



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
September 20, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Lindell Smith, Chair
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice Chair
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Harry Critchley
Commissioner Becky Kent
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

GUESTS: Carlos Beals

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Senior Solicitor
Andrew Gough, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Royal Canadian Mounted Police District
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m., the Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 4:57 p.m. the Committee adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 Presentation to Carlos Beals, former Commissioner of the Board of Police Commissioners

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax Royal Canadian Mounted Police District (Halifax RCMP District), presented past Board of Police Commissioners Commissioner Carlos Beals thanks for their service to the Board and the community.

1.2 Swearing in of Commissioners Yemi Akindoju and Harry Critchley

Yemi Akindoju and Harry Critchley were sworn-in as Commissioners of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners noted community announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 19, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the minutes of July 19, 2021 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

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners defer receiving the petition from East Cast Prison Justice Society and discussion of the request in the petition to the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

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

Correspondence was received and circulated to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk, responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Critchley requested that correspondence received by the Clerk's Office on July 20, 2021 from Councillor Waye Mason be brought forward to the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

8.2 Petitions

8.2.1 Commissioner Critchley

Commissioner Critchley submitted a petition with approximately 2,038 signatures requesting that the Board of Police Commissioners order an independent, civilian review of the Halifax Regional Police actions during the mass evictions that occurred on August 18, 2021.

8.3 Presentation – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Title

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- An information report dated September 16, 2021
- A motion memorandum dated September 20, 2021
- A presentation dated September 20, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Approve and adopt the Board of Police Commissioners Two-Year Wortley Report Summary, as circulated at the September 20, 2021 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
- 2. Make the approved Board of Police Commissioners Two-Year Wortley Report Summary available to the public by posting it to the Board of Police Commissioner's webpage on Halifax.ca.**

Councillor Lindell Smith, Chair, gave a presentation on the Two-Year Wortley Report Summary and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, gave a presentation on the progress of Halifax Regional Police on the Wortley Report recommendations and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax RCMP District, gave a presentation on the progress of Halifax RCMP District on the Wortley Report recommendations and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 Halifax Regional Police Information Technology Audit Report – September Update

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A staff information report dated September 20, 2021

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, gave a presentation regarding the Halifax Regional Police's progress with the completion of the Auditor General's information technology audit recommendations and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax RCMP District, responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Commissioner McDougall – Board of Police Commissioners Work Plan Session

Commissioner McDougall, Vice Chair, gave a presentation on the Board of Police Commissioners work plan session and responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

10.2.2 Commissioner McDougall – Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A motion memorandum dated September 20, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the registration of the Board of Police Commissioners at the Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference to be held virtually from September 28 to 30, 2021.

Commissioner McDougall, Vice Chair, proposed that the registration for the Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference also include registration to the First Nations Conference scheduled for September 27, 2021, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the registration of the Board of Police Commissioners at the Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference to be held virtually from September 27 to 30, 2021.

Commissioner McDougall, gave a presentation on the virtual Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES – NONE

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, gave an update on recent Halifax Regional Police initiatives to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax RCMP District, gave an update on recent and upcoming Halifax RCMP District initiatives and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Kinsella responded to questions of clarification regarding police actions on August 18, 2021 and police identification policies from the Board of Police Commissioners. Chief Kinsella indicated that Halifax Regional Police would share current Halifax Regional Police identification policies at a future meeting.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners meeting be extended beyond 3:30 pm.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Items.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Private and Confidential Information Item 2. Correspondence dated August 30, 2021

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

That Halifax Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Forward the complaint received by the Municipal Clerk's Office on August 30, 2021 to the Police Complaints Commissioner per section 73(6) of the *Police Act*.**
- 2. Direct that the contents of the in-camera session of the September 20, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners meeting be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Security Matter
2. Correspondence dated August 30, 2021

14. NOTICE OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 18, 2021

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant