



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 15, 2018**

PRESENT: Commissioner Steve Craig, Chair
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Wayne Mason
Commissioner Carlos Beals
Commissioner Natalie Borden
Commissioner Tony Mancini

REGRETS: Commissioner Anthony Thomas

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
Martin Ward, Solicitor, HRM Legal Services
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The Board convened to In Camera (In Private) at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened to public session at 3:10 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Steve Craig, Chair called the meeting to order in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 16, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the minutes of July 16, 2018 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

Information Item 3 - Officer in Charge (OIC) Halifax District RCMP – October 15, 2018.

MOVED by Commissioner Beals, seconded by Commissioner Borden

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third Majority Vote Required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Beals inquired if there had been any follow up received from the Human Rights Commission respecting the omission of the communities of North and East Dartmouth from the Public Street Check Survey. Beals advised that all communities should have an equal opportunity to participate in the survey.

Commissioner Craig indicated that correspondence to the Human Rights Commission can be sent on behalf of the Board indicating those concerns.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Clerk's Office received correspondence from the Canadian Association of Police Governance, which was circulated to members of the Board.

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentations

7.3.1 Nova Scotia Criminal Justice System - Judge Frank Hoskins

Judge Frank Hoskins provided the Board with a presentation on the criminal justice system in Nova Scotia. Hoskins provided an overview of the criminal justice system including commentary on the Criminal Code and the role of the Provincial Court which has jurisdiction over most criminal offences.

Hoskins gave an overview of the professional and educational background required of a Judge and provided commentary on their role as an arbiter independent of the Government of Nova Scotia. Hoskins concluded by noting the importance of an independent and objective judiciary to ensure fairness in the criminal justice system.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Cannabis Related Enforcement in HRM

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation titled “Nuisance and Smoking Compliance Program”

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, and Kelly Denty, Director of Planning & Development provided a presentation on Cannabis Related Enforcement in HRM.

In response to questions from the Board, Dubé and Denty noted the following:

- Discussions are currently underway with the province respecting the resourcing required to effectively enforce Nuisance and Smoking Compliance program in HRM. The costs associated with enforcement of the program could range from \$2.5 to \$3.3 million over several years.
- The Chief Administrative Office will be monitoring the program on a weekly basis; a report to both Regional Council and the Board of Police Commissioners on the program can be anticipated in six months.
- Staff are assessing requests for designated smoking areas by business owners who have completed the application process made available on halifax.ca.

In response to questions from the Board, Chief Jean Michel Blais advised that complaints have been received on HRP’s non-emergency line for matters typically dealt with by HRM By-law enforcement that fall outside normal hours of operation. Blais further advised that HRP will respond to By-law enforcement issues in this regard on a priority basis.

In response to a follow up question, Blais advised that HRP has conducted several searches of cannabis dispensaries that had been operating illegally.

Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman provided commentary on combined efforts to shut down illegal cannabis dispensaries noting instances where illicit drugs, firearms, and money had been recovered as part of the searches. Bergerman advised that both the RCMP and HRP have a good working relationship with HRM By-law enforcement.

9.1.2 Police Services Review - Update

Jacques Dubé provided the Board with an update on the Police Services Review being undertaken by Perivale and Taylor Consulting. Dubé highlighted the following:

- The current review will not focus on the joint policing model in HRM.
- There is a deep body of knowledge including several reviews on policing in HRM which have been conducted over the past twenty years, including reports prepared by the same consulting firm.
- The intent of the review is to not duplicate work that has already been done but rather gain information on trend analysis, operational efficiencies, personnel, metrics, and technology improvements.
- The review is being directed from the Chief Administrative Office and a Governance group and working committee has been selected to facilitate the process.
- The project timeline is on track to complete the work by June of 2019, as Perival and Taylor has already begun its analysis.

9.1.3 HRP Chief of Police Recruitment - Update

Jacques Dubé provided the Board with an update on the ongoing recruitment process for the new Chief of the HRP. Dubé noted that the Executive Recruitment contract has been awarded to Knightsbridge Roberston Surette and advised that the firm will be in position to start the recruitment process by the beginning of November.

9.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

9.2.1 Canadian Association of Police Governance Strategic Planning Request

The following was before the Board:

- Correspondence from the Canadian Association of Police Governance dated October 9, 2018

Commissioner McDougall spoke to the Board about the CAPG request to participate in a strategic planning practices project for police governance bodies.

MOVED by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners recommend participation of the HRM Board of Police Commissioners in the CAPG proposed strategic planning practices project for police governance bodies, as outlined in the CAPG correspondence dated October 9, 2018 and request a staff report detailing potential funding options.

Commissioners held a brief discussion with respect to the benefits of participation in the proposed strategic planning project and potential leadership role of the HRM Board in police governance on a national scale.

In response to questions from the Commission, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer noted the following:

- Not all boards and police commissions are created equal in terms of resourcing and budget capacity.
- Potential funding contributions from municipal police boards towards the proposed study should have a resource equity consideration (population, size of board/police budget, etc) given the differences in national board governance structures.
- Further information should be obtained from the CAPG and included in the staff report respecting the CAPG's budget for the Strategic Planning Practices project, the total cost of the study, all

available funding sources, and whether a formula can be provided to municipalities to determine an appropriate level of funding for each participant Police Board to contribute.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

9.3.1 Management Employee Relations Committee - Update

Commissioner Borden had advised that there are no updates to provide the Board with respect to the Management Employee Relations Committee at the current time.

9.3.2 Canadian Association of Police Governance Board – Update

Commissioner McDougall provided the Board with an update on the CAPG Governance Board meeting. McDougall advised of recent CAPG conference held in Toronto where all members were asked to commit to a Committee. McDougall chose membership on the First Nations Committee and noted that regular reporting on its activities will be provided to the Board.

9.3.3 Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board – Update

Commissioner McDougall provided the Board with an update on the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance report.

9.3.4 Strategic Plan Refresh Session with BOPC – October 19, 2018

Commissioner Craig provided the Board with an update on the Strategic Plan Refresh Session, noting that the Strategic Planning Engagement Session will take place on October 19, 2018.

9.3.5 Halifax Regional Police Budget Events Timeline Review

The following was before the Board:

- Halifax Regional Police Business Plan/Budget Events Timeline

Chief Blais provided a brief overview of the Halifax Regional Police Budget Events Timeline Review. Blais advised that HRP staff are working with HRM administration to prepare budget materials for deliberation.

Craig Horton, Financial Coordinator, provided an overview of the financial forecasting timelines and a detailed assessment of the Period Five financial statements.

9.4 HRP/RCMP CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Jean-Michel Blais, Halifax Regional Police, provided the Board with an overview of the Chief's Monthly report to the Board.

Chief Blais provided further detail about the Police Memorial Service which will take place at 1:00 p.m. on October 21, 2018 encouraging the Board's attendance subject to availability.

Chief Superintendent Lee Bergerman provided the Board with an overview of the monthly OIC (Officer in Charge) report from the RCMP.

10. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

11. IN CAMERA (In Private)

11.1 Security Matter (HRP IT Security audit update – Andrew Kozma)

A matter pertaining to security of police operations.

This matter was discussed In Camera (In Private). No further action was required.

11.2 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – July 16, 2018

The following motion was approved in public session:

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Mason

That the In Camera (In Private) minutes of July 16, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 19, 2018

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant