



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
January 18, 2021**

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Natalie Borden

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/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
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. and adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner McDougall, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

1.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

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

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Commissioner Smith was declared Chair of Board of Police Commissioners

The Chair then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT Commissioner McDougall be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Commissioner McDougall was declared Vice Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

No community announcements were noted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –December 14, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the minutes of December 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT items 7.4 - Update on Board of Police Commissioners 2019/2020 Workplan and 7.8 - Update on Potential Legislation for Police Articles be deferred to the February 8, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police provided an update on proceeds of crime distribution and responded to Board questions.

The Board expressed a desire for more information regarding how the proceeds of crime are distributed and that these funds could be used to help improve community development and community groups.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Beals

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Request a supplemental report based on, Item 7.1 Proceeds of Crime, outlining the distribution steps for proceeds of crime including process for sale of any seized property and requirements for dispersal of proceeds from seized materials, including case studies as appropriate and any available balance, if available.**
- 2. Provide this supplemental report prior to the March 8, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners meeting.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Summary Offence Ticket Funds

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police provided an update on summary offence ticket funds and responded to Board questions.

Martin Ward, Solicitor clarified the types of offenses that are subject to summary offense tickets.

Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer answered Board questions regarding how the portion of summary offense ticket funds that are sent to Halifax Regional Municipality are distributed.

7.3 Update on Community Survey

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police provided an update on the procurement process and design of the community survey and responded to Board questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners defer Item 7.3 to the March 8, 2021 meeting pending receipt of a supplemental report detailing the background of the Community Survey,

specifically the Survey's original goals and a list of items that Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police require direction from the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.4 Update on Board of Police Commissioners 2019/2020 Workplan

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A handout titled "Halifax Board of Police Commissioners Work Plan – 2020"

During the approval of the order of business, this matter was deferred to the next regular meeting of Board of Police Commissioners on February 8, 2021.

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

Martin Ward, Solicitor and Commissioner Smith, Chair briefed the Board regarding the background of item 7.5. Ward confirmed that a staff report on this item is being prepared for submission to the Board at the March 2021 meeting.

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

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police sought Board clarification regarding the scope of information on this item being sought by the Board.

The Board discussed items they would like the presentation on training to include. Halifax Regional Police will provide a list of training items to future agenda review meeting for confirmation by the Chair.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk advised the Board that deferred items need to be resolved by the Board within 6 months of deferment.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners defer Item 7.6 to a future Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.7 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Equity and Diversity Initiative

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police provided an update on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Equity and Diversity Initiative and responded to Board questions.

7.8 Update on Potential Legislation for Police Articles

During the approval of the order of business, this matter was deferred to the next regular meeting of Board of Police Commissioners on February 8, 2021.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that no correspondence was received.

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

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A spreadsheet dated January 2021

Chief Dan 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 Halifax Regional Municipality Wortley Report.

10.1.2 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 “Body-Worn Video technology at Halifax Regional Police - Supplementary Report”

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police and Inspector Greg Robertson, Halifax Regional Police provided a supplemental report that includes a draft policy framework and research on body-worn video technology and responded to Board questions.

The Board discussed the importance of managing expectations regarding the release of video recordings and privacy considerations, how body-worn video policy will manage accountability when video is not turned on, the impacts of body-worn video on racialized communities and how incidents that are not recorded using body-worn video will be documented.

Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer answered Board questions regarding how the financing of a body-worn video pilot or implementation project would fit into HRM’s annual budgeting process.

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners support Body-Worn Video in principal and ask the Chief of Halifax Regional Police to develop the appropriate policies and work plan related to rolling out a program, and come back to the Board with the budget asks for the upcoming 2021-22 budget (for development of a policy and to conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment) and for the 2022-23 budget for potential implementation subject to Capital Budget approval.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Moved by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Beals

THAT the meeting time be extended by 15 minutes to complete items 10.2.1 and 10.2.2.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Commissioner McDougall – Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual

The following was before the Board:

- Halifax Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual dated January 2020
- Motion Memo dated January 18, 2021

Commissioner McDougall provided the Board with a brief overview of the revised Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual. McDougall recommended approval of the revised Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual and advised the Board that if any further adjustments are identified by Commissioners such updates can happen at a future meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Approve and adopt the revised Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual, as circulated at the January 18, 2021 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
- 2. Make the approved Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual available to the public by having it posted to the Board of Police Commissioner's webpage on Halifax.ca.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Commissioners Carole McDougall and Lisa Blackburn provided updates to the Board regarding item the Board of Police Commissioners support for the Committee on Defunding the Police.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Direct the Working Group, formed on November 16, 2020 to determine the composition of the Committee on Defunding, to draft Terms of Reference for the Committee on Defunding based upon the report supplied to the Board of Police Commissioners at the Board's December 14, 2020 meeting; and**
- 2. Submit these draft Terms of Reference to the Board of Police Commissioners for consideration and ratification by the Board of Police Commissioners at a future meeting.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES - NONE

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

This item was deferred to the next regular 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 28, 2021 Special Meeting re Halifax Regional Police proposed 2021/2022 budget. Next regular meeting is February 8, 2021.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant