

**Board of Police Commissioners  
Approved Minutes  
February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Chair Droy called the meeting to order at 10:03 am
<b>2. Present</b>	Don Droy (Chair), Mike Bernard (Vice-Chair), Mayor Boyer (10:12 am), Deputy Mayor Power, CAO Millett-Campbell, Police Chief Mark Kane, and Recording Secretary Krista Gear. All joined virtually by Zoom
<b>3. Regrets</b>	
<b>4. Additions to the Agenda</b>	None
<b>5. Approval of the Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION #BoPC202-02-09-01</b> It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. <b>Motion carried.</b>
<b>Edits to the Minutes</b>	None
<b>6. Approval of the Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION #BoPC2022-02-09-02</b> It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021. <b>Motion carried.</b>

**7. PRESENTATIONS:** None

**8. PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

i. Cameras for car and body cameras

- Chief Kane shared his findings regarding costs for cameras noting that the initial quote seems to keep rising, likely due to current supply chain issues. Chief Kane noted that he was able to negotiate a quote for a vehicle camera that will remain static for 30 days, \$3925+HST (\$4513.75) and labour. Chief Kane further noted that ideally, he would like to have cameras installed in both vehicles but recognizes that the second camera will likely have to wait until a future fiscal budget. Chief Kane noted that he will also inquire as to the expected lifespan and portability of the vehicle camera unit.
- Chief Kane shared, for discussion, that police departments across the Province and country moving towards having body cameras for all officers and suggested that ARPD could benefit from two body cameras that could be shared by the officers. He noted recent events with a person filming Department staff as an example of a situation where these would be needed as they would protect staff and the person(s) with whom they come in contact. It was suggested that if these are going to be provincially mandated, perhaps the Province would purchase in bulk for distribution at a reduced cost. Chief Kane remarked that there has been no indication by the Province if, how or when this may be done. A question was asked about the number of incidents that would have required a camera in the past year and the response was approximately 10. Consideration of the purchase of body cameras will be moved to upcoming budget discussions.

**MOTION #BoPC2022-02-09-03**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board of Police Commissioners recommend to Council the purchase of one Police vehicle camera for a total cost of \$4600.00. **Motion carried.**

## 10. BUSINESS ARISING:

### i. Update from Council

Mayor Boyer shared that staff and Council have been busy with grant applications, most recently for the tidal power project and the acquisition of a climate change intern. Council met with MLA Carman Kerr recently and raised the issue of the recent extreme weather and power outages, noting the increased concern for seniors and vulnerable populations during these events and the need to have measures in place to address this. Mayor Boyer further noted that an invitation will be forthcoming to a public input session hosted by the Marketing and Economic Development Committee. Mayor Boyer also mentioned the new mental health initiative for staff and Council called *Not Myself Today*. Deputy Mayor Power noted that at the January Council meeting Council ratified the vote to proceed with the Police Department relocation.

### ii. Relocation of Police Department – Update

Chief Kane noted that due to the efforts of Department members, they have made some gains in the timeline by completing initial construction and demolition prep. Chief Kane further noted that he spoke to the building inspector, contractor, and plumber and that all is on schedule. Chief Kane also noted that he is maintaining a spreadsheet to track/log all costs associated with the relocation and has both electronic and hard copy files of all documents and communications pertaining to the relocation efforts.

## 11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

### i. Chief's Reports

Chief Kane highlighted some of the items from his written report:

- Military sexual assault investigations
- AOP (additional officer program) program noting that there is soon to be an accountability piece (Municipality to Province) so that the Province can evaluate and revamp as needed to better meet the needs of Police departments
- NSPCA (Nova Scotia Police Chief's Association) meetings: purpose is to have a collective voice to bring forward concerns to the Province
- Valley Regional Health would like to have quarterly meetings
- Developing relationships with Bear River First Nation
- Attended an anti-islamophobia workshop
- Department participating in a provincial working group for use of force
- Will be receiving some donated equipment, including radar, uniform winter jackets, etc. from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous
- Calls for service in January were lower, likely due to the extreme weather. It was also noted that the Department has been checking in on residents during these events and will only be out if necessary, during extreme weather for the safety of the staff. The Department continues to look for a solution to ensure vehicles are immediately ready to go as needed (not impeded by snow or ice, delaying response time)
- Attended Constable Heidi Stevenson Award Meeting

### ii. Departmental Financials

Provided for information purposes. Draft budget overview provided by Chief Kane.

- Salary line increase proposed due to the proposed addition of part time staff.
- Increase to budget line for training due to limited training opportunities in recent years. It was noted that funds for this were taken from other budget lines wherever possible.
- Fuel line increase due to the seemingly ever-increasing gas prices.
- Increase to supplies line due to this previously being reported under Town administrative costs, now separated out for accurate departmental reporting and transparency.
- Relocation costs, such as heat pumps and generator power have been included in the proposed budget.
- Chief Kane shared an emergency phone option that could be presented to Council to replace the payphone; the initial cost is approximately \$900, but the annual fees thereafter are significantly less at around \$30/year.
- It was noted that the almost \$30,000 increase in the budget has been proposed based on projected increases of approximately \$70,000 in revenue.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**13. IN CAMERA:** Under Section Under Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act

**MOTION #BoPC2022-02-09-04**

It was regularly moved and seconded to move in camera at 11:11 am **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #BoPC2022-02-09-07**

It was regularly moved and seconded by to move out of camera at 11:14 am **Motion carried.**

**14. NEXT MEETING:** March 09, 2022 @ 10:00 am

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #BoPC2022-02-09-08**

It was regularly moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:14 am

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Chair Droy

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Recording Secretary Krista Grear