

**TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 16, 2011
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Vice-Chair DeWolfe.

PRESENT: Vice- Chair DeWolfe, Deputy Mayor Power, Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, Brian Keevill, Chief McNeil, Jerri Costa, Ex-Officio Mayor Roberts, Administrative Assistant Monica Mills as recording secretary and members of the public Carole Milligan (left at 9:30 am), Alma Smith (left at 9:30am) and Rion Microys.

REGRETS: Chair McGinis

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- 1 In Camera Item, Personnel Matter

November 16, 2011

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Brian Keevill that the agenda dated November 16, 2011 be approved with the additions.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Jerri Costa was sworn in by Chief McNeil as the new member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR & SECRETARY

Vice Chair DeWolfe read a thank you letter from former Chair McGinis expressing his regrets for not attending the meeting. He concluded by thanking the Board and Police Department for their help and assistance during his term. Vice Chair DeWolfe expressed her appreciation to Jim McGinis for his years of service on the Board of Police Commissioners.

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Brian Keevill that Deputy Mayor Power be nominated as Chair of the Board of Police Commissioner. Motion carried.

Brian Keevill was appointed Vice Chair. Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg was appointed Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 12, 2011

It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Brian Keevill that the minutes dated October 12, 2011 be approved. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

A petition was presented by Carole Milligan, Alma Smith & Rion Microys regarding traffic speed and noise in the Town. Appendix A. Carole Milligan stated that the names were collected by going door-to-door on Upper St. George Street and Champlain Street. She added that the group are requesting a different strategy be used to curb speeding and engine braking in the area. Chief McNeil stated that it was very important that residents report any incidents to the Police Department. He added that there would be no speeding charges laid unless someone was 20 k over the speed limit in the town. He has developed a plan of action that will be implemented soon. Carole Milligan requested that a response from the Board be sent via post. Chair Power thanked them for their presentation.

BUSINESS ARISING

Item	Decision /Action	Responsibility	Target date
1. Meeting with Officers	Jane DeWolfe stated that she had a conversation with Former Chair McGinis and he had nothing to report. Chief McNeil provided some instruction to Chair Power regarding the process.	Chair McGinis	
2. DOJ Audit	Chief McNeil stated that representatives from the Department of Justice would disclose their findings at the December meeting of the Board.	Chair McGinis	
3. Vacant Cpl's position.	Chief McNeil reported that a letter had been sent to Nathan Kardish stating that the position would be reposted on January 11, 2011. He added that Mr. Kardish was still having difficulty selling his home in Alberta.	Chief McNeil	
4. Review of Police Budget to date	The Board reviewed the budget. Chief McNeil stated that the clothing budget was high, as new winter apparel and uniforms were necessary. He added that the high cost was also due to the fact that there was minimal new clothing ordered in the previous year.	Board	
5. School Zone Signage	Chief McNeil reported that the school zone signage had been ordered, but that they were waiting to erect the speed limit signage. A new bill is before the House of Commons in Halifax requesting a reduction in school zones top 30km/hr. He added that the new speed limit signs will be erected once the bill is passed.	Chief McNeil	
6. Skateboard Park Safety Checklist	The Board discussed the Skateboard Park Safety Checklist. Chief McNeil stated that the members of the police department complete the checklist every Wednesday. He added that there was some graffiti, which has been	Chief McNeil	

	removed. He reported that there were a few incidents where individuals were not wearing helmets but these were addressed. Rion Microys stated that it would be beneficial to have a sidewalk as it was dangerous for individuals walking to the park.		
7. Board of Police Commissioner's Training	Training for the Board is scheduled for November 22, 2011 from 6:30pm-9:30pm in Kentville.	Chief McNeil	
8. Winter Parking	The Winter Parking Ban has been advertised in the Spectator and the Town Crier.	Chief McNeil	

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
1. Chief's Report	The Board reviewed the Chief's Report. Chief McNeil stated that he had contacted PROS for some technical support.	Chief McNeil	
2. October Stats	The Board reviewed the statistics for October.	Chief McNeil	
3. Chief's Overtime for Approval	The Board reviewed the Chief's overtime. Motion: It was moved by Jane DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg that the Chief's Report and the Chief's overtime be approved. Motion carried.	Chief McNeil	

NEW BUSINESS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
1. Invoice for Dues for the Board of Police Commissioners	Chief McNeil reported that this was an annual invoice and that it had been paid.		
2. Correspondence to unsuccessful candidates.	Jane DeWolfe stated that she had written to the unsuccessful candidates. She added that Blaine Schumacher had written a letter wishing the successful candidate all the best.		

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Jane DeWolfe that the meeting move in camera at 10:05 am.

IN CAMERA

- personnel matter

NEXT MEETING

December 14, 2011 at 9:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Jane DeWolfe that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 am.

Power. Chair

Annapolis Royal, NS

November 8, 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Police Commissioners,

Attached to this letter is a petition regarding speeding and vehicle noise in the Town of Annapolis Royal. The petition was signed by 97 residents of our Town during door to door meetings in the month of October, 2011. You will note that the majority of signatures are from residents of Upper St George St and Champlain Dr. Feedback received during our meetings reinforces our concern about the present traffic situation – it is major issue with our fellow citizens and needs more police attention.

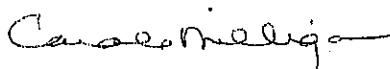
Annapolis Royal is a beautiful place, full of natural beauty and built heritage. Many people visit and move here to enjoy a historic, peaceful atmosphere. Our Town is also a designated National Historic District, an honour that should be a source of pride. Disrespectful drivers, most from the area immediately around our Town, are disrupting the enjoyment of Town residents and visitors and creating an unpleasant and unsafe environment. This unacceptable situation must be changed. Our Town and its residents deserve better.

Petitioners are asking that a more effective strategy be used by our police force to deal with the unprecedented number of speeding vehicles and amount of engine noise on our streets. They are asking that sections of the Motor Vehicle Act pertinent to these problems be strictly enforced and that a clearer message be sent to those driving on our streets that speeding and use of engine brakes is not tolerated in the Town. In our door to door meetings, many residents had good ideas for dealing with these issues and would be open to discussions with our police force so that these problems can be resolved.

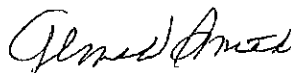
We believe that Annapolis Royal currently has the human and financial resources to solve these problems. The police budget for 2011 is 17 percent of the Town's budget, a figure amounting to almost \$300,000. We believe that with this expenditure of taxpayers' dollars it is possible to control and even eliminate these problems, especially given the relatively small footprint of our town.

We, and the many people who have signed this petition, ask that the Board of Police Commissioners push for solutions to the speeding and engine noise issues so that all our streets can be safe and pleasant for everyone. We look forward to hearing from you about decisions made regarding this matter and to increased police action that results in the enforcement of speed and noise limitations.

Yours truly,



Carole Milligan



Alma Smith



Rion Microys

CC. Mayor Roberts, Councillors Fearon, Shaffner, Power, Mueller-Sparenburg, Hudson

Residents' Comments Regarding Speeding and Noise

There needs to be more police presence during peak traffic hours on St George Street-7:30am to 9:00 am and 3:30pm to 5:30pm

The number of vehicles speeding in town is absolutely ridiculous

What are our police doing anyway-we never see them

What about reducing the speed limit to 40km all over town?

What about one of those speed feedback signs?

Slapping speed limit signs up is having absolutely no affect on drivers

Most of the people speeding live in the County

Why haven't truckers learned that engine braking is not legal?

Why is the engine braking sign where it is on St George Street-shouldn't it be in Lequille?

When Dale was here, there was more of a police presence on the street and it did help slow people down

Isn't the speed limit through Lequille 50km? Then why do trucks need to use an engine brake in town?

The police need to get out of their cars and start walking around-they are always driving, driving , driving

Traffic speed in the morning along St George Street is worse than I can remember

Please get rid of those motor bikes without mufflers-who invited them to town anyway?!

I never use the crosswalks-they are too dangerous

Whatever happened to quiet zones around hospitals-we need one

Our police need to start using surprise to stop drivers who are speeding

It's not just the kids who are speeding-it's teachers, parents, bus drivers, Kings Transit buses, even the RCMP-everyone basically

I'm sick and tired of listening to those kids with their resonators on cars and trucks!

I'm afraid when the teenagers get out of school and speed around the corners on Champlain and School Streets

Petition Re: Traffic In Annapolis Royal

In the last few years there has been an increase in traffic speed and noise from vehicles on Town streets. This situation is disrupting the quality of life, disturbing the operation of businesses and creating an unpleasant and unsafe atmosphere for Town residents and visitors.

The following petitioners are residents of Annapolis Royal concerned about the aforementioned issues. We ask that the Police Commission and the Town Council of Annapolis Royal take more aggressive actions than those presently being used to deal with these problems by ensuring that pertinent sections of the Motor Vehicle Act of Nova Scotia are strictly enforced within the Town.

Name	Address	Phone
1 DON MICROYS	92 PRINCE ALBERT	532-2392
2 PAULA BOSTON	166 ST GEORGE ST.	532-7090
3 Paul Paquette	91 Prince Albert Rd	532-1638
4 Wayne Smith	91 Prince Albert Rd	532-1638
5 Richard Soules	92 Prince Albert Rd	532-2392
6 LOU SULLIVAN	140 VICTORIA ST.	532-7239
7 Jenna Roy	124 Victoria St	532-7936
8 Esther Guest	101 Victoria St	532-5110
9 Cindy Matheson	390 ST. GEORGE ST.	532-5200
10 West Roy	124 Victoria St.	532-7936
11 Susan Giddens	709 St. George St	532-5099

12	R. Adde	789 St George	532-5099
13	D. Finham	791 St. George	532-0436
14	J. Barber	703 St George	532-7378
15	Art White	585 St. George	532-1492
16	Alice White	585 St George	532-1492
17.	Pauline How	477 " "	
18	John How	477 " "	
19.	Esa Riley	469 " "	532-0119
20	Lillian Stewart	532-7149	30 St James St.

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1 Jane Power-Krumm	832 Saint George St.	532-7279
2 Brian Power-Dunn	832 St George St.	532-7279
3 Reed Power-Dunn	" "	" "
4 Paul J. Coady	9 Babineau Heights	532-7834
5 Brenda Coady	9 Babineau Hts	532-7834
6 J. Haft's	712 St. George	532 1617
7 Paula Hafting	712 St. George St.	532-1617
8 Carol Serfaty	680 St. George St.	532-2122
9 Sue Ashdown	683 St. George St.	532-0151
10 Todd Ashdown	683 St. George St.	532-0151
11 Jim Simpson	682 St. George St.	532-5416

12	Carole Mielugin	808 St George St	532 5072
13	Lee Jamieson	820 St. George St.	532-5804
14	Richard Mellison	664 St George St.	532 2600
15	John	651 St. George St.	532-7979
16	Gail R. R. R.	651 St George St.	532-7979
17	LORNE KEEN	645 ST GEORGE ST	532-5156
18	BRENDA KEEN	" "	" "
19	Madeleine Akih-Carter	609 St. George St.	532-3082
20	JOHN RODIE	644 L V V	532-0503
21	BARBARA McDONALD	800 ST. GEORGE ST	532-5193
22	DR K.C. EYRE	808 St George	532-5072
23	FAITH McSTRADICK	548 St. George St -	532-5286
24	Bob & Rosemary Perry	524 St Geo	532-1951
25	Andrea Boulding	372 St Leo.	532-5776
26	Deon Jay Jr	25 St. James St -	532-0281
27	Chloe	619 St George	532-2092
28	Jody Doh	578 St George	532-5368
29	MICK SCROMEDA	478 ST. GEORGE	532-7202
30	John Kinsella	30 St. James	532-7149
31	KATHI Walek	790 St George	532-7949
32	Kurt Lerf	780 ST GEORGE	532-5750

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1 Alma Smith	68 School St.	532-7349
2 Eleanor Douglas	166 Ritchie St.	532-2045
3 Ann C. Jatzgenhorst	76 School Street	532-1980
4 R.B. T. J. Smith	76 School St.	1980
5 HARRY JOST	120 RITCHIE ST.	532-5854
6 Susan Jost	"	"
7 Maude Marshall	102 Ritchie St.	532-7993
8 Don Marshall	"	"
9 W. R. Meyer	Spence St.	532-7136
10 Emma Lawrence	40 Champlain St.	532-5292
11 Elsebeth Olshesky	44 School St	532-5342

- 12 Ed Smith 68 School St. 532 7349
- 13 marion Peru
- 14 Pat Hly 44 School St. 532-5342
- 15 Karl Smith 29 Champ 532-5241
- 16 Marie Snow 95 Champlain Dr 532-5468
- 17 Edna M. Parker " " "
- 18 Isabel Langmuir 95 Champlain Dr.
- 19 Josie Oliver 95 Champlain Dr.
- 20 Wynne Rice 95 Champlain Dr.
- 21 Douglas Brooks 95 Champlain Dr.
- 22 Marion Delanton 95 Champlain Dr.
- 23 Doris Sprunt 95 Champlain Drive
- 24 Meriel Cotton ✓
- 25 Lorraine Saulnier 95 Champlain Dr 532-5234
- 26 Evelyn Golicheau ✓
27. Mary Ann Fickes Babineau Hts.
28. Norma Grant - Babineau Hts. 532-5247
29. Ronald Grant - Babineau Hts. ✓
30. Blane G. Edwards ~~43 School St~~ 532-0466
31. Heide Lish ✓ ✓
32. Jon Gray 43 School St. 532-0212
- 33 Marilyn Cleaves 154 Fitch St 532-5236
- 34 Valerie M. Davis 28 Babineau Hts 532-2739
- 35 Ellet Davis

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NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE #

36 - ~~W. Shyle~~ 17 ~~Lebanon Hts.~~ ✓

37 - ~~James L. Lynch~~ ✓

38 - ~~David J. Rueland~~ Anna Royal 532 72 85

39 - ~~Shelwidge~~ 34 School St 532 0868

40 - Warren M. Lee 30 Champlain Dr. Annapolis Royal

41 - Jace Jancy 54 Champlain Dr. Annapolis 532-5706

42 - AND M. WALTON 62 School St, 532 0582

43 - Shirley Sanford 532-1581

44 - R. D. 532-5193

45 - Sherry Caldwell 532-7241