



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
February 10, 2020**

PRESENT: Commissioner Carole McDougall, A/Chair
Commissioner Tony Mancini
Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Tony Mancini
Commissioner Carlos Beals

REGRETS: Commissioner Natalie Borden, Chair
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Dan Kinsella, HRP
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Detachment, RCMP
Superintendent Don MacLean, HRP
Amy Siciliano, HRM Public Safety Advisor
Katharine Salsman, Solicitor
Craig Horton, Financial Coordinator, HRP
Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Clerk

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 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., at Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle St., Halifax.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners noted a number of Community Announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Smith

THAT the minutes of January 20, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Beals

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

In response to questions related to the proposed 2020/2021 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget, Chief Dan Kinsella advised that HRP's budget amounts to roughly 22 percent of the overall Halifax Regional Municipality operating budget.

In response to a follow up question, Kinsella advised that access to information fees relative to street checks will be waived and that professional standards complaints from the public can be facilitated by visiting the HRP website.

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 Presentations – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Community Survey – Update

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation entitled “Public Perception and Engagement Study Proposal”

Margaret Brigley, CEO and Partner of Narrative Research provided an overview of the Public Perception and Engagement Study Proposal being conducted for Halifax Regional Police and the Halifax District RCMP. Highlights of the presentation included:

- An overview of Key Research objectives; measuring citizen satisfaction with police services from HRP and Halifax District RCMP; determining public perception of police services providers and how they differ across HRM; Assessing citizen perception of police priorities; understanding how perceptions vary across key audiences; and ensuring that key measures are established to provide benchmarking and tracking of performance.
- An overview of the two phased approach to the engagement study which includes professionally moderated community public engagement sessions (phase 1) that will influence the development of quantitative telephone and online survey (phase 2).
- An overview of the research team and methodology used to conduct market research surveys.
- An overview of next steps including the preparation of a final report and presentation to the Board of Police Commissioners respecting the findings of the study

Brigley responded to questions from the Board regarding the set up and location of the proposed in person Community Consultations. Commissioners noted that in person consultation sessions in traditionally marginalized communities would be important to the overall success of the engagement strategy and that professional facilitators from the Community should be considered. Further, the Board advised that computer literacy in some communities and among some demographics may be a challenge with respect to the online survey. The Board noted that in person support from Narrative Research Associates to assist with the online survey would positively contribute to the success of the strategy.

10.1.2 HRM Wortley Report Recommendations – Update

- **Community Engagement**
- **Data Collection**
- **Street Check Ban**

Chief Kinsella provided an update on HRP’s progress regarding the Wortley Report recommendations including information relating to community engagement, data collection, and the street check ban. Kinsella advised of on ongoing engagement strategies, such as the Narrative Research study on police perception and noted that further updates will be provided to the Board once available.

Kinsella advised that data purge is scheduled to take place on December 2020 and that HRP have covered off all of the report’s recommendations with respect to the Street Check Ban scenario.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray provided an update on the Halifax District RCMP’s progress with the HRM Wortley Report recommendations including information relating to community engagement, data collection, and the street check ban. Gray provided an overview of a joint meeting held with HRP and provincial Department of Justice to discuss progress on the implementation of the Wortley recommendations.

10.1.3 Outstanding Items from the 2018 BOPC Work Plan – Update

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A draft policy document entitled “Community Survey to Measure Trust and Confidence”
- A draft policy document entitled “Board Self-Evaluation”

- A draft policy document entitled “Extra-Duty and Off-Duty Employment”
- A draft presentation entitled “Halifax Board of Police Commissioners Orientation for New Members”

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners forward the Outstanding items from the 2018 BOPC Work Plan to HRM Legal Services for review prior to adoption.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.4 2020 BOPC Work Plan – Update

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- The 2020 BOPC Work Plan document

Commissioner MacDougall provided an overview of the 2020 Board of Police Commissioners work plan advising of next steps and the required follow up from the Board. The Board discussed a need to develop a community engagement plan for the Board as part of the 2020 work plan.

Commissioner MacDougall noted that each Commissioner was assigned action items at the last work planning session and encouraged members to bring back a status update for the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

10.1.5 Follow-Up on Presentations from January 20, 2020 BOPC Meeting

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation from Harry Critchley entitled “Sobering Centres”
- A presentation from Dr. Leah Genge entitled “Managed Alcohol Programs”

Commissioner Smith advised that a notice of motion with respect to the presentations on Sobering Centres and Managed Alcohol programming will be brought to Halifax Regional Council at its next regular meeting. Smith noted that the proposed motion will request a staff report on the feasibility of implementing sobering centre facilities and managed alcohol programs in HRM. Smith further advised that the report request is being directed to Regional Council due to the resourcing requirements to complete the report given that the scope of work is quite large.

Commissioners discussed the importance of ensuring that the Halifax District RCMP are included in the proposed feasibility study.

In response to a follow up question, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer advised that a staff report of this nature would likely fall in the six to eight-month timeframe for completion.

10.1.6 HRP & RCMP Budget – Update

Chief Kinsella provided an overview of the budget process noted that the proposed 2020/2021 HRP Budget and Business Plan was presented to the Budget Committee on February 5, 2020. The Budget Committee subsequently approved an operating under budget option for the Halifax Regional Police in the amount of \$157,500 during consideration of the Budget Adjustment List which will take place on February 12, 2020. Chief Kinsella noted that if approved, a revised budget will be presented to the Board of Police Commissioner with further recommendation on how the under-budget option will be applied.

Jacques Dubé provided an overview of Halifax Regional Council’s budget process and advised that the Board of Police Commissioner will need to look at scheduling a special meeting to deliberate the revised

HRP budget prior to March 1, 2020 to ensure that all the necessary information is in place for Council to consider the final budget later that month.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray noted that the RCMP budget will not be available until April 2020. Gray further advised that the RCMP are proposing an extra resource for RCMP and are working with HRM staff and the Department of Justice to bring that request forward. Gray advised that if approved by Council, the extra resource will be in place by 2021.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10.3.1 Management Employee Relations Committee - Update

Commissioner MacDougall advised that the Management Employee Relations Committee has not met recently but that a meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2020.

10.3.2 Canadian Association of Police Governance Board – Update

Commissioner MacDougall noted attendance at the Canadian Association of Police Governance Board summit is Toronto. MacDougall gave an overview of the one-day event that was focused on arbitration and governance scenarios. MacDougall concluded that the session was very informative and was a good opportunity to network with Board counterparts from across the country.

10.3.3 Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board – Update

Commissioner MacDougall advised that there was no update to provide on the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board.

10.4 HRP/RCMP CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Kinsella provided an overview on the following:

- The promotion of Inspectors Nicolls and Boone which took place on January 21, 2020.
- The ongoing staff sergeant promotional process and the hiring process for two new Deputy Chiefs.
- Updates on the peaceful removal of an offender during a stand-off and the commencement of HRP's first homicide investigation of the new year.

Chief Superintendent Gray provided an overview of the following:

- Updates to the Halifax District RCMP complaints procedure process.
- Updated procedures respecting paedophile complaints
- Halifax District RCMP Motor Vehicle Act charges

In response to a follow up question, Chief Kinsella advised that all items are seized from illegal cannabis dispensaries in evidence are maintained for only as long as required. Kinsella noted that the evidence is destroyed after it is not longer required as evidence by the courts. Kinsella noted that HRP is working together with the RCMP to maintain evidence storage, and if required would find alternative storage facilities if required.

11. ADDED ITEMS

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

13. IN CAMERA (In Private)

13.1 Approval of In Camera (In Private) Minutes – January 20, 2020

The following motion was passed in public session:

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beals

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the January 20, 2020 In Camera (In Private) minutes as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- March 9, 2020 (*one week early due to March Break*)
- April 20, 2020

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Liam MacSween
A/Deputy Clerk