



Minutes of the Police Advisory Board

Place: Council Chambers
Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Chair: Thomas Shears
Members Present: Mike Masters, Myra Thiemann, and Sgt. Brian Cameron,
Deputy Mayor Arnold McDonald, and Councillor Brenton
Colborne
Regrets: District Commander S/Sgt. Craig Learning.

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 6:00 pm, Thomas Shears called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Colborne and seconded by Myra Thiemann that the agenda of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for Tuesday April 4, 2023, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes – January 10, 2023

Approved by _____


Thomas Shears, Chair, on April 4, 2023

4. Business

4.1 Business from the previous meeting

4.1.1 Speed Limit enforcement for Little River Road and Lower Main Street – ongoing

Town plow was reported as appearing to be speeding through this section of roadway. The committee recommended investigating possible rumble strips and or speed bump at town limits warning of the speed change to encourage people to slow down.

4.1.2 Installment of Speed Boards – update

CAO Cloney discussed ongoing investigation into obtaining speed boards with S/Sgt. Craig Learning and will follow up with the committee when a response is received.

4.1.3 Crosswalk Incidents – update

CAO Cloney reviewed with the committee that since the larger blitz on the intersection there has only been one report faxed into RCMP since of an incident involving traffic. Larger stop signs have also been installed on all stop locations which are much more visible.

A motion for council to consider a flashing light at the stop sign is also in place for budget consideration from the committee.

Councillor Colborne and Deputy Mayor MacDonald inquired about an existing flashing light that was reported to be at the town shed that could be put back up.

4.2 New Business

4.2.1 RCMP Report – January 1 to March 31, 2023

Sgt. Brian Cameron presented the January 1 to March 31, 2023 RCMP report to the Police Advisory Board members.

Moved by Councillor Colborne and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald that the RCMP report for January 1 to March 31, 2023 be accepted, as presented.

Motion Carried

4.2.2 Policing Services Review – update – GDPRM requested by Council.

CAO Cloney reviewed with the committee that the Minister of Justice has received the request from Council to update the GDPRM and the Policing Services Review Committee will meet after the report has been completed. The committee recommended periodically checking in with the Department of Justice on the reports progress.

4.2.3 Communication regarding PAB meetings and RCMP Reports – discussion.

CAO Cloney discussed with the committee that the public expressed Interest in what the RCMP does and what goes on with the various committees involving policing services. Streaming the Police Advisory Board meetings online via Facebook was discussed. The committee expressed a preference for not streaming the meetings online. Approved minutes are uploaded to our website and agenda packages can also be uploaded prior to meetings.

The committee discussed posting the RCMP reports on the website in a separate section called RCMP reports and publishing a notice on FB and the website after the report is uploaded to steer interested public to the report and/or the approved minutes and agenda packages. Clarification was requested by the committee on the RCMP report to indicate that although there were incidents/complaints/investigations in town the total number reports is not total charges laid and not all incidents/complaints/investigations were substantiated. Sgt. Brian Cameron noted this and will made change to the next RCMP report presented.

4.3 Board Member Issues

None to report

4.4 Municipal Issues

4.4.1 Potential Protest coming to Oxford.

CAO Cloney reviewed with the committee that there was a potential of a protest coming to Oxford in the form of a freedom convoy involving a

resident's son and the Oxford Regional Education Centre. The RCMP have been informed of this and updates are to follow should they become available.

4.5 Correspondence

4.5.1 Community of Practice Roundtable Meetings – Information included in package – Michelle Matthews, DOJ.

4.5.2 Body Worn Camera (BWC) Project, Information included in package – Michelle Matthews, DOJ.

Sgt. Brian Cameron reviewed with the committee that the cameras have not come in yet for Oxford Detachment and test sites only in other locations (Pictou in Nova Scotia) only have the cameras in testing. However, the Oxford detachment has been wired for the cameras and is ready to deploy them when available.

4.5.3 Contract Policing Assessment Engagement Strategy Placemat, Information included in package – Michelle Matthews, DOJ.

4.5.4 Federal Budget Announcement

CAO Cloney reviewed with the committee that this is an announcement involving retroactive costs and it would be reviewed in the coming week. Results from the announcement would be reviewed with the committee and council when available.

4.5.5 Nova Scotia Justice – Budget for RCMP Services, in package.

Budget costs are to be reviewed by Council. Costs for policing services were reviewed to be up 6.04% or approximately \$30,000 from last years budget amount of \$532,000 to \$562,000.

4.6 Date and time for next meeting

The next Police Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

5. Adjournment

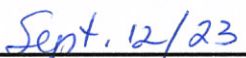
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM



Thomas Shears, Chair



Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant



Date Approved

