

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
**Approved Minutes, Wednesday, 14 June 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Elliot called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

**2. PRESENT:** Chair Owen Elliot, Deputy Mayor Pat Power, Jim McGinis, Danny McClair, Jane DeWolfe, Chief Burt McNeil, CAO Gregory Barr, and Recording Secretary Courtney Campbell. Tim Moser was also in attendance

**3. REGRETS:**

**4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION BOPC#2017-06-14-01**

It was moved by Danny McClair, seconded by Jane DeWolfe, to approve the June 14, 2017 agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a.) May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**MOTION BOPC#2017-06-14-02**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Jim McGinis, to approve the May 10, 2017 minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

b.) May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**MOTION BOPC#2017-06-14-03**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Danny McClair, to approve the May 19, 2017 minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

**7. PRESENTATIONS:**

**8. BUSINESS ARISING:**

a.) Update from Council

Chair Elliot updated the committee that Council had approved the motion to offer the Chief of Police position to Tim Moser, and Tim Moser has since accepted the position.

b.) Tasers (Occupational Health and Safety)

Chief McNeil presented the committee with a request for decision (RFD) on the occupational health and safety complaint that was regarding the absence of tasers in the department. It was then overviewed and discussion ensued. The recent community survey was discussed as there was a question regarding the acceptance of tasers and the survey was divided, although there were comments regarding the clarity of the question. Chair Elliot welcomed Tim Moser into the conversation as the next Police Chief and Tim mentioned that tasers are also helpful in a mental health situation, as an officer is not going to shoot someone to prevent them from harming themselves. Deputy Mayor Power inquired into the lifespan on the cartridges and it is not believed that there is an expiry date on them. Tim Moser also stated that working individually for the majority of your shifts also adds danger. Danny McClair wanted to know if there are other options besides tasers and this was debated by the committee.

**MOTION BOPC#2017-06-14-04**

It was moved by Jane DeWolfe, seconded by Jim McGinis, to recommend that Council purchase one taser, as per Chief of Police McNeil's quote, with the necessary accessories, with the purchase to be made in the 2017-2018 fiscal year with the funding to come from the Town's capital reserve. **Motion carried.** 1 nay vote by Danny McClair and 1 abstention by Deputy Mayor Power.

c.) Update on Part-Time Hiring

Currently in the process of going over the applications and picking the top 4 out of 20. Chief McNeil, Chair Elliot, Tim Moser, and Jim McGinis agreed to go through the applications together at a later date, and they will also conduct the interviews. Chief McNeil mentioned that during the interviews they would also ask the participants if they are interested in a casual position as well, in case the casual person is awarded the part time position.

**9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

a.) Chief's Reports – April 2017

Chief McNeil informed the committee that the marked car was down for five days, meaning the mileage went up in the unmarked car for the month. Deputy Mayor Power also mentioned the new Home Sharing Program, which may mean the number of criminal record checks will go up in the future. It was discussed that there will be two cadets coming this summer, and committee members complimented the Chief on the increased walking patrols. It was questioned whether or not there has been any illegal parking at 833 St. George Street after the removal of the extra no parking signs and Chief McNeil stated there was not.

b.) Departmental Financials – April 2017

The police equipment was high as there was the purchase of a new vest, but these are on a rotating schedule and will not all go at once (they expire every 5 years). There were questions

regarding the situation of the station downstairs and CAO Barr updated the committee.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

a.) Crosswalk Flags

Chief McNeil has ordered three sets of the crosswalk flag subsidized as per the email. He has recommendations for locations and the committee is not opposed to having the flags as they think that they will help prevent accidents.

**11. IN CAMERA:**

**12. NEXT MEETING:** July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**13. ADJOURN:**

Tim Moser was welcomed to the department by the committee.

Jim McGinis moved to adjourn at 10:22am.