



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
September 20, 2023**

PRESENT: Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair
Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Gavin Giles

REGRETS: Commissioner Harry Critchley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Tony Thomas

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Josh Bates, Policing Policy Strategist
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Krista Vining, Deputy 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 4:03 p.m. The Board moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:21 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. The Board adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police

The Chair congratulated Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police on their appointment and welcomed them to the Board of Police Commissioners. Acting Chief Don MacLean spoke to the Board and confirmed the appointment of their senior management team including the appointment of Deputy Chief Reid McCoombs.

1.2 Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police Staffing Changes

Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Officer in Charge, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) welcomed and congratulated Acting Chief Don MacLean. Christie made several staff announcements and introductions to the Board. Christie acknowledged and thanked Staff Sergeant Lynden Morrison for their 13-month service to Halifax District RCMP and the Board.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer spoke to the Board and acknowledged the presence of Darla Parry, Acting President, Halifax Regional Police Association at the Board meeting.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions:

- Item 11.1 – Halifax Regional Police/Royal Canadian Mounted Police Chief Updates re Post-tropical Storm Lee
- Item 13.2 – PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, Commissioner Blackburn requested that Item 13 IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) be considered prior to item 7.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Giles

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 – 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 Capital Plan Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated September 20, 2023

Crystal Nowlan, Director, Asset Management gave a presentation. Nowlan, Cathie O’Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Jerry Blackwood, Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding the long-term capital budget planning to build a new Halifax Regional Police headquarters building. O’Toole confirmed a report was prepared in 2018 that included a plan for a new Halifax Regional Police headquarters building. O’Toole proposed the Board refresh the report and staff could make a presentation.

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding the occupational health and safety consideration of the existing headquarter building and factors regarding fleet replacement.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners request a refresh of the 2018 staff report on the building plan for a new Halifax Regional Police headquarters and request a presentation on the topic at a future Board meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 Halifax Regional Police 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget Preliminary Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated September 20, 2023

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

10.3 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.3.1 Commissioner Kent – Appointments to Strategic Priorities Working Group

The following was before the Board:

- Request for consideration form from Commissioner Kent

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners appoint Commissioners Kent, Blackburn and Giles to a working group to finalize action items and timeframes associated with the Board of Police Commissioners’ strategic priorities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 COMMISSIONER UPDATES – NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Halifax Regional Police/Royal Canadian Mounted Police Chief Updates re Post-tropical Storm Lee

Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) updated the Board regarding their detachment's response to the 300 plus calls related to Post-tropical Storm Lee during the weekend of September 15-17, 2023. Christie acknowledged the work performed at Halifax Regional Municipality's Emergency Operations Centre and the coordination with the Province's coordination centre.

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police spoke to and acknowledged the coordinated efforts of the Emergency Operations Centre, Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Smith

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.1 PERSONNEL MATTER and Item 13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1 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 staff report dated September 18, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations outlined in the private and confidential report dated September 18, 2023 as amended; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated September 18, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential

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

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 4, 2023

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant