



Minutes of the Police Advisory Board

Place: Council Chambers
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Chair: Byron MacDonnell
Members Present: Wade Adshade, Brenton Colborne, Josephine MacDonald, Corporal Clay Wortman and District Commander S/Sgt. Craig Learning
Regrets: Nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

1. Call to order

Chair MacDonnell conducted introductions and called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for April 13, 2021 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 26, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Business

4.1 RCMP Report

S/Sgt. Craig Learning presented the RCMP report in detail. Below are the highlights discussed:

- Calls for services reported is considerably lower compared Jan 1 – March 31, 2020. Reasoning may be due to COVID-19. It was mentioned that property crime and thefts are all down. There was discussion that at a previous meeting the Jan 1 – March 31,

2020 numbers reported were mentioned to be high and may have included traffic statistics in 2020.

- Annual Performance Plan (APP) – we need Council’s input to be forwarded to S/Sgt Learning.
- There was a discussion regarding the number of members that are currently out sick or on a gradual return to work program. The Pugwash Office is currently open, and they will be filling the vacant D/A position mid-May.
- April 18 &19 is the anniversary of the 2020 Portapique, NS mass shootings.
- Discussion of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland’s motion to send a request to Colchester to allow the County of Cumberland to partner with them in the Police Service Review they are currently undertaking.
- The RCMP are now unionized. It was advised to the Board that the RCMP are advocating for a raise. If this raise is approved, it may become a financial impact on the policing costs to the municipalities.

It was moved and seconded that the RCMP report for this quarter presented on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 be accepted, as presented.

Motion Carried

A copy of the RCMP report is filed.

4.2 Business from previous meeting

4.2.1 Status of Crosswalk Intersection Study

Council is undergoing budget discussions and staff anticipates that this project will not be approved for this budget year as the budget priorities are to focus on building the reserves and only approve the projects of urgency. Note this has not been decided by Council yet.

4.2.2 Minister appointed position on Board - update

Staff have sent out correspondence to the Minister of Justice and they confirmed that the appointment process is not complete. They will investigate this immediately. The Department of Justice did advise staff that they are currently working on providing in person training to all police governance bodies over the summer months. This correspondence is filed.

4.2.3 Reduction of Speed Limits - update

Staff reached out to Acting S/Sgt Pennoyer regarding the reduction of Speed Limits on back streets in Oxford. S/Sgt Pennoyer communicated the process to staff and staff will follow up on this. This correspondence is filed.

4.3 New Business

Nil

4.4 Correspondence

Nil

4.5 Board Member Issues

There was discussion regarding four wheelers travelling on Duke Street late at night with no lights on. Also, the speeding on Duke Street and Horton Street was discussed.

4.6 Municipal Issues

4.6.1 Crosswalk & Gazebo during school breaks

The Town was having an issue regarding the Crosswalk and was having a hard time reaching out to the Oxford Detachment. Chairperson MacDonnell contacted Acting S/Sgt Jason Pennoyer and he acted immediately. The Town was thankful for that immediate reaction to the issue. The correspondence regarding this is filed.

The hangout and behaviour at the Gazebo were an issue at the previous Police Advisory Board meeting and remains an issue. S/Sgt will follow up on this.

4.7 Date and time for next meeting

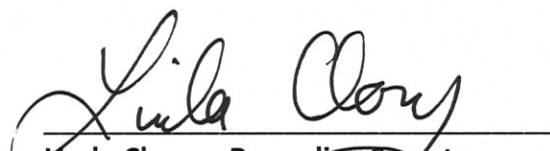
The next Police Advisory Board Meeting is set for Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6 pm.

5. Adjournment

At 8:05 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried


Byron MacDonnell, Chair


Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary

