



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 16, 2017**

PRESENT: Commissioner Steve Graham, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Tony Mancini
Commissioner Waye Mason
Commissioner Sylvia Parris
Commissioner Carlos Beals
Commissioner Carole McDougall

REGRETS: Commissioner Steve Craig, Chair

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP
Deputy Chief Robin McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Robert Doyle, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP
Superintendent Colleen Kelly, Halifax Regional Police
Dr. Christopher Giacomantonio, Research Coordinator, Halifax Regional Police
Kathleen Patterson, Policy and Business Initiatives Coordinator, Halifax Regional Police
Martin Ward, Q.C., General Counsel, HRM Legal Services
Katherine Salsman, Solicitor, HRM Legal Services
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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

*The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Board are available online:
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*The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m., and into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:00 p.m.
The public session reconvened at 2:20 p.m. the Board adjourned at 2:23 p.m.*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 18, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the September 18, 2017 minutes be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The agenda was accepted as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentation

7.3.1 Cybercrime in HRM – An Overview– Superintendent Jim Perrin, Halifax Regional Police

The following was before the Board:

- Presentation entitled “Cybercrime in HRM – An Overview” dated October 16, 2017

Superintendent Jim Perrin, presented an overview of cybercrime in HRM to the Board.

HRP staff responded to questions from the Board, discussing youth, adult and senior specific education on the topic, and police training in other jurisdictions.

The Chair thanked staff for the presentation.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Drug Exhibit Audit Update – Chief Blais, HRP

The following was before the Board:

- Estimated Timeline – Follow-up from Drug Exhibit Inventory dated October 16, 2017

Chief Blais provided an updated on the drug exhibit audit.

9.1.2 Halifax Regional Police 2017/18 2nd Quarter Financial Report – Chief Blais, HRP

The following was before the Board:

- 2017/18 Halifax Regional Police Operating Financials (based on 6 of 12 months as of September 30, 2017)

Chief Blais reviewed the HRP 2017/18 2nd Quarter Financial report with the Board.

Chief Supt. Bergerman advised that a similar report for RCMP H Division will be presented to the Board in November.

Responding to a question about overtime costs, Deputy Chief McNeil advised that a recruitment drive is underway to hire officers in November, which should address overtime costs.

9.1.3 Updated Halifax Regional Police Business Plan/Budget Events Timeline – Chief Blais, HRP

The following was before the Board:

- Halifax Regional Police Business Plan/Budget Events Timeline (updated as of Oct. 12/17)

An updated version of the HRP Business Plan/Budget Events Timeline was provided to the Board for their reference.

9.1.4 2018/19 Business Plan Deliverables – Kathleen Patterson, Policy and Business Initiatives Coordinator, HRP

The following was before the Board:

- 2018/19 Business Plan Deliverables

Chief Blais indicated that there have been no changes from the Business Plan Deliverables presented to the Board last year, as the two year budget was presented last year.

Chief Blais responded to questions from members, noting the following:

- Information Item No. 2 – Bimonthly Strategic Plan Update provides further information which feeds into the Business Plan Deliverables.
- Recruitment of a Chief Information Security Officer has been challenging.
- The recent retirement turnover has triggered promotions, and HRP are catching up on filling positions.
- Work is ongoing with regard to opioid use strategy and cannabis strategy.

Commissioner McDougall requested that members be provided with a list of acronyms used by HRP and RCMP. The Chief indicated that this will be circulated to members.

MOVED by Commissioner Parris, seconded by Commissioner Mason

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve in principle the 2018/2019 Halifax Regional Police Business Plan Deliverables as presented at the October 16, 2017 meeting, subject to final budget recommendations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.5 Public Participation at Board Meetings (Information report)

The following was before the Board:

- Staff information report dated September 7, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners request that the Municipal Clerk prepare a recommendation report outlining options for public participation at Board meetings, including a jurisdictional scan of any Police Boards that hold public participation, and if so, information on their policy and process.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

9.2.1 Commissioner Mason

MOVED by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Beals

THAT the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners request a staff report that shall outline recommendations regarding:

- 1. entering into dialog regarding the establishment of more formal relationships regarding possible partnerships for policing, public safety and enforcement with First Nations with reserve lands adjacent to HRM; and**
- 2. improve public safety for Indigenous people in Halifax and ensure police services meet the needs, values and expectations of Indigenous people.**

Commissioner Mason indicated that these conversations are already taking place Nationally and in Nova Scotia and it would be appropriate to have the Board formally endorse this direction.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.2 Appointment of a Halifax Board of Police Commissioners representative to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board

The following information was before the Board:

- A motion memo from the Office of the Municipal Clerk dated October 16, 2017

Commissioner Graham indicated that, as Board of Police Commissioners representative to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board, his term is ending and a new representative shall be appointed.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Mason

THAT the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners appoint Carole McDougall to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board, for a one year term.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

9.3.1 Board of Police Commissioners Work Plan Update – Commissioner Graham

Commissioner Graham indicated that the Working Group was unable to meet this past month. Members proposed meeting again on November 6th after 2:00 p.m. The Legislative Assistant will make arrangements.

9.3.2 Updates from the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association & Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance 2017 Fall Conference – Pictou – September 27 – 29, 2017

Commissioner Graham and Deputy Chief McNeil provided a follow up on the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association & Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance 2017 Fall Conference.

9.4 HRP/RCMP CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Halifax Regional Police, provided updates beyond what was included in the Information Item No. 3 - Information Report – Chief of Halifax Regional Police dated October 16, 2017, noting the following:

- Review of section 163(1) of the Motor Vehicle Act on stunting, which states “Any person who operates a motor vehicle on a highway in a race, in a contest, while performing a stunt or on a bet or wager shall be guilty of an offence” which can lead to a \$2242 fine, loss of points and seizure of vehicle.
- The new Wellness Coordinator, Melanie Bower, has been hired and will be presenting to the Board in December.
- Updates on the Drug Exhibit Audit will be provided to the Board in November and December, with the completing report scheduled for January 2018.

Responding to a question about the status of the formation of the Halifax Regional Police Foundation, Chief Blais advised that the foundation is set up, a volunteer board will be arranged, and communications will go out.

Responding to a question about traffic noise, Chief Blais advised that HRP are working with the Transportation Standing Committee to put forward a request to the Minister of Transportation for changes to the Motor Vehicle Act with regard to excessive vehicle noise.

Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP, provided updates beyond what was included in the Information Item No. 4 - Information Report – Officer in Charge Halifax District RCMP dated October 16, 2017, noting the following:

- Officers have received IARD (Immediate Action Rapid Deployment) training for active shooter situations.
- A harm reduction policy has been prepared for consistent deployment in reporting of naloxone use.
- Education is underway on motor vehicle “stunting”.
- The Director of Finance for the Department of Justice will be attending the December Board meeting to provide further information to the Board on the RCMP H Division Budget.

10. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

That the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera (In Private) to address a Personnel Matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m. to convene In Camera.

The public session reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

11.1 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

11.1.1 Chief of Police Performance Plan 2017-2018 – Board Consultation

This matter was addressed during the In Camera (In Private) session.

The following motion was ratified during the public session:

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Beals

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the 2017/18 Action Plan by Chief Blais and consult with the Chief Administrative Officer for resources concerning the implementation of the plan and related policy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - November 20, 2017

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant