



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 21, 2020**

PRESENT: Commissioner Natalie Borden, Chair
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice Chair
Commissioner Tony Mancini
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Carlos Beals

REGRETS: Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Detachment RCMP
Sergeant Ken Burton, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Erin Pepper, Halifax District Detachment RCMP
Inspector Greg Robertson, Information Management Officer
Christine Hudy, RCMP Training Programs
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Robyn Dean, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. and adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the ancestral unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners noted a number of special community announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 17, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the minutes of August 17, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Commissioners requested that 10.2.4 Defunding the Police – Further Discussion be dealt with ahead of item 10.1.1 Board of Police Commissioners Annual Report - 2019.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that general correspondence was received. All correspondence was circulated to the Board.

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentations – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Board of Police Commissioners Annual Report – 2019

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A draft information report from the Chair of the Board of Police Commissionaires dated September 9, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Approve the 2019 Board of Police Commissioners annual report as presented; and**
- 2. Direct that the approved 2019 Board of Police Commissioners annual report be forwarded to Halifax Regional Council for information.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 HRM Wortley Report Recommendations – Update

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

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A spreadsheet dated September 21, 2020

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police updated the Board on their progress with the HRM Wortley Report. Chief Kinsella and Chief Superintendent Gray spoke to holding the street check data indefinitely, both nationally and divisionally, and working with communities to access the information. Chief Kinsella also stated that cultural sensitivity training was scheduled October 19-23, 2020 in follow up to the apology around street checks.

The Chair clarified that there was no plan or established timeline to purge the street check data at the end of September 2020. They noted that Commissioner Smith was working with staff on a plan to obtain community input.

10.1.3 Overview of Cadet Training

10.1.3 (i) HRP

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation entitled “2021 Police Science Program”

Sergeant Ken Burton gave an overview of the 38-week HRP Police Science Program, recruitment, and training. The Board discussed the presentation with Sergeant Burton and Chief Kinsella responding to questions.

10.1.3 (ii) RCMP

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A document entitled “RCMP Mission Statement”
- A document entitled “Community Policing: CAPRA Problem Solving Model”
- A document entitled “Version 9 Cadet Training Program: Applied Police Sciences Outline”
- A document entitled “Incident Management Intervention Model”

Christine Hudy, RCMP Training Programs, gave an overview of the RCMP’s 26-week Cadet Training Program and responded to questions from the Board.

10.1.4 FOIPOP & ATIP Process

10.1.4 (i) HRP

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation entitled “Access to Information Process: Routine Disclosure and FOIPOP”

Inspector Greg Robertson, Information Management Officer, Halifax Regional Police provided an overview of the *Freedom of Information Protection and Privacy Act* (FOIPOP) process and responded to questions from the Board.

10.1.4 (ii) RCMP

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation entitled “Access to Information & Privacy (ATIP)”

Inspector Erin Pepper, Halifax District Detachment, Royal Canadian Mounted Police provided an overview on the Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) process. The Board discussed the presentation with Inspector Pepper responding to questions.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Policy Review – Board of Police Commissioners Involvement

Commissioner Borden noted that this item of the 2019/2020 workplan is still unclaimed and reminded Commissioners to follow-up with them if they are interested in taking on the policy review.

10.2.2 Status Update on Independent Opinion on Legal Council for Board of Police Commissioners Report

Commissioner Borden noted that a meeting to discuss this report with Commissioner Smith is needed before staff can move forward.

10.2.3 Status Update on Body Worn Video Pilot Project Report

Chief Kinsella spoke to the establishment of a Working Group tasked to come up with a plan for body cameras and noted that a report will be prepared targeting the Board’s next meeting in November.

10.2.4 Defunding the Police – Further Discussion

Commissioner Borden stepped down and Commissioner McDougall assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner Borden, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners appoint El Jones to develop a proposal, for the Board's review and approval, on the composition of a Committee to recommend a definition of defunding the police and investments to support communities and public safety.

The Board discussed the appointment and involvement of El Jones to develop a proposal on the composition of a Committee and the solicitor responding to procedural questions. During the discussion the Commissioner McDougall passed the Chair back to Commissioner Borden to speak to the motion, following which Commissioner McDougall resumed as Chair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Borden assumed the Chair.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10.3.1 Management Employee Relations Committee – Update

Chair provided an update on the Management Employee Relations Committee and noted that more detail was provided in Information Items No. 1 and 2.

10.3.2 Canadian Association of Police Governance Board – Update

Commissioner McDougall noted an upcoming virtual conference hosted by the Canadian Association of Police Governance Board and extended an invitation to anyone interested in participating.

10.3.3 Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board – Update

Commissioner McDougall noted that the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG) has not met since their last update. It was also noted that Commissioner McDougall anticipated that the NSAPG would be meeting in person soon.

10.4 HRP/RCMP CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Kinsella spoke to an increase in stunting offences in the municipality and noted work being done by the Halifax Regional Police Traffic Unit and Patrol Officers to control this activity. Chief Kinsella also noted that Cadet recruitment for the 2020/21 Police Sciences Program has recently begun and invited applications for the role of Emergency Response Communicator.

Chief Superintendent Gray recognized members of their team for their efforts during the pandemic. It was also noted that the Body Worn Video Pilot Project is being rolled out in Nunavut.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (In Private)

13.1 Approval of In Camera (In Private) Minutes – August 17, 2020

This item was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the August 17, 2020 In Camera (In Private) minutes as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 16, 2020 *(no October meetings due to the election)*

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Krista Vining
Legislative Assistant