



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
DRAFT MINUTES  
November 15, 2021**

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Anthony Thomas  
Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF: 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 following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m., and recessed at 2:16 p.m. the Commission reconvened in at 2:24 p.m. the Commission moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:36 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. the Commission adjourned at 3:31 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

## **2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners noted community announcements.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 18, 2021**

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

**THAT the minutes of October 18, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

After the minutes were approved, the Legislative Assistant noted a clerical error in Item 11.1 of the October 18, 2021 minutes. This clerical error has been corrected.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**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 – October 18, 2021**

### **7.1 Drafting of HRP and RCMP Communication Policy Where Police Complaint Investigation is Ongoing or a Complaint is Reasonably Foreseeable**

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A Request for Consideration from Commissioner Critchley dated November 15, 2021
- A Request for Consideration from Commissioner Critchley dated October 18, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

**THAT the Board of Police Commissioners prepare a draft of a communication policy (to be received and reviewed by the Board at their January meeting) which will apply to the HRP and will be recommended to apply to the RCMP. This policy will limit but not prohibit the ability of police to make public statements about matters that: (1) are currently the subject of a police complaint investigation, or (2) for which it is reasonably foreseeable that a complaint will be filed in the near future.**

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Harry Critchley, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Martin Ward, Solicitor advised the Board of Police Commissioners of the Commission's mandate to create a communications policy for Halifax Regional Police and the appropriate procedure to follow to prepare and approve a policy. Ward responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners. Kinsella agreed to present existing Halifax Regional Police communications policy to the Commission at a future meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

**THAT item 7.1 Drafting of HRP and RCMP Communication Policy Where Police Complaint Investigation is Ongoing or a Complaint is Reasonably Foreseeable be deferred to the first quarter of 2022 pending a staff report that includes the following:**

- 1. details from Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding existing departmental communications policies;**
- 2. timelines for the creation of proposed policy;**
- 3. provide responsibilities for drafting of proposed policy; and**
- 4. advice regarding whether the proposed policy falls within the Board of Police Commissioners' jurisdiction.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

### **8.1 Correspondence**

Correspondence was received and circulated.

### **8.2 Petitions – None**

### **8.3 Presentation – None**

## **9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **10. REPORTS**

### **10.1 STAFF**

#### **10.1.1 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Business Plan Update**

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A staff report from Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police dated November 15, 2021

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

#### **10.1.2 Halifax Regional Police Strategic Plan Update**

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- A staff report from Halifax Regional Police dated November 15, 2021

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

**10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS – NONE**

**10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES – NONE**

**10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES**

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

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police gave an update on recent and upcoming Halifax Regional Police initiatives and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

**11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE**

**13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

**THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.2 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER and 13.3 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – October 18, 2021**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of October 18, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.2 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER**

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

**13.3 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER**

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

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

**THAT the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the recommendation as discussed in the private and confidential session on November 15, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 13, 2021**

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**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood  
Legislative Assistant