



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
March 8, 2021**

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

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted 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 2:29 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lindell Smith, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, who are the original peoples. The Chair also acknowledged the celebration of International Women's Day.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2021 and February 18, 2021 (Special)

MOVED by Commissioner Borden, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the minutes of February 8, 2021 and February 18, 2021 (Special) be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: NONE

Deletions: NONE

Board agreed to consider item 10.2.1 - BOPC Committee to Define Defunding Police Terms of Reference before item 7.1.

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

7.1 Proceeds of Crime – Deferred January 18, 2021

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation from Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Divisions entitled "Proceeds of Crime Nova Scotia"

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented an update regarding the provincial Department of Justice's initial work regarding the proceeds of crime process. Gray answered Board questions. A copy of the staff presentation is on file.

7.2 Update on Community Survey – Deferred January 18, 2021

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 8, 2021

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, answered Board questions regarding the timing of the HRM Policing Community Survey.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners request that a proposal for a Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Policing Community Survey be developed based on discussions at the March 8, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners meeting and that Halifax Regional Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police return to a future Board of Police Commissioners meeting with a proposal.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that general correspondence was received and circulated to the Committee.

8.2 Petitions

8.3 Presentations

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**
- **Preparation for Two Year Wortley Report Summary**

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, updated the Board on Halifax Regional Police's progress with the HRM Wortley Report Recommendations and answered Board questions.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, updated the Board on the Halifax District's progress with the HRM Wortley Report Recommendations.

The Chair asked the Board for comments regarding what sort of review the Board would like regarding the progress of the HRM Wortley Report recommendations as the two year anniversary of the Wortley Report approaches. The Board discussed the content of the two year review. The Chair will consult with the Chief Kinsella and Chief Superintendent Gray. A draft review document will be presented to the Board for their review and comment at a future meeting.

10.1.2 Halifax Regional Police Information Technology Audit Action Plan

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, updated the Board on Halifax Regional Police's action plan regarding the accomplishment of the recommendations in the Auditor General's information technology security audit.

Kinsella confirmed that formal reporting regarding Halifax Regional Police's progress, including a checklist of each audit recommendation, will begin at the Board's next meeting.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Commissioner McDougall – BOPC Committee to Define Defunding Police Terms of Reference

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 4, 2021

El Jones provided the Board with an update regarding the progress of the Committee to Define Defunding Police. Jones advised the Board that the Committee has questions regarding logistics for public engagement meetings and the online community survey. Jones answered Board questions. Jones will submit the list of Committee member names to the Board and will return to the Board at its next meeting with a revised timeline for the Committee's work.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, advised the Board regarding the logistical support that may be provided to the Committee.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk, confirmed that a separate motion will not be required to confirm the appointment of members to the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Approve the Terms of Reference, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the report dated March 4, 2021, for the Committee to Define Defunding Police.**
- 2. Approve the formation of the Committee to Define Defunding Police, directing the Committee to follow the Terms of Reference in completion of the Committee's role to review relevant research and conduct community engagements to allow citizens to express their view regarding the definition of Defunding Police.**
- 3. The Committee to Define Defunding Police shall submit a written report to the Board of Police Commissioners.**

Commissioner McDougall briefed the Board regarding the background of the formation of the Committee to Define Defunding Police and the proposed Terms of Reference for the Committee. McDougall answered Board questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10.3.1 Management Employee Relations Committee

The Chair indicated there is no update because the most recent meeting of the Management Employee Relations Committee was rescheduled.

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, provided the Board updates regarding the Halifax District's operations. Gray answered Board questions.

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, provided the Board updates regarding Halifax Regional Police's operations. Kinsella answered Board questions.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner McDougall requested that the Board receive a presentation from the new Chair of the Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner.

13. IN CAMERA (In Private)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 8, 2021 and February 18, 2021 (Special)

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 8, 2021 and February 18, 2021 (Special) be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Security Matter

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 19, 2021

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant