



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
November 2, 2022**

PRESENT: Commissioner Lindell Smith, Chair
Commissioner Harry Critchley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Becky Kent

REGRETS: Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Gavin Giles
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Jeremie Landry, Acting District Commander, Halifax District Royal
Canadian Mounted Police
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m., and recessed at 2:14 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners reconvened in at 2:22 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:47 p.m. and reconvened at 4:32 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:40 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 Presentation to Carole McDougall, former Commissioner of the Board of Police Commissioners

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT Item 1.1 Presentation to Carole McDougall, former Commissioner of the Board of Police Commissioners be deferred to the December 7, 2022 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 5, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the minutes of October 5, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- IN CAMERA Item 13.4 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential

Deletions: None

Deferred to the December 7, 2022 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Item 10.3.2 Commissioner Critchley - Response to recommendations from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia

Earlier in the meeting Item 1.1 Presentation to Carole McDougall, former Commissioner of the Board of Police Commissioners was deferred.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

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 – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS October 5, 2022

7.1 First Nations Police Governance Council Conference and Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference Update

Commissioner Kent gave an update regarding the First Nations Police Governance Council Conference and Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation

8.3.1 Presentation – Use of participatory budgeting as a tool to support equitable decision-making around policing and community safety in Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before the Board:

- Presentation request from Tari Ajadi dated September 23, 2022
- Presentation dated November 2, 2022

Tari Ajadi and Yaren B. Kaya gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police gave an update on recruitment, a summary of key operational activities and recent and upcoming Halifax Regional Police initiatives. Kinsella responded to questions of clarification from the Board. Kinsella provided a high level summary of Halifax Regional Police's pursuit policies.

Inspector Jeremie Landry, Acting District Commander, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) gave an update on staffing announcements, a summary of key operational activities and recent and upcoming Halifax District RCMP initiatives. Landry responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 Wortley Report Progress Update

The following was before the Board:

- Wortley Report Progress Update dated March 21, 2022
- Staff information report dated March 21, 2022

The Chair provided an update on the status of improvements to the Wortley Report progress tracking document template.

10.2.2 Development of Budget and Approval Process for Halifax Regional Police as it Relates to RCMP Inputs

The following was before the Board:

- Staff information report dated October 11, 2022
- Staff presentation dated October 5, 2022

Michael Pappas, Acting Director, Corporate Planning & Performance gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer and Martin Ward, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.2.3 Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 - First Quarter Financial Update

The following was before the Board:

- Staff information report dated October 26, 2022

The Board did not have questions of clarification for staff regarding the information report.

10.2.4 Halifax Regional Police Strategic Plan Update

The following was before the Board:

- Staff information report dated October 26, 2022

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

10.3 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.3.1 Commissioner Blackburn - Board of Police Commissioners Working Group Update

The following was before the Board:

- Handout dated November 2, 2022

Commissioner Blackburn gave an update on the working group's review of the thirty-six recommendations in the Dr. El Jones report submitted to the Board's January 17, 2022 meeting, advised that a committee of Council be formed to review the report's recommendations and provided a rationale for why a committee of Council should be formed. Blackburn responded to questions of clarification from the Board and agreed to circulate the working group's meeting notes to the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners recommend to Halifax Regional Council the formation of a committee of Council to work on the recommendations of the Dr. El Jones report on de-tasking police.

- 1. The role of the Subcommittee will be to review the report recommendations in line with the Working Group's report and determine how each recommendation could be implemented.**
- 2. The Membership of the Subcommittee would include:**
 - a. Two Board of Police Commissioners members;**
 - b. Two HRM Councillors;**
 - c. Two representatives from HRM (CAO's office, Public Safety Office, Social Policy, etc);**
 - d. Representative from the Province of Nova Scotia Department of Justice;**
 - e. Representative from Halifax Regional Police;**
 - f. Representative from Halifax District RCMP; and**
 - g. Four members at large from the community with relevant experience.**
- 3. The Subcommittee will provide regular updates to the Board of Police Commissioners.**

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners extend the time of the meeting past 3:30 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Martin Ward, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Commissioner Blackburn proposed that the word “subcommittee” be replaced by the word “committee”. 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 Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners recommend to Halifax Regional Council the formation of a committee of Council to work on the recommendations of the Dr. El Jones report on de-tasking police:

- 1. The role of the Committee will be to review the report recommendations in line with the Working Group’s report and determine how each recommendation could be implemented.**
- 2. The Membership of the Committee would include:**
 - h. Two Board of Police Commissioners members;**
 - i. Two HRM Councillors;**
 - j. Two representatives from HRM (CAO’s office, Public Safety Office, Social Policy, etc);**
 - k. Representative from the Province of Nova Scotia Department of Justice;**
 - l. Representative from Halifax Regional Police;**
 - m. Representative from Halifax District RCMP; and**
 - n. Four members at large from the community with relevant experience.**
- 3. The Committee will provide regular updates to the Board of Police Commissioners.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Commissioner Critchley - Response to recommendations from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners consideration form from Commissioner Critchley

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

10.3.3 Commissioner Critchley - Creation of governance subcommittee

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners consideration form from Commissioner Critchley

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Kent

That the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Create a policy subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) composed of no more than three (3) members of the Board of Police Commissioners, no fewer than one (1) of whom will be a Member of the Halifax Regional Council, as well as any number of members of the Halifax Regional Police, HRM, and the public as the Subcommittee deems necessary; and**

2. That the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners direct that the Subcommittee prepare a Terms of Reference governing its work to be reviewed by the Board of Police Commissioners at a future meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 COMMISSIONER UPDATES – NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – October 5, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of October 5, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.2 SECURITY MATTER, Item 13.3 SECURITY MATTER and Item 13.4 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 SECURITY MATTER - Private and Confidential

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

13.3 SECURITY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

The following was before the Board:

- Private and confidential staff handout dated October 5, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners direct that the private and confidential handout dated October 5, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.4 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Memorandum - re: Security Matter
2. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Memorandum - re: Personnel Conduct

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 7, 2022

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant