



Minutes of the Police Advisory Board

Place: Council Chambers
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021
Chair: Byron MacDonnell
Members Present: Wade Adshade, Brenton Colborne, Josephine MacDonald, Corporal Clay Wortman 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 6 pm. The board welcomed Councillor Brenton Colborne and public appointee Josephine MacDonald to the board. There was a general discussion regarding member training and staff presented to the board that the Province is constructing a new online module and will inform the town staff when the training can begin. Staff will follow up.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for January 26, 2021 be approved.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

Motion Carried

4. Business

4.1 RCMP Report

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

- Staff numbers for supervision is low.

- The Annual Performance Plan (APP) for 2020/2021 was not completed due to COVID-19. The next Police Advisory Board Meeting there will be more discussion regarding the 2021/2022 APP plan.
- The RCMP have most of their fleet out of Amherst and Oxford.
- The RCMP have suspended their sale of vehicles.
- Mental Health calls have increased all over Nova Scotia.

It was moved and seconded that the RCMP report for this quarter presented on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 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

This proposal was recommended to Committee of the Whole on February 3, 2020 and Council decided to consider the proposal during the budget discussions that year. This did not make the budget due to financial restraints.

The Police Advisory Board would like this proposal to be revisited.

This issue was originated by Council and given to the Police Advisory Board for their evaluation. The Police Advisory Board recommends the proposal for a study on the sidewalk for the safety of the citizens that travel through that intersection.

It was moved and seconded that the Police Advisory Board recommends to Council to approve the review of the intersection of Main, Lower Main, and Water Streets by WSP Canada Inc. as indicated within their proposal, dated January 23, 2020.

Motion Carried

4.2.2 By-law enforcement and update on fees

After general discussion regarding the by-law enforcement and fees, the Police Advisory Board decided not to go any further with this.

4.2.3 Speeding on Duke and Jackson Street updates

Speeding on Duke and Jackson Streets were an issue at the last meeting on October 6, 2020. The board members feel that 50 km/h is too fast for the side streets of Oxford. The board members felt that 30 km/h would be safer. Staff will follow up on this.

4.2.4 Minister appointed position on Board update

There is a Department of Justice public appointee applicant currently in process. If this process does not finish by May 2021 then the applicant expires, and the Department of Justice will have to reach out to the public to start the process again.

4.3 New Business

4.3.1 Potential New Crosswalk

A request was received by the CAO for a potential new crosswalk located near the driveway of the school on Lower Main Street. The CAO was unable to attend the Police Advisory Board meeting and staff will follow up with her for more details.

Defer to next meeting for discussion.

4.4 Correspondence

Councillor Adshade received an email just before the start of the Police Advisory Board meeting.

A concerned citizen that resides on Main Street is concerned with the speed of the larger trucks that come down on Main Street.

The RCMP will be alert for any speeding vehicles on Main Street.
This piece of correspondence has been filed.

4.5 Board Member Issues

Nil

4.6 Municipal Issues

An issue was raised that is becoming more of a concern is a lot of disrespect, swearing and littering from the teenagers in the downtown core through the lunch hour. It was asked for more foot presence during the school lunch break. The RCMP will be on alert for this issue.

4.7 Date and time for next meeting

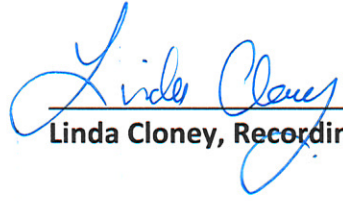
The next Police Advisory Board Meeting is set for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6 pm.

5. Adjournment

At 7:15 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried


Byron MacDonnell, Chair


Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary