



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
December 14, 2020**

PRESENT: Commissioner Natalie Borden, Chair
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Becky Kent
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

REGRETS: Commissioner Carlos Beals

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Jane Fraser, Chief Financial Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Detachment RCMP
Inspector Greg Robertson, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Erin Pepper, Halifax District Detachment RCMP
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. and adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the ancestral unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

The Chair welcomed Commissioner Kent to the Board, acknowledged the contribution of former Commissioner Tony Mancini which will be more formally acknowledged at a future meeting.

1.1 Swearing in of Commissioner Becky Kent

Becky Kent was sworn-in as Commissioner of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

No community announcements were noted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the minutes of November 16, 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 10.1.5 - Update on the Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program, 10.1.3 - Halifax Regional Police 2021/2022 Budget, 10.1.4 - Royal Canadian Mounted Police 2021/2022 Budget and 10.2.1 - Update on Board of Police Commissioners Support for Committee on Defunding the Police be dealt with ahead of item 7 - Consideration of Deferred Business.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Two-third majority vote required.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Proceeds of Crime

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

7.2 Summary Offence Ticket Funds

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

7.3 Update on Community Survey

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

7.4 Update on BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS 2019/2020 Workplan

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

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

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

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 Presentation – NONE

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 HRM Wortley Report Recommendations – Update

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

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

10.1.2 Proposed 2021/2022 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Schedule

Motion:

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the proposed 2021 meeting schedule as presented.

Commissioners requested that the locations in the meeting schedule be changed to indicate that when in person meetings resume that meeting locations will include meetings at Halifax Hall and in the community as determined by the Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.3 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE 2021/2022 Budget – Presentation from Halifax Regional Police

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation titled “Summary of 2021/22 to 2024/25 DRAFT Budget Adjustments”

Craig Horton, Financial Coordinator for the Halifax Regional Police, provided a brief presentation on proposed 2021/22 Halifax Regional Police Budget and responded to Board questions.

Chief Kinsella responded to Board questions.

Jane Fraser, Chief Financial Officer responded to Board questions regarding Halifax Regional Police's 2021/22 budget targets.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to Board questions about the progress of current Halifax Regional Police union contract negotiations.

10.1.4 Royal Canadian Mounted Police 2021/2022 Budget

Chief Superintendent Gray provided an update regarding Royal Canadian Mounted Police's current year's budget to the Board and the status of the Province's approval regarding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's 2021/22 Budget request.

10.1.5 Update on the Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program – Presentations from Halifax Regional Police & Royal Canadian Mounted Police

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A handout titled "Proposal for Phased Implementation and Estimate of Costing"
- A presentation titled "Proposal for Phased Implementation and Estimate of Costing"

Chief Kinsella and Inspector Greg Robertson, of Halifax Regional Police provided a presentation on the Body-Worn Camera Implementation Program and responded to Board questions.

Chief Superintendent Gray also provided an update on the Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program and responded to questions from the Board.

Commissioners requested that Halifax Regional Police provide further research and a policy framework to the Board for review and consideration.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent and seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners defer this item to a future meeting pending receipt of further information from Halifax Regional Police.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.6 Overview of Officer Training – Presentations from Halifax Regional Police & Royal Canadian Mounted Police

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

10.1.7 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Equity and Diversity Initiative

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

10.1.8 Update on Potential Legislation for Police Articles

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Update on Board of Police Commissioners Support for Committee on Defunding the Police

Commissioners Carole McDougall and Lisa Blackburn reported to the Board regarding key supports that their working group identified as items that they would like the Board of Police Commissioners to be able to supply to the Committee on Defunding the Police. The working group advised the Board regarding the Clerk's Office response to their requests. The working group would like to further investigate the provision of American Sign Language interpretation for the Committee on Defunding the Police's public meetings and a budget to allow for honorariums. The working group suggested that a budget for the Committee on Defunding the Police could come from the remaining funds in the Board of Police Commissioners 2020/21 budget.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer advised the Board that honorariums or stipends for Halifax Regional Municipality committee members have been used in rare situations where Regional Council has voted to approve such measures. Dubé advised the Board that staff will require further study and possibly direction from Regional Council on how to proceed in a similar direction with the Committee on Defunding the Police.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners allocate up to \$9,000 from the Board of Police Commissioners Budget to fund the formation of the Committee on Defund the Police pending confirmation of the Board's jurisdiction to do so.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn and seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the meeting time be extended beyond 3:30 to complete items 10.2.1 and 10.1.2.

MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING TIME PUT AND PASSED

Two-third majority vote required.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent and seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT item 10.1.2 be brought forward before item 10.1.6 - Overview of Officer Training and that the remaining items on the agenda be deferred to the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10.3.1 Management Employee Relations Committee – Update

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

10.3.2 Canadian Association of Police Governance Board – Update

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

10.3.3 Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board – Update

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

This item was deferred to the next meeting of Board of Police Commissioners.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (In Private) – NONE

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 18, 2021 *(rescheduled from December 21, 2020)*

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant