the Peace are not independent in the same fashion as judges, but that this is being disputed.

Commissioner Ruth asked that this be added to the upcoming agenda, with the Chief indicating that he would look into the existence of reports on court time.

8.2 Commissioners

8.2.1 Updates

8.2.2 CAPB Conference

The Chair noted that the Canadian Association of Police Boards conference will be this August in Saskatoon. She expressed an interest in attending and would report back to the Board on the meeting. The focus this year is on mental health.

The Chair further noted that it is HRM's responsibility to host the final conference breakfast with a view to encouraging participants to attend the 2014 conference in Halifax. She has been in contact with Tourism Nova Scotia regarding promotional material.

On another matter, the Chief encouraged members to look through this month's Blueline magazine, as a Halifax is highlighted in a number of entries.

The Chief also requested his commendations item be deferred.

The Chair asked that the CAPB communications item be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Tyson added that HRM has assigned a lawyer to work on efficiency items with the Province and she offered to request he/she attend a Board meeting to speak to the issue.

9. **ADDED ITEMS – NONE**
10. **IN CAMERA – NONE**
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE – June 10, 2013**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Honsberger that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

June 10, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioner Micki Ruth, Chair (participated via
teleconference)
Commissioner Phillip Read, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Fred Honsberger
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Commissioner Barry Dalrymple

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Roland Wells, OIC, RCMP
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Sergeant R. Scott Macdonald
Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. Award Presentations

2.1 Chief Superintendent Roland Wells, OIC – Presentation to Ms. Sheila Serfas

Chief Superintendent Wells presented Ms. Sheila Serfas with a certificate of appreciation and recognition.

2.2 John Dunlop Memorial Award presentation to Constable Kathryn Willett

The John Dunlop Memorial Award was presented to Constable Kathryn Willett.

Constable Dunlop offered thanks to her supervisors, her family and to the youth with whom she works.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 13, 2013

The minutes of May 13, 2013 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Honsberger, seconded by Commissioner Outhit that the minutes of May 13, 2013 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 8.1.6 Budget update.

MOVED by Commissioner Outhit, seconded by Commissioner Mosher that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5.1 Constituent Letter – May 13, 2013 meeting.

The Legislative Assistant provided background on this item, with Commissioner Ruth indicating that she has reviewed the matter extensively with Legal Services and has communicated to the constituent on behalf of the Board, indicating that the matter is

outside the jurisdiction of the Board of Police Commissioners and no action on the Board's part can be taken in respect of it.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6.1 Commendations – Chief Jean-Michel Blais

Chief Jean-Michel Blais raised the idea of the Board of Police Commissioners conferring civilian commendations on those in the service of law enforcement. He referenced a commendation which had been given to his mother some years ago.

Commissioners Mosher and Outhit both supported this idea.

Commissioner Moreash suggested that the Legislative Assistant conduct a best practices scan and further research in advance of the July 8, 2013 meeting of the Board.

Commissioner Mosher noted there are a number of questions that should be answered, including the frequency of the award and the nomination process.

Commissioner Ruth indicated her support for this practice.

6.2 Canadian Association of Police Board communications

The Legislative Assistant indicated the receipt of numerous communications from the Canadian Association of Police Boards and asked how Board members would like to receive these on an ongoing basis.

Commissioner Moreash indicated he would like to be added to their regular distribution list, with the Legislative Assistant committing to disseminating other emails from time to time to the other Board members.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8. REPORTS

8.1 Staff

8.1.1 RCMP Reports

The May RCMP reports were before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Wells provided background on the reports as circulated, as well as the dashboard. He highlighted the number of motorcycle injuries and indicated that if they remain at the same level there may need to be a campaign for greater safety on motorcycles.

Commissioner Read asked if road conditions are a factor, with Chief Superintendent Wells noting this will require further investigation. He also noted that there are more motorcycles on the road in inclement weather than one might expect.

Commissioner Moreash asked for clarification of what the RCMP considers aggressive driving, with Chief Superintendent Wells responding that unsafe passing, excessive speed and stunting all constitute aggressive driving.

Chief Superintendent Wells highlighted the drop in crime since 2010 overall, particularly mischief and property damage.

Commissioner Outhit noted that property crime increases with the warmer weather, with Chief Superintendent Wells responding that trend observations are allowing officers to recognize areas where there is an upswing in activity and increase their presence in response.

Commissioner Mosher asked if there are any programs in place to address drag-racing, with Chief Superintendent Wells responding that witnesses to drag-racing should call in during the act itself, not sometime afterward.

Commissioner Mosher noted that the race is often over before the police arrive, with Chief Superintendent Wells responding that the call gives police data and allows them to concentrate resources in certain areas.

Commissioner Mosher asked about vehicle inspection sites, noting that one in her area is effective in stopping people without licences and those whose vehicles have not been inspected.

With respect to car noise, Deputy Chief Moore indicated there is no legislation governing car noise, but officers will ask for inspection information. He committed to providing more information as to where inspections take place.

The Vice Chair noted that it would be worthwhile for the public to make calls about incidents, even if the response won't be immediate. The Chief concurred, noting this allows his staff to establish patterns and target resources.

Superintendent Daley noted the public can report incidents online as well.

Commissioner Outhit asked if 311 is considering expanding its services to include calls about criminal incidents, with the Chief responding that they are looking into 311 accepting calls to report crime.

8.1.2 HRP Reports

The May HRP reports were before the Board, along with the 2012/13 End of Year Budget Report – June 10, 2013.

The Chief invited Mr. Craig Horton, Financial Coordinator, to provide a brief review of the budget document before the Board, which outlines the final break-down of the 2012/13 budget. The actual, net operating number is \$69,488,423.00. There are some savings as a result of the final calculation, with about \$1,000,000.00 being diverted to three reserves.

Commissioner Moreash asked about specialized equipment budget lines, with Deputy Chief Moore indicating that specialized enforcement line items were not aligned properly in the past. There are a collection of line items pertaining to specialized operations and staff are working to realign them.

Commissioner Honsberger asked if there is an annual issue for officer uniforms and equipment, with Deputy Chief Moore responding that officers are generally issued two sets of pants, two shirts and boots as required. This line also includes dress uniforms.

Commissioner Read asked if recorded savings can return to the consolidated budget, with Deputy Chief Moore responding that the savings are returned to the reserves and cannot be carried over. Any additional savings return to HRM.

Commissioner Read asked why HRP cannot contribute more to the reserves, with Deputy Chief Moore responding that, in the case of the facility lease reserve, there is a cap preventing further contribution.

8.1.3 Public Safety Update - Sergeant R. Scott MacDonald

The June Public Safety Update was before the Board.

Sergeant MacDonald paid special note to the Youth Adcoate Program, which was discussed at the last Board meeting. He also met with Brad Anguish, Director of Community & Recreation Services, and advised that the program manager is willing to attend a Board meeting to speak to the program. He also highlighted the success of the prescription drug drop-off program.

Councillor Outhit asked about the status of a gun amnesty program, with Sergeant MacDonald responding that it is something his team are considering. He noted that the recent Pixels for Pistols campaign in Winnipeg was very successful.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Outhit that the June Public Safety Update be received by the Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Sergeant MacDonald noted that the Halifax District School Board review of shared protocols, information sharing and agreements regarding bullying, cyber-bullying and sexual violence and the extent of police coordination with the HRSB is expected on June 14, 2013. He also noted that he endorsed a proposal for funding to a national crime prevention centre focused on anti-bullying amongst girls.

Sergeant MacDonald indicated that a report on the “Distractions Kill” campaign will be provided at a later date.

8.1.4 Court Time

A letter from Ms. Marion Tyson, Acting Director, Legal Services, dated May 24, 2013 was before the Board.

Commissioner Outhit indicated he would like to have Legal Services staff attend a meeting of the Board to speak to the court time issue.

The Vice Chair noted that this issue is one the Board can have an impact on resolving.

8.1.5 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

The Urban Report: Final Results, was before the Board.

Chief Superintendent Wells asked if a 14% response rate is normal, with Ms. Teresa Rath, Public Relations Manager, indicating she would follow-up on this, noting that 402 surveys were returned. She further noted that the authors’ target was 400 respondents to form a representative sample.

Commissioner Read pointed to the visibility graph and noted that the HRP/RCMP are down compared to 2012, with Deputy Chief Moore responding that the decrease is within the margin of error.

Chief Superintendent Wells noted that a decrease can be expected, given that officers are being targeted to areas where they are required, rather than where there is no criminal activity.

Commissioner Moreash asked what the cost of the survey was, with Ms. Rath responding that she would have to provide that information at a later date.

Commissioner Moreash noted that there may be a better way to gauge public opinion on these matters, with Chief Superintendent Wells responding that the use of third party data allows the force to get baseline data. Ms. Rath further responded that the questions are largely the same year over year, which allows the HRP/RCMP to identify trends.

Commissioner Honsberger asked if other Canadian cities ask similar questions, with the Chief responding he doesn’t have this information. Ms. Rath further indicated that the wording is designed by the company, but they could request a comparison.

Commissioner Ruth noted that the Calgary Police Service survey is disseminated from their Board of Police Commissioners and she would be happy to share this information. She also indicated that she would speak to their representatives at the August

Canadian Association of Police Boards conference with a view to creating a more robust survey process.

8.2 Commissioners

8.2.1 Updates

Commissioner Mosher noted that Professor Clairmont is presently interviewing all members of Council regarding the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence Update.

Commissioner Honsberger asked what the vision for video surveillance in HRM is, with Deputy Chief Moore responding that the tool has not been expanded since 2007. Mobile-based cameras were purchased in 2012, but there is work to be done in this area. Overall, surveillance has been used for some investigations, but not many, and it's not particularly cost-effective.

Commissioner Honsberger asked if ultraviolet cameras are being used, with Deputy Chief Moore responding that they use both analog and digital cameras, but are not using nighttime vision or face recognition technology. He further noted that recent research has suggested better results may be achieved with better lighting rather than with cameras.

Commissioner Ruth provided a brief update on the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement conference in PEI, which she attended recently, and committed to providing more detail on when she returns to Halifax.

With respect to the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) conference, Commissioner Ruth noted that Destination Halifax and the Mayor's Office are supporting the breakfast HRM is hosting to promote the 2014 CAPB conference. CAPB will send a number of logo options to the Board and the Board will also have input into the theme of the conference.

Commissioner Read asked about interest in attending the CAPB conference in August, 2013, with the Board consenting that Commissioners Read and Ruth should represent the Board.

8.2.2 2013 Board of Police Commissioners Objectives Review

This item was deferred until the next Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

8.2.3 CACOLE Conference - Commissioner Micki Ruth

This item was dealt with under item 8.2.1 on page 8.

9. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

10. IN CAMERA – NONE

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – July 8, 2013

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant

Board of Police Commissioners
MINUTES

December 10, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioner Earl Gosse, Chair
Commissioner Micki Ruth, Vice Chair
Commissioner Michael Moreash
Commissioner Phillip Read
Commissioner Linda Mosher
Commissioner Tim Outhit
Commissioner Barry Dalrymple

STAFF: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Dennis Daley, RCMP
Sergeant R. Scott Macdonald
Donna Davis, Chief Information Officer
Chris MacDonald, ICT Delivery, Enterprise Applications
Superintendent Frank Foran, OIC
Mr. Richard Butts, CAO
Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Police Headquarters.

2. Swearing in and Welcoming of New Members

Deputy Chief Chris McNeil swore in the Councillors Dalrymple, Mosher and Outhit.

The new Commissioners introduced themselves to the Board.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 19, 2012

The minutes of November 19, 2012 were before the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Ruth that the minutes of November 19, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

9.3 Public Notification – Commissioner Ruth

The Chair requested item 9.2 HRM Crime Mapping Website Development be moved up in the agenda.

MOVED by Commissioner Moreash, seconded by Commissioner Read that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – November 19, 2012

6.1 HRP Budget

This item was initially brought forward by former Commissioner Sue Uteck.

Chief Blais presented the Board with two documents: Halifax Regional Police – Operating Budget Update and 2012/13 Operating Budget Submission.

Chief Blais spoke to these documents. He noted the second document indicates a net deficit of roughly \$56,000.00 with additional costs, but noted there are also some potential offsets. The document is presented for the study of the Board.

This document will also be presented at upcoming meetings in 2013.

Commissioner Read indicated that the format is a significant improvement.

The Chief indicated he is open to suggestions for improvements.

The Chair asked as to the process if the HRP misses its budget target.

The CAO advised that he is aware of the budgetary situation.

The Chief noted this process will begin again in the next fiscal year.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

7.1.1 Executive Seminar on National Police Compensation and its Challenges

An invitation to the Executive Seminar on National Police Compensation and its Challenges was before the Board.

The Chief advised that he will be attending this conference and, given that it has a long waiting list, will likely be the only participant from HRM. He committed to taking good notes at the seminar and will distribute these to the Board. He also noted that this conference coincides with another conference on sustainability and policing on January 16th and 17th. He also committed to providing an update on this conference.

The Chair inquired as to whether or not another member of the Board might be able to attend the conference on policing and sustainability, given that the National Association of Police Boards is a partner. He requested more information on the conference so that the Board may make a decision about participation.

The Chief committed to providing more information about the conference through his office.

The Chair indicated there is likely money in the budget for this expenditure.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Staff

8.1.1 RCMP Reports

The November 2012 RCMP reports were before the Board.

Commissioner Dalrymple queried on maternity leave.

Superintendent Foran indicated this is the number of officers for the month of November.

8.1.2 HRP Reports

The November 2012 HRP reports were before the Board.

The Chief indicated that his staff are always seeking input from the Board on the presentation of information.

Commissioner Mosher requested information on officers being paid but are not performing duties in HRM.

The CAO indicated there are staff who we pay, but are working outside HRM.

Councillor Outhit further asked if there are staffing shortages as a result of secondments and the Chief indicated that the dashboard document will answer some of these questions.

Commissioner Dalrymple noted he is impressed with the level of training and asked if staff are receiving the necessary level of training.

Chief Blais pointed to the continued use of the Canadian Police Knowledge Network online portal which has been a great asset with respect to training, but also noted the limits of online training.

Deputy Chief McNeil indicated more capacity would always be beneficial, but a number of training exercises are conducted with the RCMP and regional training does take place when capacity permits.

Deputy Chief Moore added to this by indicating trainers are often brought in for block training to manage expenses.

8.1.3 Public Safety Update

The December 2012 Spotlight on Public Safety was before the Board.

Sergeant MacDonald indicated that he is new to the position and the Board and welcomes feedback on format and frequency.

Sergeant MacDonald noted he is responsible for community engagement and gave details on Halifax Connects, which benefits the homeless, and noted staff attended Jessie's Day, which speaks to suicide and raises money for Kids-Help-Phone.

He addressed some themes in the report including homelessness; the online publication of police reports; traffic issues and sustainability initiatives.

Sergeant MacDonald highlighted nominations for HRM volunteer recognition and Operation Christmas Endeavour to prevent driving under the influence over the holidays. He thanked communications staff for helping to bring awareness to this issue.

Sergeant MacDonald further highlighted the growing use of social media and will continue to expand his use of these platforms.

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Moreash that the December 2012 Public Safety Update be received. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Outhit spoke to the Citywatch program, which provides excellent cooperation with schools.

Sergeant MacDonald noted this responsibility is not under his purview.

Members requested further information on traffic issues, particularly the relationship between law enforcement and Transportation and Public Works.

Deputy Chief Moore indicated that traffic reports are under the purview of Superintendent Falkingham. His staff are mostly involved on the enforcement side, but when something of concern is observed they do report it and would like to be more proactive in this regard.

Inspector Daley noted that the RCMP are connected with staff at Transportation and Public Works and do identify hotspots for accidents. They have a goal of reducing injuries by 5 per cent.

Commissioner Mosher noted working with divisional commanders is very helpful. She pointed out that many problems are related to perception and making evidence-based changes is critical. She further noted the importance of having data on accidents and its important HRP provide this data. Accidents are not always speeding issues.

The Chief concurred and he is orienting his staff to emphasize intelligence-led policing and to avoid decisions based on only anecdotes.

Councillor Dalrymple noted issues related to crosswalks are an ongoing issue and a resolution needs to be developed. He would like data on crosswalks and pedestrian accidents.

Councillor Outhit confirmed issues related to crosswalks are an ongoing issue for all Councillors.

The Chair questioned how the Board can get information on this issue and Councillor Dalrymple would like a meeting to go over this data.

Councillor Mosher indicated this is a top-of-mind issue and that certain streets are particularly troubling with respect to crosswalk accidents. She asked about reporting on this data.

Superintendent Foran and Deputy Chief Moore noted they do have yearly traffic calendars and there is a focus on crosswalk safety.

Councillor Mosher noted drivers are not being educated and as a result they are not stopping.

Councillor Outhit requested feedback on the province's recently imposed legislation on speeding in school zones.

The Chief acknowledged that there are issues with respect to evidence and enforcement. He noted he connects with the Minister and Deputy Minister on this issue as it falls under provincial jurisdiction.

On the appointment of Sergeant MacDonald the Chair asked about his relationship with the media and Sergeant MacDonald noted he has released a statement regarding his appointment.

8.1.4 Dashboard Reports

The December HRP Dashboard reports were before the Board.

He requests feedback from members on format and frequency.

The second report tabled, on human resources, he expects to be distributed every four months.

Commissioner Outhit approves of the format, but asks if monthly would be enough.

Superintendent Foran noted he is considering the same approach and can report with a monthly document.

The Chief noted the data indicators will not change from one report to another.

Commissioner Read noted that the level of expertise is not deep enough for reports that are too granular and would like to see trends and improvements be captured. He further noted that these reports have come a long way and monthly may be sufficient. Commissioner Ruth also noted she is interested in trends and with receiving the report monthly. She would like to see gender issues captured, particularly with respect to turnover, so systemic issues can be observed.

The Chief committed to provide the report every two weeks and would take feedback on its frequency.

8.2 Commissioners

The Chair gave background on this section.

The Chair noted that the RCMP has contacted the Board with respect to the selection committee for the Officer in Charge (OIC) position, which has been filled temporarily by Superintendent Foran. Along with the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner Ruth represents the Board on this committee.

Commissioner Dalrymple noted his approval of the RCMP reaching out beyond its members to advise on the appointment of the OIC.

8.2.1 2013 Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2013 Board of Police Commissioners meeting schedule was before the Board. Discussion ensued on this point and the March meeting was changed to accommodate March Break.

The schedule was accepted as amended.

8.2.2 Discussion of Board Budget

The Chair noted this discussion has been ongoing and there has been a desire to have the Board's budget captured independent of the HRP's budget.

Commissioner Read indicated he has spoken with the CAO on this and gave an overview of the Board's typical expenditures. The budget is normally around \$10,000.00, but will increase for a one-time expenditure on the 2014 Canadian Board of Police Commissioners Conference.

The CAO noted this is not a significant item and the change is a mechanical one.

Operationally, the Chief's Office will continue to manage expenditures.

The following motion captures this change:

MOVED by Commissioner Read, seconded by Commissioner Moreash, that the Board of Police Commissioners operations budget be drawn from the Chief Administrative Officer, and transactional processes continue to be managed by the Office of the Chief of Police.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Inspector Daley called attention to the recent injury of an Officer and reported on his condition. He commended the response from the Halifax Regional Police and Emergency Health Services in their response to this incident.

8.2.3 Updates

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Police Commissioner Badges

The Chief noted that Halifax Board Commissioners are the only Commissioners who receive a police badge. He indicated his desire that Board members be given another form of identification, rather than receive a police badge.

He suggested that, upon retirement from the Board of Police Commissioners, Commissioners receive a badge encased in plastic as a token of thanks for their service.

Commissioner Moreash agreed with the Chief's assessment and suggested business cards might be more practical for Commissioners.

In addition, the Chief noted Commissioners should continue to possess identity for access to HRP headquarters.

Commissioner Ruth agreed with these statements and indicated the importance of Commissioners continuing to have some means of identification in this capacity.

Commissioner Dalrymple supports this approach, as badges will be a target for thefts.

The Chief indicated his office would be willing to provide business cards for those Commissioners desiring them.

9.2 HRM Crime Mapping Website Development (See moved item)

A demonstration of the website was provided for the Board.

Deputy Chief Moore introduced staff who have been responsible for this project.

He indicated the project is about ninety per cent finished. The website will be ready for launch in the new year. Information dissemination in this manner will work better in the public environment.

The project stems from a desire to meet open data standards. The website allows the user to highlight particular areas of HRM and view crime data specific to that area.

The level of granularity does not get to the civic address. It also provides crime prevention tips.

The public will be able to access this website through the HRP website.

Commissioner Dalrymple asked about the maintenance of the data and Deputy Chief Moore indicated this data is maintained by the HRP and is received to its records management system every 24 hours.

Commissioner Ruth asked how old the data is.

Deputy Chief Moore indicated the data presented is refreshed every twenty-four hours and extends back seven days, but can go back further. He emphasized that this is a pilot and that they will be looking for extensive feedback early on to better reflect user preferences. The end user will be the public.

Commissioner Dalrymple noted this initiative responds to an ongoing desire from the public to get more information about these issues.

The Chair noted the viewing at the last meeting of the Calgary Police video “Anatomy of an Investigation” and offered to screen it for those interested following the next Board meeting.

The Chair requested that new Commissioners get their pictures taken at the next meeting of the Board for use in their identification tags.

9.3 Public Notification – Commissioner Ruth

Commissioner Ruth requested information on the disclosure of sex-related crimes given current incidents in the media. She would like to know more about the procedures related to this and wants the Board to feel comfortable with this process.

The Chief committed to provide a presentation at the upcoming January meeting on this subject. The presentation will provide information on the protocol and go through a case study.

The presentation was deferred to the next meeting.

Councillor Outhit queried as to whether or not this information might be shared with the rest of Council. The Chief indicated we can share this with Council and will include a briefing note to that end. He is looking forward to the new Commissioners acting as an important conduit between the Board and Council.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 14, 2013

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Matt Godwin
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