



## Police Services Review Committee Meeting Minutes

**Place:** Council Chambers and Zoom

**Date:** Monday January 30, 2023

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Chairperson Thomas Shears, Mayor Greg Henley, Councillor Brenton Colborne, Councillor Carla Black, and Member of the Public David Hoffman.

**Representatives of the RCMP-GRC:** Sergeant Brian Cameron – Cumberland County District Operations Non-Commissioned Officer

**Representatives of the Department of Justice:** Michele Matthews, Contract Administrator - Public Safety & Security Division - Department of Justice, Danielle Dejardins, RCMP Liaison Public Safety & Security Division - Department of Justice.

**Regrets:** Staff Sergeant Craig Learning

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

**Staff in Attendance:** CAO Linda Cloney and Office Assistant Stan McDougall (recorder).

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

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

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

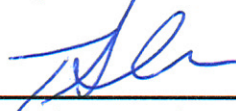
Moved by Mayor Henley and seconded by Councillor Colborne to approve the agenda as presented.

***Motion Carried***

**3. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting**

**3.1 September 21, 2022, Minutes**

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



**Thomas Shears, Chair, on January 30, 2023**

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Policing Services Review Survey – data collected and Community meeting notes.**

The Policing Services Review Survey summary data and notes from the Community Consultation meeting held on October 19, 2022, were reviewed. Committee members reviewed that a full appreciation of what the RCMP does for the Town of Oxford should be brought forward to the public. The Policing Services Community Consultation meeting was well attended, and the meeting was centred on the discussion and was respectful. Chair Thomas Shears discussed the possibility of posting the RCMP quarterly reports on social media.

Sergeant Brian Cameron, RCMP Cumberland discussed that there were no surprises in the data collected and reviewed that policing services were 24-hours/7-days a week where only a few hours each day were on-call. Since the Town of Oxford is a hub for RCMP there is considerable presence in the Town of Oxford even though the data collected indicated that residents did not see a lot of police presence.

Sergeant Brian Cameron, RCMP Cumberland reported that this past week a successful safety blitz was held on the Corner of Water and Lower Main Street working with Town of Oxford crossing guard Cheryl Ingraham, and several tickets were handed out to residents for infractions.

CAO Linda Cloney reported that a company representative has come to advise on the corner of Water St. and Lower Main St. and is to

present quotes on solar-powered stop signs and recommend other safety enhancements for the corner including enhanced marking.

#### **4.2 Inquires from Committee regarding policing costs for Oxford – questions and answers included in agenda.**

CAO Linda Cloney reviewed the questions and answers included in the package.

David Hoffman discussed the travel time costs for officers. Danielle Dejadins, DOJ discussed that the cost share ratio is the time it takes to respond, and the Town of Oxford is only paying for work done within Oxford based on the cost sharing study.

Per member costs are costs used with every municipality for the creation of the GDPRM (General Duty Police Resourcing Model). Oxford has one added officer not charged to Oxford which the Province and the Federal government cover costs for in the Extra Officer Program.

The costs listed in the GDPRM are based on percentage of the Weighted Workload, which includes time spent on each type of call and includes travel time to the call, which is different based on different types of calls. All calls are included in the weighted workload formula of the GDPRM. The weighted workload formula is proprietary and confidential and could not be disclosed to the committee on how it is calculated.

Sergeant Brian Cameron mentioned that Oxford residents may also be making more calls to the police than other communities which may result in a higher number of calls.

It was noted that “occurrences” are not the same as criminal code offences.

Sergeant Brian Cameron, RCMP noted that the quarterly reports from the RCMP do not include traffic stops.

Michele Matthews, DOJ discussed with the committee that the GDPRM renewal must be based on a request from Municipal Council.

David Hoffman agreed that we should have a GDPRM done because the current GDPRM was using 2019 data. It was agreed by the committee that a GDPRM must be completed to reflect current data for the committee to make an informed decision and it must be brought to Council to be requested quickly.

Michele Matthews, DOJ commented that Cumberland County would have to agree to any reduction in the number of officers the Town of Oxford would pay for (if requested) because the Town of Oxford is in a district model with the County of Cumberland. However, if the County decided to move to another policing model based on its review process, the Town of Oxford would not need to approve it. If this took place, a notice to the Minister would need to be submitted and it would take 1.5 – 2 years for the change to take place.

**4.3 RCMP Report presented to Police Advisory Board – regarding types and different locations as to why crime is high in Oxford. – attached in agenda**

The committee discussed the need to communicate the reports to the public. CAO Linda Cloney will bring further discussion to the next Police Advisory Board and discuss including more in the reports to present to the public such as traffic stops in the Town of Oxford.

*At 7:28PM it was moved to go in-camera to discuss item 4.4.*

**4.4 Confidential information to be shared with Committee for the purpose of this review. – Verbal presentation**

*At 7:35PM it was moved to come out of in-camera to continue the Policing Services Review Committee Meeting.*

**5. Next Steps**

The committee agreed that the next step is to recommend to Council that a motion to approve the request for a revision of GDPRM to the Department of Justice be requested.

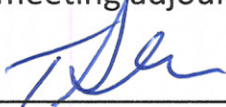
Mayor Henley confirmed that he has not received direction from Council to discuss with the County regarding collaboration on a shared policing strategy after the committee discussed what the County does with their policing decision will most likely determine what the Town of Oxford will do. Mayor Henley will reach out to inquire about the process the County is undergoing with their Request for Proposals for policing services.

**6. Date and time of Next Meeting**

The committee agreed that the next meeting date is to be announced.

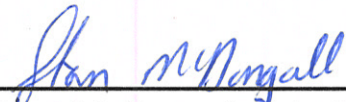
**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM



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**Thomas Shears, Chair**



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**Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant**

*June 16/23*

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**Date Approved**

