



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
January 17, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Harry Critchley
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief
Financial Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Andrew Gough, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Acting Chief Superintendent Darren Campbell, 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 12:40 p.m., and recessed at 3:15 p.m. the Commission reconvened in at 3:20 p.m. the Commission adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:40 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 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Iain MacLean called three times for any further nominations.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT nominations cease for the position of Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

There being no additional nominations, Commissioner Smith was declared Chair of Board of Police Commissioners

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

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

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.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT nominations cease for the position of Vice Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

There being no additional nominations, Commissioner McDougall was declared Vice Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners noted community announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the minutes of December 13, 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

The Chair requested that Item 7.1 Request for Consideration – Commissioner Critchley be the first order of business after Item 6 Conflict of Interest.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Further to an inquiry regarding Item 10.1.3 Review of Proposed Board of Police Commissioners 2022 Meeting Schedule from the Board's December 13, 2021 meeting, the Municipal Clerk advised that the staff report on this item will be submitted at the Board's February 28, 2022 meeting.

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 Proposed Operating Budget – December 13, 2021

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A staff report from Halifax Regional Police dated December 13, 2021
- A staff presentation Halifax Regional Police dated December 13, 2021
- A staff supplemental presentation from Halifax Regional Police dated January 17, 2022
- Correspondence from Joanne Bealy, Martha Paynter, Sgt. Dean Stienburg President of the Halifax Regional Police Association, Nina Cherry, Hekuran Hani, Laura Dakin, Lynn Bessoudo, Delaine Tiniakos-Doran, Juniper Littlefield

The following motion was on the floor:

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Thomas

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Approve the proposed Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget for 2022/2023 as presented at the December 13, 2021 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners; and**
- 2. Recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget for 2022/2023, as approved by the Board of Police Commissioners at their December 13, 2021 meeting.**

(i) Request for Consideration – Commissioner Critchley

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners hold a special online meeting to give members of the general public an opportunity to provide input and feedback regarding the proposed HRP budget for fiscal 2022/23.

The Chair advised the Board of Police Commissioners of the procedures that would be followed for the proposed special online meeting if the motion was approved that the Board of Police Commissioners.

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

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, gave a presentation with supplementary information regarding Halifax Regional Police's 2022/23 proposed operating budget and responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

A copy of the staff presentation is on file.

Deputy Chief Reid McCoombs, Operational Support, Halifax Regional Police, responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners defer item 7.1 Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 Proposed Operating Budget to the Special Board of Police Commissioners meeting regarding the Halifax Regional Police Budget.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 7.1, 8.3.1 and 10.2.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation

8.3.1 Presentation – Regarding Proposed Budget Increase for Halifax Regional Police: Bad Neighbours – Collins Ellison

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation request letter dated January 7, 2022
- Correspondence from Collins Ellison dated January 10, 2022

Collins Ellison, of Halifax, spoke regarding the negative interactions he experienced with Halifax police. Ellison also commented that Halifax police do not function well at providing mental health supports,

particularly with underhoused individuals. Ellison requested an expansion of the mobile mental health crisis team. Ellison responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

8.3.2 Presentation – Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Overarching Provincial Structure – Hayley Crichton, Executive Director of Public Safety & Security, Public Safety & Security Division, Department of Justice

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation dated January 17, 2022

Hayley Crichton, Executive Director of Public Safety & Security, Public Safety & Security Division, Department of Justice, gave a presentation regarding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Provincial Police Service Agreement and responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

A copy of the presentation is on file.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF – NONE

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Commissioner Smith – Submission of the Board of Police Commissioners Subcommittee to Define Defunding Police Report – Defunding the Police: Defining the Way Forward for HRM

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Board of Police Commissioners Subcommittee to Define Defunding Police report dated January 14, 2022
- Board of Police Commissioners Subcommittee to Define Defunding Police presentation dated January 17, 2022
- Correspondence from Lynn Bessoudo, Martha Paynter, Ross MacDonald

El Jones, Chair of Board of Police Commissioners Subcommittee to Define Defunding Police, gave a presentation on the Subcommittee's report – Defunding the Police: Defining the Way Forward for HRM and responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

A copy of the presentation is on file.

As the meeting was near the end of its' three hour scheduled meeting time, the Board of Police Commissioners agreed to discuss the Subcommittee's report more in depth at their next regular meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners accept the report from the Board of Police Commissioners Subcommittee to Define Defunding Police and thank the Subcommittee for its preparation and submission of their report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Commissioner McDougall – Canadian Association of Police Governance 2022 Webinar Series

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Motion memorandum

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the registration of the Board of Police Commissioners in the Canadian Association of Police Governance 2022 Webinar Series, as outlined in Attachment A of the January 5, 2022 staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES – NONE

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

As the meeting would lose quorum at 4:30 p.m., the Board of Police Commissioners agreed to defer this item to their next regular meeting.

The Chair asked the Chiefs to email important updates to him for circulation to the Board of Police Commissioners.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – December 13, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of December 13, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Commissioners Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting the Board of Police Commissioners, I intend to move a motion to propose that the Board of Police Commissioners strike a subcommittee made up of up to three members to review the recommendations of the Board of Police Commissioners Subcommittee to Define Defunding Police report and determine the body responsible for their completion.

14.2 Commissioners McDougall

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, I intend to move a motion to propose that the Board of Police Commissioners send a proposal to the Canadian Association of Police Governance expressing the Board of Police Commissioners' interest in hosting the Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference in 2024.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 28, 2022

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant