

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
**Approved Minutes, Wednesday, 12 April 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Councillor Elliot called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**2. PRESENT:** Chair Councillor Elliot, Mayor William MacDonald as Ex-Officio, Deputy Mayor Pat Power, Chief Burt McNeil, CAO Gregory Barr, Jane DeWolfe, Jim McGinis, Danny McClair, and Recording Secretary Courtney Campbell

**3. REGRETS:** N/A

**4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

- Under New Business, Item a.) No parking signs by the hospital

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION BOPC#2017-04-12-01**

It was moved by Jim McGinis, seconded by Jane DeWolfe to approve the April 12, 2017 agenda with the following amendment: addition under New Business, Item a.) No parking signs by the hospital. **Motion carried.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a.) March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**MOTION BOPC#2017-04-12-02**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Jim McGinis to approve the March 15, 2017 minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

**7. PRESENTATIONS:** N/A

**8. BUSINESS ARISING:**

a.) Update from Council

- Nothing associated with the Police Commission was discussed at the latest council meeting

b.) Public Information Session Review

- Mayor MacDonald thanked Jane DeWolfe for doing a great job presenting the information to an appreciative audience. The information session was worth doing and

very informative. The public that attended seemed happy to see the results and there appeared to be no negatives. Mayor MacDonald also thanked the committee for doing a wonderful job conducting the review, and being very thorough.

### **MOTION BOPC#2017-04-12-03**

It was moved by Jane DeWolfe, seconded by Danny McClair to recommend to Council that the Police Review committee, having done what it was mandated to do, be dissolved. **Motion carried.**

#### c.) Electronic Speed Signs

- Chief McNeil informed the commission that the problem the tech was having when trying to have a remote session was with the Bluetooth card on the main board. A new one has been received and Chief McNeil was going to try calling them again today to resolve the issue.

#### d.) Tasers (Occupational Health and Safety)

- Chief McNeil is currently in the process of preparing a report for decision (RFD) on the police force having tasers. The RFD will outline cost, advantages, disadvantages, training, studies done on tasers, and usage facts. Chair Councillor Elliot stated that he would not feel comfortable making a decision until he has received information on the training and the scenarios covered within that training. It was noted that this will be discussed at the next meeting, with the RFD, and it was suggested to also have a discussion on carbines as they were included in the original complaint. Chair Councillor Elliot is to draft an email/letter for Constable Campbell detailing that the complaint has been brought forward and is being looked into. Chief McNeil is to research when the next taser training will be taking place in case any members of the commission would like to witness.

#### e.) By-law Enforcement Officer

- It was decided that this item will go to Committee of the Whole and that Chief McNeil and CAO Barr will come up with a recommendation to bring to the Committee.

#### f.) Police Chief Hiring- Interview Committee

- The Town has received 15 applications, 14 before the deadline and one slightly after. It was decided that Danny McClair, Jim McGinis and Jane DeWolfe will join Chief McNeil on the committee. Mayor MacDonald would like to be present during the interviews as an observer, and CAO Barr would like to be included once the committee has their shortlist.

## **9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **a.) Chief's Reports – March 2017**

- It was discussed that there may be an increase in the false alarms due to the fact that the police are called first and the owners of the property second. Inquiries were made into the mental health transport charges and discussion followed on the Mental Health Act.

### **b.) Departmental Financials – March 2017**

- There were inquiries into why supplies were so high and Chief McNeil explained that he was able to purchase some supplies for the new police car at cost. These can also go into any car that the department decides to purchase. Danny McClair congratulated Chief McNeil on his scheduling as the over-time and stand-by was doing well. Chief McNeil also wanted to mention that the marked car was currently at Connells and the replacement part should be under warranty. Mayor MacDonald also wanted Chief McNeil to pass along thanks to Constable Campbell for her assistance during the ceremony for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Ridge.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a.) No parking signs by hospital**

- It was brought to the commission that there have been complaints by residents due to the appearance of the signs. These signs were recommended by the Traffic Flow Committee due to complaints of cars parking on the homeowner's property. The new complaints on the appearance will be discussed at the next Traffic Flow Advisory Committee meeting.

## **11. IN CAMERA: N/A**

## **12. NEXT MEETING: May 10, 2017**

Committee member Jane DeWolfe gives her regrets as she will be away for the meeting on May 10, 2017.

## **13. ADJOURN**

Jim McGinnis moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:06am.

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Chair Owen Elliot

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Recording Secretary Courtney Campbell