



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
July 17, 2019**

PRESENT: Commissioner Carole McDougall, Acting-Chair
Commissioner Tony Mancini
Commissioner Natalie Borden
Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Carlos Beals
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Caroline Blair-Smith, Director, HRM Human Resources
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP
Deputy Chief Robin McNeil, HRP
Superintendent Colleen Kelly, HRP
Inspector Robert Doyle, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP
Sergeant Chris Romanchych, RCMP
Amy Siciliano, HRP Public Safety Advisor
Martin Ward, Solicitor
David Perusse, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. and moved In Camera (In Private) at 1:13 p.m. The Board reconvened in public session at 1:55 p.m. and adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting-Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1.1 Presentation to Commissioner Steve Craig

Commissioner Carole McDougall, Acting-Chair, Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District RCMP, presented Steve Craig with gifts in thanks for their work and contributions to the Board of Police Commissioners.

1.2 Welcome to Chief Dan Kinsella and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray

The Acting-Chair welcomed Chief Dan Kinsella and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray to their new roles with the Halifax Regional Police, as well as the Halifax District RCMP, and welcomed them to the Board of Police Commissioners.

1.3 Election of Chair

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Beals

THAT Commissioner Natalie Borden be nominated for the position of Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Borden accepted the nomination.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Legislative Assistant called three (3) times for any further nominations. There being none, Commissioner Borden was declared Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Borden took the Chair at 12:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Beals, seconded by Commissioner Thomas

THAT the minutes of June 17, 2019 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

11.3 Personnel Matter

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-thirds vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Borden requested an update from HRP staff regarding the progress on the inclusion of the HRP Code of Conduct in the Board's Terms of Reference in By-law P-100, as well as the progress on the Community Communication Strategy, both of which arose from the June 17, 2019 meeting of the Board.

Chief Kinsella noted that HRP staff would not be responsible for any amendments to By-law P-100. With regards to the Community Communication Strategy, they noted that HRP staff are consulting with the Department of Justice, and have future plans to consult with Nova Scotia Legal Aid on the Community Engagement Strategy.

The Chair thanked Chief Kinsella for the update.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

Following up on item 7.1.1 Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission – Street Checks Legal Opinion, from the June 17, 2019 meeting of the Board, Commissioner McDougall noted that they have been in touch with Kimberly Franklyn from the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission (NSHRC), who noted that they anticipate receiving a legal opinion on the legality of street checks in September of 2019. This will likely then return to the Board for discussion at their October meeting.

The Chair thanked Commissioner McDougall for the update.

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentations - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 HRM Police Services Review – Update

Caroline Blair-Smith, Director, HRM Human Resources, on behalf of the Chief Administrative Officer, provided the Board with an update on the Police Services Review, noting that the consultants are in the final stages of drafting a report. They noted that there has been a slight adjustment in the timeline for when the final report is expected to go before Halifax Regional Council, with the report now targeting Halifax Regional Council for September of 2019. They added that after the report goes to Council, it can then be forwarded to the Board for its review.

The Chair thanked Blair-Smith for the update.

9.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

9.2.1 Commissioner Borden - HRP Strategic Plan Phase II Quarterly Report Template

Commissioner Borden provided the Board with an update on the HRP Strategic Plan Phase II Quarterly Report Template, noting that they have been working with HRP staff on finalizing the reporting templates. They noted that they anticipate the final strategic plan reporting template to be completed for the Board's September meeting.

9.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

9.3.1 Management Employee Relations Committee - NONE

9.3.2 Canadian Association of Police Governance Board - NONE

9.3.3 Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board

Commissioner McDougall provided the Board with an update on the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board, noting that the Board met in June in Truro. They noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September to coincide with the annual conference for Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police. They encouraged Commissioners to attend.

The Chair thanked Commissioner McDougall for the update.

9.3.4 Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference Calgary, August 8-11, 2019

Commissioner McDougall reminded interested Commissioners to sign up to attend the annual Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference in Calgary, taking place from August 8-11. They noted that the First Nations Police Governance Council Conference will be taking place on August 8, 2019, with about seventy-five (75) attendees currently registered. They added that one of the key topics of the Conference will be murdered and missing aboriginal women.

The Chair thanked Commissioner McDougall for the update.

9.4 HRP/RCMP CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP, and Inspector Robert Doyle, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP, provided with the Board with an update on policing cannabis shops in the wake of cannabis legalization. They noted that the Halifax District RCMP have been employing several strategies for policing these shops, including reaching out to the operators requesting that they cease and desist with their activities, which typically is all that is needed.

They additionally noted a number of Halifax District RCMP personnel updates, noting that Inspector Kevin O'Blenis has been promoted to the Cybercrime section in British Columbia. Senior staff are currently taking steps to fill his position.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray additionally provided the Board with an update on the RCMP's move towards uniform reporting under the "Vision 150" program.

Commissioner Borden requested that the Board receive a presentation on the Vision 150 program at a future meeting.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, provided the Board with an update, noting that they have been reaching out to various municipal offices and business units to build working relationship between the HRM and HRP.

Responding to questions from members of the Board, Chief Kinsella noted that they are aware of the issues surrounding the use of the fallen officer's monument in Parade Square, and that HRP staff are working on a plan for how to address these issues in the future.

The Chair thanked Inspector Doyle, Chief Superintendent Gray, and Chief Kinsella for the updates.

10. ADDED ITEMS

Commissioner McDougall requested that the rules of procedure be waived so that the Board might pass a motion acknowledging and thanking Inspector Robert Doyle, and Deputy Chief Robin McNeil for their contributions in their interim roles as Acting-Chief Superintendent, and Acting-Chief.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Beals

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners acknowledge and formally thank Inspector Robert Doyle, Halifax District RCMP, and Deputy Chief Robin McNeil, Halifax Regional Police, for their work as Acting-Chief Superintendent, and Acting-Chief.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. IN CAMERA (In Private)

The Board of Police Commissioners may rise and go into a private In Camera (In Private) session, in accordance with Section 51 of the Nova Scotia Police Act for the purposes of dealing with the following;

11.1 Approval of In Camera (In Private) Minutes – June 17, 2019

The following item was dealt with by the Board In Camera (In Private), and the following was ratified during public session:

MOVED by Commissioner Beals, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the June 17, 2019 In Camera (In Private) minutes as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2 Security Matter

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

The following item was dealt with by the Board In Camera (In Private), and no further action was required.

11.3 Personnel Matter

A matter relating to an identifiable individual.

The following item was dealt with by the Board In Camera (In Private), and no further action was required.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- August 19, 2019 (Cancelled)
- September 16, 2019

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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David Perusse
Legislative Assistant