



Minutes of the Police Advisory Board

Place: Council Chambers
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Chair: Thomas Shears
Members Present: Mike Masters, Myra Thiemann, and Sgt. Brian Cameron, and Deputy Mayor Arnold McDonald
Regrets: Councillor Brenton Colborne

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

Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald left the meeting at 6:50 PM

1. Call to Order

At 6:02 pm, Thomas Shears called the meeting to order.

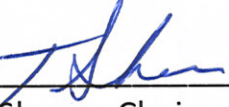
2. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded that the agenda of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes – September 12, 2023

Approved by _____


Thomas Shears, Chair, on November 28, 2023

4. Business

4.1.1 RCMP Report – *S/Sgt Brian Cameron*

Sgt. Cameron presented the July 1 to September 30, 2023, RCMP report to the Police Advisory Board members.

Sgt Cameron discussed with the committee that the Criminal Code Offences in this report listed did not result in charges and the description of these as listed sounds worse than they were.

The committee inquired if the next report could include a statement of whether the listed offenses were unfounded, unsolved, and/or solved with charges.

Moved and seconded that the RCMP report for July 1 to September 30, 2023, be accepted, as presented.

Motion Carried

4.1.2 Speed Limit enforcement for various streets of Oxford – Little River Road, Lower Main Street, Sunset Avenue, Duke Street, and Jackson Street. *Round Table discussion/updates*

A customer service request was submitted after the last Police Advisory Board Committee meeting from a resident on Little River Road concerned about speeding and lack of sidewalks in the area and was discussed with the committee. A hidden driveway sign was installed years ago but doesn't seem to reduce speed. The resident recommended a flashing light and/or more police presence. In response, the Town of Oxford has a work order to install a gravel sidewalk in that area to help provide a safe walking area. Further, a school bus has been picking up children in the area temporarily while this concern was being addressed. A crosswalk has also been scheduled to be painted in the future when completing Water Street.

Installation of speed bumps in this area may also be investigated in the future.

Items discussed in round table revealed concerns about:

- heavy trucks not slowing down around town (especially on Little River Road).
- expressed concern regarding Oxford Frozen Foods shift change and employees walking in the dark on the roadside, some without safety vests.
- people walking down the middle of the road, sometimes 3-people wide, and concern for the use of sidewalks (where available).

The consensus from the committee is that there needs to be more investigation on sidewalks on streets such as Foundry, Little River Road, and others. The use of sidewalks and overall safety when walking may be a good meeting suggestion for the Welcoming Committee and the Accessibility Committee.

4.1.3 **Installment of Speed Boards** – update – *Linda*

Cumberland County was contacted regarding speed boards for pricing. Staff discussed that information was also available from Absolute Traffic and Sign Solutions Ltd. For radar advisory signs and installation services. Staff will review further.

4.1.4 **Flashing Lights** – update – *Linda*

Staff are currently investigating, and the analysis is ongoing and will be directed to the Council for approval once completed.

4.1.5 **GDPRM – Update** – *Linda*

A letter has been received on October 3, 2023. The Policing Services Review Committee has not met regarding this letter and contact with the current Department of Justice representative had not been successful to setup a upcoming meeting. Locally, the GDPRM process was rejected. At the NSFM conference in November, the Minister of Justice presented that a provincial-wide GDPRM is underway. Another representative of the Minister of Justice has been contacted on how to reach the original

representative. A meeting with the Policing Services Review Committee is not possible until the representative of the Department of Justice can be present to discuss how the committee can proceed.

4.1.7 Posting RCMP Reports for public – Update – Linda

RCMP reports have been posted on the Town of Oxford Website and a linking post has been posted on the Town of Oxford's Facebook page.

4.2 Board Member Issues

4.2.1 – Round Table – *all members*

A follow-up to information in the previous minutes about littering signage which still seems to be an issue is needed. Staff will discuss and follow up with Public Works and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

4.3 Municipal Issues

4.3.1 Water Street Bridge Crossing – Linda

The province has closed the left-side walking portion of the Water Street Bridge heading toward Pugwash Road. Pedestrians must use the other side. In response to this, urgent work has been performed. A paving company ramped up asphalt and public works installed curb cuts and repaired the sidewalk in the area to assist the public in walking on the other side. Signage and a crosswalk will be installed in the area as well. The bridge walking area could be closed for some time. The Town has been working with the Accessibility Committee on this as well.

The province inspects the bridge and dictates the repairs that are needed and closure of if required. It is unclear of the cost split on repairs needed.

4.3.2 Four Wheelers Driving Recklessly – Linda

Complaints/Customer Service Requests have been worked on with Sgt.

Cameron regarding four-wheelers driving recklessly in October. These complaints have been forwarded to the RCMP representative who oversees Oxford and is currently under investigation.

Recently, the committee discussed that they haven't been noticing as much noise lately from four-wheelers.

4.3.3 Round Table – all members

It was requested to review the regulations surrounding the length of accessible parking in the Town of Oxford especially in front of the Post Office. Staff will will review with Public Works and provide an update.

4.4 Correspondence

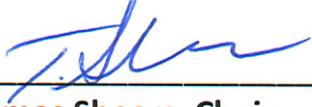
4.4.1 Correspondence from a local resident concerned about Saskatchewan Village being threatened with public executions. – *Linda – For Information Purposes only.*

4.5 Date and time for next meeting

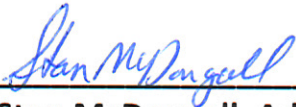
The next Police Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

5. Adjournment

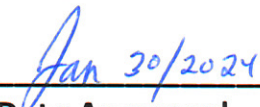
The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM



Thomas Shears, Chair



Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant



Date Approved