

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of Meeting held
Wednesday, March 11th, 9:00 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Power called the meeting to order 9:02 am
2. **PRESENT:** Chair Pat Power, Jane DeWolfe, Brian Keevill, Councillor Byron Mersereau, Rion Microys, Police Chief Burt McNeil, Recording Secretary Dawn Bourke.
3. **REGRETS:**
4. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION BoPC 2015-03-11-01
Moved by Jane DeWolfe, seconded by Brian Keevill, to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 11, 2015
Brian Keevill advised that he did not send his regrets for the meeting of February 11, 2015 and he did not attend the meeting under protest. Brian Keevill read his resignation letter and resigned effective March 11, 2015.

Brian Keevill departed the meeting at 9:08am.

MOTION BoPC 2015-03-11-02

Moved by Jane DeWolfe seconded by Rion Microys it was agreed to approve the minutes as amended: Page 1, Item 3 Regrets, delete "Brian Keevill"; and Page 3 second last paragraph, second last sentence delete "Councillor Mersereau" and insert "Rion Microys". **CARRIED**

Jane DeWolfe agreed that Brian Keevill has valid points; regrets to see him leave; he has been on the Board for a while as a business representative and has gotten increasingly frustrated by the way Council interferes. Chair Power advised that Council is a body and any one member can put a motion on the table, but it is a majority vote that determines the decisions. Rion Microys appreciated some of his points, specifically when you feel that you are not being listened to; glad he was honest about his leaving. Jane DeWolfe mentioned that PHAC has recommendations going to council that are not being heard and noted a communication disconnect may be happening.

7. **PRESENTATIONS:** None

8. BUSINESS ARISING:

a) Update from Council

Chair Power advised that the motions from the February Council meeting are in the March Town Crier. Chair Power noted that at the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 4, 2015 discussion was held regarding property on Victoria Street and the Police Chief may be required to provide an escort for Town staff.

b) Strategic Initiatives Update

Councillor Mersereau advised that he will have the Police Chief review the Strategic Initiatives and then present them to the next meeting of the Board.

c) Occurrence Tracking Report

Rion Microys mentioned that she would be willing to plot and graph the 31 page occurrence tracking report for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 for the purpose of determining trends and will bring the information to the next meeting of the Board.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a) Chief's Report

Police Chief McNeil reviewed the Chief's Report for the month of February 2015. It was noted the Use of Force course is a mandatory course that requires certification every 3 years.

b) Departmental Financials April 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015

Discussion was held regarding the April 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 financials.

c) Purchase of 2 computers for PROS

Police Chief McNeil advised that in the upcoming budget for fiscal year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 capital items budgeted for include the purchase of 2 new computers used for PROS, new intoxilizers and the Province gave each municipal Police Department \$5,000 towards the purchase; and the other major item is the new radio system.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a) By-law Enforcement of Town Policies - Dog By-law

Chair Power noted the only recommended change being put forward was "all dogs within Town must be leashed". Councillor Mersereau noted that the current Dogs By-law section 2.3 provides for dog off leash provided that at all time the dog is under the control of its owner and with regards to section 2.3(d) dogs are permitted to be without a leash subject to such limitations as are posted. Council Mersereau noted that a previous Council approved off-leash on the French Basin Trail during certain hours. Jane DeWolfe does not agree with dogs off leash at all.

Rion Microys suggested Council consider a green area for a dog park, such as the green area by the County office.

Police Chief McNeil suggested that all dogs be leashed within Town limits.

Councillor Mersereau distributed copies of the Nova Scotia Model By-law Manual for Municipalities Chapter 14: Dog By-law Section 15.

MOTION BoPC 2015-03-11-03

Moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Jane DeWolfe to recommend that Council replace all of Section 2.3 of the Dogs By-law for the Town of Annapolis Royal with the following:

In the Town of Annapolis Royal the owner of a dog shall, while the dog is off the premises occupied by the owner, keep the dog under control by means of a harness or leash; and the dog shall be deemed to be running at large where the owner fails to use such apparatus, except that an unleashed and unharnessed dog that is under continuous human restraint and control shall not be deemed to be running at large if at the time the dog is:

1. participating in an organized hunt, dog exhibition event or dog field trials;
2. participating in a search and rescue operation or law-enforcement operations;
3. assisting a person with a disability, provided the dog is trained for such purpose;
or
4. within a municipal public park where the area is designated by signage as an area in which dogs are permitted to without a leash subject to such limitations as are posted.

CARRIED

It was agreed to ask Council to provide the Board of Police Commissioners a revised draft of the Dogs By-law prior to amending the By-law.

Police Chief McNeil advised that he received a complaint about someone bumming money from people in Town and there is nothing in the code or provincial statutes to charge them with. Police Chief McNeil provided a section of a by-law from Valleyview Alberta regarding solicitation and suggested incorporating something similar into the loitering by-law or approve a new by-law. It was agreed to bring this item back to the next meeting of the Board.

Councillor Mersereau suggested that changes to Town By-laws or new Town By-laws should be circulated to the department heads.

b) 2015-2016 Budget

The April 1, 2015- March 31, 2016 Police Departmental Budget was tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board.

11. IN CAMERA: None

Councillor Mersereau noted that it is up to Council to recruit for a new Police Board member. It was agreed to have a business representative fill the position.

12. NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2015

13. ADJOURN

MOTION BoPC 2015-03-11-04

Moved by Jane DeWolfe to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am. **CARRIED**

Chair Pat Power

Recording Secretary Bourke