



## Minutes of the Police Advisory Board

**Place:** Council Chambers  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
**Chair:** Thomas Shears  
**Members Present:** Mike Masters, Councillor Brenton Colborne, Deputy Mayor Arnold McDonald, and S/Sgt Andrew Clarke  
**Regrets:** Myra Thiemann and District Commander Brian Cameron.

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

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

**Gallery in attendance:** Gary MacDonald, resident.

### **1. Call to Order – Welcome**

At 5:59 PM, Thomas Shears called the meeting to order and extended a welcome back together with Linda Cloney, CAO to S/Sgt. Andrew Clarke and welcomed gallery attendee Gary MacDonald, resident of the Town of Oxford and to all committee and staff in attendance.

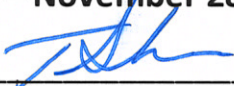
### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved and seconded that the agenda of the Police Advisory Board Meeting for Tuesday, January 30, 2024, be approved, as presented.

***Motion Carried***

### **3. Approval of the Minutes – November 28, 2023**

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

  
Thomas Shears, Chair, on November 28, 2023

## 4. Business

### 4.1.1 RCMP Report – S/Sgt Andrew Clarke

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

S/Sgt Clarke also discussed that new cadets are coming into the system with one about to complete training. There are also about 70 new cadets coming this year in the province of Nova Scotia whereas in other years there have been 7 to 10 normally.

Moved and seconded that the RCMP report for Oct 1 to Dec 31, 2023, be accepted, as presented.

***Motion Carried***

### 4.1.2 Digital Speed Signs – discussion – Linda (*motion to recommend to Town Council for budget consideration*)

Linda Cloney, CAO reviewed with the committee options for digital speed signs for the Town of Oxford to help aid in speed and vehicle data collection around town. Information was obtained through four options quoted by Barry Arnold at Absolute Traffic and Sign Authority as discussed with the committee. The signs are portable, and easily moved from pole to pole around town for data collection. They would have to be secured as much as possible to prevent theft of the sign. Prices of the sign were described to be between \$3500 and \$4800 approximately.

These signs are popular in many areas of the province of Nova Scotia as well as in the province of PEI.

The data tracking capabilities of these signs are even more of an attractant to the Town to allow for data collection for street improvements.

S/Sgt. Clarke advised that we look to get more information and seek to purchase a version that does not allow motorists to get a “high score” on

the sign – display only a SLOW DOWN message after a certain speed is reached (yet record the actual speed). Staff will reach out to Barry Arnold at Absolute Traffic for clarification on the information presented.

#### **4.1.3 Flashing Lights – update – Linda**

Linda Cloney, CAO provided an update to the committee on the progress of the newly installed flashing stop signs at the corner of Main and Water Street. The signs had been ordered incorrectly with flashing yellow lights instead of red, which had motorists and the traffic authority confused.

The red lights are coming and for now, the lights are turned off. It was noted that the sign on the pole on Main Street would be hard-wired into the pole because it would not receive enough sunlight for solar power.

## **4.2 Board Member Issues**

### **4.2.1 – Round Table – all members**

One concern regarding consistent speeding issues on Little River Road which has not changed. The primary concern is with larger vehicles including buses and trucks.

## **4.3 Municipal Issues**

### **4.3.1 Municipal Staff formal inquiry regarding mischief – Linda**

A concern from staff regarding mischief involving throwing of rocks and removal of a crosswalk sign from Water Street. S/Sgt. Clark reviewed that without a complaint filed with the RCMP, the events cannot be investigated. Bring complaints to the RCMP if it is felt they should be investigated.

#### **4.3.2 Concerns raised by Public Works Supervisor – Linda**

A concern was brought forward by the Public Works Supervisor regarding parking on Main Street across from the post office where there are no parking signs, and speeding in the work zones.

S/Sgt. Clarke reviewed the use of “no stopping” signs which are easier to enforce instead of “no parking” signs.

S/Sgt. Clarke reviewed with the committee that if there are speeding concerns, please take a plate number and description of the vehicle to forward to the RCMP for investigation. If it’s a real concern, RCMP can also attend. The use of flaggers and slow signage is ideal where required. Linda will check on the signage available for the Public Works Department.

#### **4.3.2 Round Table – all members**

*Nil.*

### **4.4 Correspondence**

#### **4.4.1 Gary MacDonald emails – Linda**

Linda Cloney, CAO discussed the list of concerns brought forward by resident Gary MacDonald. The Town of Oxford responded to the questions that the town could respond to and brought forward the questions that potentially could be responded to by the RCMP. S/Sgt. Clarke reviewed questions concerning posted speed, the use of “Jake” brakes and speed of large trucks, overloaded trucks, 4x4 activity in the town limits and their use of excessive speed, and others concerning traffic concerns.

#### 4.4.2 Josephine MacDonald inquiry – Linda

Linda Cloney, CAO, discussed a concern brought forward from Josephine MacDonald, who witnessed a truck hauling a house on a flatbed that drove straight through the stop sign without slowing down.

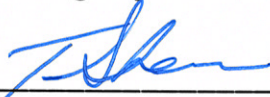
S/Sgt. Clarke recommended that if these things are noticed, an attempt to call the RCMP with a plate number, description and/or plate number should be made to allow the RCMP to investigate.

#### 4.5 Date and time for next meeting

The next Police Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

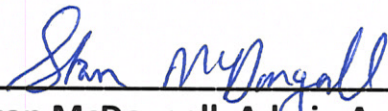
#### 5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM



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**Thomas Shears, Chair**



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**Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant**

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**Date Approved**

