

TOWN OF OXFORD

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Welcome new members
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings – Regular Meeting October 6, 2020
4. Business
 - 4.1 RCMP Report
 - 4.2 Business from the previous meeting
 - 4.2.1 Proposal to complete intersection presented to Council - discussion
 - 4.2.2 By-law enforcement and update on fees
 - 4.2.3 Speeding on Duke and Jackson Street updates
 - 4.2.4 Minister appointed position on Board update
 - 4.3 New Business
 - 4.3.1 Potential New Crosswalk
 - 4.4 Correspondence
 - 4.5 Board Member Issues
 - 4.6 Municipal Issues
 - 4.6.1 RCMP presence during school lunch break
 - 4.7 Date and time for next meeting
5. Adjourn



Minutes of the Police Advisory Board

Place: Council Chambers
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Chair: Byron MacDonnell
Members Present: Dawn Thompson, Wade Adshade and
Acting District Commander Sgt. Jason Pennoyer
Regrets: Nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

1. Call to order

Chair MacDonnell called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for October 6, 2020 be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for January 7, 2020 be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Police Advisory Board Meeting for January 30, 2020 be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Business

4.1 RCMP Report

Sgt. Pennoyer presented the RCMP report in detail. Below are the highlights discussed:

- It was pointed out to the committee that the numbers are skewed due to COVID-19.

- The numbers in the report are recorded from January to April, 2020 – the last fiscal quarter.
- There was a discussion in the spike of the number of mental health calls the RCMP have been responding to since COVID-19.
- It was pointed out to the committee that in the Annual Performance Plan, under the heading Crime Reduction there is a goal set for 100 Street Crime Enforcement Unit Judicial Authorizations (Warrants, etc). The RCMP suspects that 100 may be a misprint and that 50 would be a realistic number.
- Under the heading Connecting with Community – Enhancing Relationships there is a goal set for 43 and the number achieved was not on the report. Sgt Pennoyer will report this back to the Committee.
- Appendix A is a current list of all members and staff of the RCMP.

It was moved and seconded that the RCMP report for this quarter presented on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

A copy of the RCMP report is filed.

4.2 Business from previous meeting

4.2.1 Proposal to complete intersection presented to Council – discussion

The committee would like to present this proposal again to Council for the 2021/2022 budget year.

The committee decided to table this motion to the next Police Advisory Board Meeting in January 2021.

4.2.2 RCMP enforcing By-laws set out in the Town

Sgt Pennoyer stated that bylaws can be enforced by the RCMP and recommends that the Town of Oxford should review their bylaws to ensure that the penalty and fine amounts are included. Sgt Pennoyer will research some of the bylaws that the RCMP typically enforce in other communities and report this back to the committee.

The committee may, at the January 2021 Police Advisory Board meeting, make a recommendation to the Town of Oxford Council to review their current bylaws.

4.2.3 RCMP numbers – comparisons were higher last quarter

The committee would like to the RCMP report to reflect more accurate consistent numbers and to reflect the calls for Oxford, more so than the overall County.

4.2.4 Vacant positions on Board

There are two vacant positions on the Police Advisory Board. One of the vacant positions needs to be appointed by the Minister of Justice. The second vacant position will need to be an appointment from Council. Staff will continue to work on these two positions and update the committee in the January 2021 meeting.

4.3 New Business

4.3.1 COVID-19

Due to COVID-19, the Police Advisory Board did not get to meet for the second quarterly meeting scheduled for April 14, 2020. The committee was content that they could meet in person tonight in the Council Chambers by socially distancing. Meeting in person is the preferred way to meet, but if January this is not possible the committee has agreed to try to meet via zoom or teleconferencing.

4.4 Correspondence

Staff presented correspondence from Donna Jewers, the RCMP Liaison with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. This email provided the committee an update regarding the Minister appointed vacant position on the Board.

This piece of correspondence has been filed.

4.5 Board Member Issues

There was a general discussion regarding changing speed limit on the side streets to 30 km/h. It was asked for staff to research throughout the minutes when this was discussed by the Police Advisory Board.

ATV friendly communities was discussed.

There was a general discussion regarding Halloween. Halloween is an individual household decision, not a council decision.

Speeding on Duke Street was expressed as a concern, especially now that it is being paved.

Speeding on Jackson Street was discussed.

This is Councilor Dawn Thompson's last meeting with the Police Advisory Board. The Chair thanked Dawn for her dedication and time to the Police Advisory Board for the past 12 years.

There will be a new Councilor appointed to the Police Advisory Board to fill Dawn Thompson's seat for the January 2021 meeting.

4.6 Municipal Issues

Nil

4.7 Date and time for next meeting

To be announced.

5. Adjournment

At 7:20 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

Byron MacDonnell, Chair

Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary