



Minutes of the Police Advisory Board

Place: Council Chambers
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022
Chair: Linda Cloney (asked to lead the meeting)
Members Present: Councillor Brenton Colborne, Thomas Shears, Mike Masters, Myra Thiemann and District Commander S/Sgt. Craig Learning
Regrets: Deputy Mayor Wade Adshade

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

1. Call to order

Due to the request of the Police Advisory Board members, Linda Cloney was asked to lead the meeting. A warm welcome and introductions were made to Myra Thiemann and Mike Masters.

Following the introductions, the meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mike Masters and seconded by Councillor Colborne that the agenda of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for January 18, 2022, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Oath of office

Each member was given an oath or office or affirmation to take to the Oxford RCMP Detachment to be sworn/affirmed into office with Lina Taraschi.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by Thomas Shears and seconded by Mike Masters that the minutes of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for September 21, 2021, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

5. Business

5.1 RCMP Report

S/Sgt. Craig Learning presented the RCMP report in detail.

S/Sgt. Learning may bring Cst. Sarah Pennoyer in the next Police Advisory Board meeting for introductions. Cst. Pennoyer is the Community Policing Officer and works closely with the Oxford Regional Education Centre.

S/Sgt. Learning recommends that the Board have the Performance Plan added to the agenda for the next meeting to learn the needs of the Board. Staff will ask this question to the Town Council for input.

Moved by Myra Thiemann and seconded by Thomas Shears that the RCMP report for this quarter presented on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, be accepted, as presented.

Motion Carried

A copy of the RCMP report is filed.

5.2 Business from previous meeting

5.2.1 Crosswalks on Lower Main Street - installed

The Public Works Supervisor, Cpl. Shawn Galbraith and the Town Clerk met and created a plan to install crosswalks on Lower Main Street to areas of concern. This project is completed.

5.2.2 Handicap parking space at Post Office - update

To avoid parallel parking, it was recommended to change the location of the Handicap parking space. Mike Masters also commented to make this parking space longer to allow room for the person to drive straight into the parking space. The handicap parking spaces are supposed to be blue and white. This project will be done in the Spring.

5.2.3 Engine Braking – No Jake Braking signs have been installed

All the entrances in Oxford have a No Jake Braking sign installed.

5.2.4 Visibility – update from board members

It was noted that visibility of the RCMP had improved. There were more patrols, visibility at the Gazebo during lunch, and the RCMP present at Town Events (parade).

5.2.5 Flashing Red Light Stop Signs – price three of them

The Main Crosswalk is quite dangerous and three flashing red light stop signs were priced. The cost is between \$2,700 - \$3,200 each. Staff will investigate solar powered stop signs.

5.3 New Business

5.3.1 Election of Chair

A Chair of the Police Advisory Board shall be chosen by the members of the advisory board at the first meeting in each year.

Linda Cloney opened the floor to members of the Police Advisory Board for nomination of Chair.

Thomas Shears was nominated.

Moved by Mike Masters and seconded by Myra Thiemann to appoint Thomas Shears as Chair of the Police Advisory Board by acclamation.

Motion Carried

5.3.2 Election of Vice Chair

A Vice Chair of the Police Advisory Board shall be chosen by the members of the advisory board at the first meeting in each year.

Linda Cloney opened the floor to members of the Police Advisory Board for nomination of Vice Chair.

Councillor Brenton Colborne was nominated.

Moved by Mike Masters and seconded by Myra Thiemann to appoint Councillor Brenton Colborne as Vice Chair of the Police Advisory Board by acclamation.

Motion Carried

5.4 Correspondence

5.4.1 Resignation Letter

Byron MacDonnell had sent in a letter of resignation from the Police Advisory Board. He had served on this board since it started in 2008. Byron will be dearly missed, and the Police Advisory Board wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

5.4.2 Email from Donna Jewers, RCMP liaison with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice - Minister of Public Safety Mandate Letter.

A copy of this letter is filed.

5.5 Board Member Issues

5.5.1 Speed Limit enforcement for Little River Road and Lower Main Street – Mike Masters

Outbound traffic come around the corner very quickly on Little River Road. There had been near misses coming out of his driveway. A local citizen that resides on Lower Main Street commented that he had the same issue on that street. S/Sgt Learning commented that he would follow up with the detachment.

Myra Thiemann brought forward the issue of the school zone – coming into town from Pugwash, the yellow triangular sign is down.

Councillor Colborne brought forward the issue of the sign that says school zone ends is not present either.

5.6 Municipal Issues

5.6.1 Presentation from the Minister of Justice – Linda

Charcy Marchand – A/Director, Public Safety & Investigations would like to do a presentation to the Oxford Police Advisory Board. She will be discussing the purpose of a Police Advisory Board and the upcoming training for board members. She plans to attend the next meeting.

5.7 Date and time for next meeting

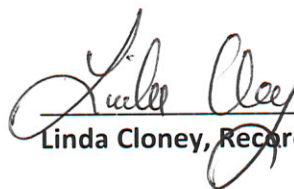
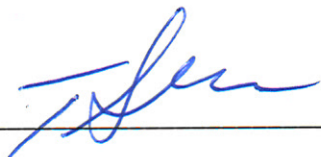
The next Police Advisory Board Meeting is set for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6 pm.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Mike Masters, at 7:00 pm that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

Chair



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary