



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 2018**

PRESENT: Commissioner Steve Craig, Chair
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Tony Mancini
Commissioner Waye Mason

REGRETS: Commissioner Carlos Beals
Commissioner Sylvia Parris

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
Katherine Salsman, Solicitor, HRM Legal Services
David Perusse, Legislative Assistant

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**Board of Police Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m., and the Board moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 12:57 p.m. The Board reconvened to the public session at 1:06 p.m. and adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the special meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. Halifax District Funding Request – Regular Member Resource - Original Report & Addendum – Inspector Robert Doyle, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP

The following was before the Board:

- Report titled “Halifax District Funding Request - Regular Member Resources” dated January 15, 2018, with addendum dated January 29, 2018.

Inspector Robert Doyle, RCMP, Halifax District Detachment, provided the Board with the following updated information as it relates to the RCMP, Halifax District Detachment’s funding request:

- The RCMP, Halifax District Detachment, does not see utilizing civilian staff to replace school resourcing officers as a viable option to reduce operational pressures, due to the policing expertise required for the role.
- Speaking to the impact that a failure to grant the additional funding would have on the RCMP, Halifax District Detachment’s operations, it was noted that the level of police services would likely be negatively impacted. One example cited is that school resourcing officers may have to be reassigned to meet operational pressures.
- Additional officers would have a positive impact on overtime both in terms of the RCMP, Halifax District Detachment’s budget, as well as the wellbeing of its regular members.
- With regards to police resource sharing with other jurisdictions, it was noted that this would be more of a short-term remedy that would not provide a realistic long-term solution for meeting operational needs.
- If the request for additional officers were granted, then these additional resources would realistically see implementation beginning in late 2018.
- Inspector Robert Doyle noted the current and anticipated operational pressures leading the RCMP, Halifax District Detachment to make the request. Specifically, they cited increased mental health service calls, increased cybercrime, the growing opioid crisis, and the impending legalization of cannabis.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners add the requested increase of six officers for the RCMP, Halifax District Detachment, as set out in the report dated January 15, 2018, for inclusion in the proposed 18/19 budget.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, clarified that the motion before the Board is to add the RCMP, Halifax District Detachment's request for an additional six officers to the proposed budget being forwarded to Regional Council for approval. The motion does not in itself approve the addition of \$877,890 to the proposed budget. As the report before the Board implies a phased-in approach to the implementation of these funding requests, it would not be an addition of \$877,890 as outlined in the said report. Rather, approximately ¼ of that amount would be added to the budget for 2018/2019, as the actual implementation of the requests would not take effect until late in 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PAST.

The Chair thanked Inspector Robert Doyle for providing the Board with an updated overview of the funding request.

5. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Mason.

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 5.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

In accordance with s. 51 of the NS *Police Act*, the Board moved In Camera (In Private) at 12:57 p.m.

5.1 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

The Board reconvened in public session at 1:06 p.m.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 26, 2018

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

David Perusse
Legislative Assistant