



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 21, 2021**

PRESENT: Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Becky Kent

REGRETS: Commissioner Carlos Beals
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

GUESTS: Natalie Borden

STAFF: Martin Ward, Solicitor
Katherine Salsman, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Royal Canadian Mounted Police District
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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

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The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:21 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:53 p.m. and adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Royal Canadian Mounted Police District (Halifax RCMP District), presented past Board of Police Commissioners Commissioner and Chair Natalie Borden thanks for their service to the Board and the community.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners noted community announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 19, 2021 and May 17, 2021

The Board of Police Commissioners noted a correction to the April 19, 2021 minutes; Item 10.1.6, in the first paragraph the words “must create when the municipality creates a police department” should replace “can create”.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the minutes of April 19, 2021 be approved as amended and the minutes of May 17, 2021, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 11.1 Report from Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police on the Process for Investigating Hate Crimes

The Clerk noted that consent of all members had been received to add this item.

Deletions: NONE

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as presented. THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was also received and circulated for items: 10.2.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

8.2 Petitions

8.3 Presentations

8.3.1 Presentation – How Policy Failures Lead to Privacy Abuses – *Bryan Short on behalf of OpenMedia*

Bryan Short, representing OpenMedia, gave a presentation on How Policy Failures Lead to Privacy Abuses and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 HRM Wortley Report Recommendations – Update

- **Preparation for Two Year Wortley Report Summary**

Commissioner Lindell Smith, Chair Board of Police Commissioners, gave a presentation on the preparation of the Two Year Wortley Report and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax RCMP District, responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

10.1.2 Halifax Regional Police Information Technology Audit Action Plan

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A staff report from dated June 21, 2021

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Commissioner Smith – BOPC Subcommittee to Define Defunding Police

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Correspondence from Darlene M. Strong, Pat Shaw

Commissioner Lindell Smith, Chair Board of Police Commissioners, gave a presentation on the progress of the Board of Police Commissioners - Subcommittee to Define Defunding Police and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES – NONE

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax RCMP District, provided an update on the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission review and report regarding their national review of street checks. Chief Superintendent Gray acknowledged the past use of street checks, the impacts of the use of street checks, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) ban on street checks and explained the ongoing efforts being made by the Halifax RCMP District to engage with racialized communities.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, gave an update on recent Halifax Regional Police initiatives and responded to questions of clarification for the Board of Police Commissioners.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Report from Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police on the Process for Investigating Hate Crimes

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax RCMP District, gave a presentation on their departments' processes for investigating hate crimes and responded to questions of clarification for the Board of Police Commissioners.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (In Private)

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Security Matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – May 17, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of May 17, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Security Matter

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 19, 2021

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant