



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
June 14, 2023**

PRESENT: Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair
Commissioner Harry Critchley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Gavin Giles

REGRETS: Commissioner Lindell Smith – Parental Accommodation
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Cathie O’Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Josh Bates, Policy Advisor, Board of Police Commissioners
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m., the Board moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:37 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m. The Board adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

The Chair spoke to the cancellation of the Board of Police Commissioners' June 7, 2023 meeting due to the Upper Tantallon wildfires and indicated that the June 14, 2023 meeting was the Board's regular June meeting. The Chair acknowledged the efforts of Halifax Regional Municipality, Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Halifax Regional Police staff during the wildfires and the ongoing recovery phase.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- Item 5.3 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Commissioner Blackburn requested that Item 5.1 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER, Item 5.2 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER and Item 5.3 PERSONNEL MATTER be considered prior to item 4.1.1.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the following item be deferred to a future meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners:

- **Item 4.1.1 Policing Transformation Study Recommendation Report**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. REPORTS

4.1 STAFF

4.1.1 Policing Transformation Study Recommendation Report

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated April 19, 2023
- Extract from the May 9, 2023 Regional Council minutes

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

4.1.2 Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance 2023/2024 Membership Renewal

The following was before the Board:

- Staff motion memorandum dated June 14, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the annual renewal of the Board's membership in the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance in the amount of \$900.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Kent stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner Critchley assumed the Chair.

4.2. MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

4.2.1 Commissioner Kent - Canadian Association of Police Governance 2023 Annual Conference and Hosting Committee for Canadian Association of Police Governance 2024 Annual Conference

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Consideration form from Commissioner Kent

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Approve Commissioner Yemi Akindoju to attend the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) 2023 Annual Conference to be held in-person in St. John's from August 15-18, 2023, as the Board's CAPG representative and that Board of Police Commissioners assumes all costs associated with attending (CAPG) 2023 Annual Conference meetings.**
- 2. Approve Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair, to attend the CAPG 2023 Annual Conference in St. John's to represent the Board in advance of Halifax hosting the CAPG 2024 Annual Conference and that Board of Police Commissioners assumes all costs associated with attending (CAPG) 2023 Annual Conference and closing breakfast.**
- 3. Appoint Commissioner Blackburn to serve as the Board's representative on the CAPG 2024 Annual Conference hosting committee.**
- 4. Appoint a steering committee for the purpose of supporting the CAPG 2024 Annual Conference hosting committee, that reflects local events and focus as the host city. Membership to consist of Chair Kent, Commissioner Akindoju, Commissioner Blackburn and former Commissioner Carole McDougall.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Kent resumed the Chair.

As provided for in section 80 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Commissioner Giles rose on a point of order to request that consideration be made to the use of a consent agenda at future Board of Police Commissioners meetings for the approval of housekeeping motions.

5. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 5.1 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER, Item 5.2 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER and Item 5.3 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Kent stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner Critchley assumed the Chair.

5.1 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before the Board:

- Private and confidential report dated May 31, 2023
- Private and confidential handout dated May 31, 2023
- Private and confidential recommendation report dated May 31, 2023
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MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

1. **Adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private); and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential reports and handouts dated May 31, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.2 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before the Board:

- Private and confidential report dated June 6, 2023
- Private and confidential handout dated June 12, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

1. **Adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private); and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 6, 2023 and the private and confidential handout dated June 12, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before the Board:

- Private and confidential report dated June 12, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Adopt the adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private); and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 12, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Kent resumed the Chair.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant