



## Minutes of the Police Advisory Board

Place: Council Chambers  
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
Chair: Thomas Shears  
Members Present: Mike Masters, Myra Thiemann, and District Commander S/Sgt. Craig Learning  
Regrets: Councillor Brenton Colborne and Deputy Mayor Arnold McDonald.

***A quorum was present throughout the meeting.***

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney - CAO and Stan McDougall – Admin Assistant (recording secretary).

### **1. Call to Order**

At 6:12 pm, Thomas Shears called the meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Myra Thiemann and seconded by Mike Masters that the agenda of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for Tuesday January 10, 2023, be approved, as presented.

***Motion Carried***

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meetings**

#### **3.1 Police Advisory Board Minutes - April 12, 2022, and October 11, 2022**

As there were no errors or omissions the Minutes for April 12 and October 11 of 2022 are approved as presented.

### **4. Business**

**4.1 RCMP Report – April – June and July – September reports (for approval – included in package)**

#### **4.2 RCMP Report – October 1 to December 31, 2022, S/Sgt. Craig Learning Presenting.**

S/Sgt. Craig Learning presented the October 1 to December 31, 2022, report to the Police Advisory Board members in detail.

It was noted by the board members that two trucks were filled with donations during the 2022 Christmas food drive at Merville Rushton's and extended thanks to the RCMP for their participation in the drive.

Moved by Myra Thiemann and seconded by Mike Masters that the RCMP reports for April to June 2022, July to December 2022, and October to December 2022 be accepted, as presented.

#### ***Motion Carried***

*A copy of the RCMP report is filed.*

#### **4.2 Speed Limit enforcement for Little River Road and Lower Main Street – update**

Board members indicated that speed limit enforcement efforts have not been observed. S/Sgt. Craig Learning will follow up with the board.

#### **4.3 Installment of Speed Sign – update**

S/Sgt. Craig Learning reported that he had reached out to Safer Communities, NS regarding an email received about the possibility of speed signs but has not had a reply yet. S/Sgt. Craig Learning reported that the province does not have any speed signs and further reviewed the possibility of reaching out to the Insurance Bureau of Canada as well, who may have some information in efforts to reduce insurance claims initiative.

Speed signs were observed by the board members in Springhill. S/Sgt. Craig Learning indicated that they may have been purchased by the County and reviewed that Springhill may also be installing a camera system as well in the downtown.

Board members recommended finding out how much speed signs would cost. S/Sgt. Craig Learning will investigate cost on speed signs and will reach out to the County.

#### **4.4 Policing Services Review – discussion – County now requesting RFP's**

Linda Cloney reported that Danielle Desjardins from the DOJ has sent an email indicating that the County of Cumberland has advanced to the next step of the Policing Review and are Requesting for Proposals for policing in the County. There are at least four scenarios for Oxford should the Municipality of the County of Cumberland (MOCC) no longer be policed by the RCMP:

1. Establish a stand-alone detachment in Oxford with a minimum of at least 3 officers based operational RCMP requirements. Billing would be determined by Department of Justice (DOJ).
2. Combine the Oxford Detachment with another RCMP District close to Oxford (such as Colchester). Billing would be determined by DOJ.
3. Request services from another police agency.
4. Establish a new municipal police agency.

Costing of any of the above scenarios would not be available but would be provided by the DOJ with up-to-date financials relevant when and if a change is contemplated.

The Policing Services Review Committee is scheduled to meet the end of January. The committee still has outstanding questions yet to be answered and will need these answers to make a recommendation to Council.

#### **4.5 Board Member Issues**

Mike Masters reported that there is a broken 50 KM and blind driveway sign across from 6505 Little River Road.

#### **4.6 Municipal Issues**

##### **4.6.1 Crosswalk on corner of Water Street and Lower Main Street – incident reports recorded.**

Linda Cloney reported that various incident reports have been filled out and license plates have been identified where possible of vehicles not stopping at intersection. The largest incidents seem to occur at morning and after school. Copies of the report have been forwarded to the RCMP.

S/Sgt. Craig Learning will follow up on the status of the reports filed.

Moved by Myra Thiemann and seconded by Mike Masters to recommend to Council based on recorded and reported incident reports to install flashing red lights at the intersection of Water Street and Main Street.

***Motion Carried***

**4.6.2 Snow Removal – three same vehicles remain on roads after hours**

Linda Cloney reported that notices for no overnight parking during snow events were posted on social media and at the town office. Laminated signs have been posted on the windshields of the three vehicles and now need enforcement as the ask is being ignored.

S/Sgt. Craig Learning will investigate the Motor Vehicle Act and Linda Cloney will work on a draft By-Law to present to Council for first reading.

**4.6.3 Transfer Site break and enters**

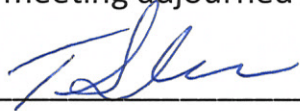
Linda Cloney reported that there have been several break-ins to the transfer site which required the gate at the front entrance to be repaired and locks replaced each time. The gate and locks must be replaced as a requirement of the town insurance. Cameras have been installed.

**4.7 Date and time for next meeting**

The next Police Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2023, at 6:00 PM.

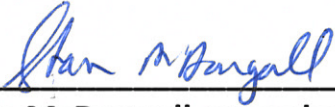
**5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm



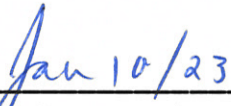
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**Thomas Shears, Chair**



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**Stan McDougall, recorder**



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**Date Approved**

