



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

**October 18, 2023
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair
Commissioner Harry Critchley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

REGRETS: Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Gavin Giles

STAFF: John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative
Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m., and adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 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.

1.1 Welcome to H Division Commander Dennis Daley, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Assistant Commissioner Dennis Daley, Commanding Officer, H Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police provided an introduction and recognized the ongoing work of the Board.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Halifax Regional Police 2024/25 Business Plan and Operating Budget Framework Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated October 18, 2023

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding the Board's options for addressing specific budget items, opportunities for further input and the timeline for the budget process.

Acting Chief MacLean, Deputy Chief Reid McCoombs, Operational Support, and Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Officer in Charge, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding training for new officers, collaboration with local hospitals and potential implementation of body-worn video across Halifax Regional Police. Chief Superintendent Christie noted at the federal level the RCMP would be continuing to develop a strategy for body-worn video.

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding the budget framework, budget timelines, opportunity for public participation, and provided clarification on capital versus operational budgets. Blackwood noted the process of allocating funds to upgrade the Halifax Regional Police headquarters.

Bill Moore, Executive Director, Community Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding the collaboration with Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP to align with public safety. Moore noted alternate approaches to address homelessness, mental health responses and work being done to implement transition centres.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality proceed with costing the items identified in the Halifax Regional Police 2024/25 Business Plan and Operating Budget Framework for consideration on Halifax Regional Police's operating budget submission.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Thomas

THAT the motion be amended to 'include the costing of the body-worn video coordinator position'.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality proceed with costing the items identified in the Halifax Regional Police 2024/25 Business Plan and Operating Budget Framework for consideration on HRP's operating budget submission, including the costing of the body-worn video coordinator position.

Commissioner Critchley proposed 'and supporting data'. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners direct Halifax Regional Police to proceed with costing the items identified, including the costing of the body-worn video coordinator position, and supporting data, in the Halifax Regional Police 2024/25 Business Plan and Operating Budget Framework for consideration on Halifax Regional Police's operating budget submission.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES – NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1. Commissioner Critchley

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting I intend to move a motion requesting that the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners write to the Minister of Justice and/or the Minister of Health requesting that a study be done on possible changes to the *Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act* to relieve pressures on officers.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 25, 2023

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant