



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
March 9, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief
Financial Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. and the Board of Police Commissioners
adjourned at 6:42 p.m.*

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

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

Additions:

- Item 5.1 Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2022 - Revised

Deletions: None

Item 5.1 Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2022 – Revised to be considered before Item 4 Revised Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 Proposed Operating Budget.

MOVED by Commissioners Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall,

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. REVISED HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE 2022/23 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Correspondence from Matt Stickland, Victoria Levack
- Staff presentation dated March 9, 2022

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police gave a presentation on the referral of the proposed 2022/23 net operating budget from Budget Committee back to the Board of Police Commissioners and the new revised options over budget.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the increase in Halifax Regional Police Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions set out in the revised Options over Budget - Financial Summary in slide 5 of Halifax Regional Police March 9, 2022 presentation to the Board of Police Commissioners; and**
- 2. Recommend that Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 Budget and Business Plan, as approved by the Board of Police Commissioners on March 9, 2022 subject to Regional Council's approval of any increase in FTEs.**

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, Craig Horton, Financial Coordinator, Halifax Regional Police, and Inspector Greg Robertson, Information Management, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, Bruce Fisher, Manager, Financial Policy & Planning, and Martin Ward, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

That part 1 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

Recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the increase in Halifax Regional Police Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions set out in the amended revised Options over Budget - Financial Summary in slide 5 of Halifax Regional Police March 9, 2022 presentation to the Board of Police Commissioners, so that the following FTE positions are recommended for approval:

- **8 FTE Patrol Constables, ongoing cost of \$662,933.33,**
- **1 FTE Hate Unit Detective Constables, ongoing cost of \$82,850.00,**
- **1 FTE Reintegration Pilot Program Constable, ongoing cost of \$82,900,**
- **4 Part-Time Emergency Response Communicators, ongoing cost of \$316,550.00, and**
- **1 FTE Victim Services Case Worker, ongoing cost of \$88,600**

for a total ongoing cost of \$1,233,833.33.

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police noted his objection to the proposed amendment as being out of order as it deals with Halifax Regional Police's operational decision-making.

Martin Ward, Solicitor advised the Board of Police Commissioners that the proposed amendment is in order due to the consultative powers given to the Board of Police Commissions in sections 53 and 57 of the *Police Act*. It is the Commission's responsibility to review the proposed budget and make recommendations to Regional Council that will assist Council in their determination of the global amount of Halifax Regional Police's budget and the composition of the force.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion to amend was withdrawn with consent of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners defer Item 4 Revised Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 Proposed Operating Budget including the main motion tabled by Commissioner Blackburn and the amending motion tabled by Commissioner Critchley be deferred to a future meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, and Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer advised the Board of Police Commissioners regarding the impacts of the Board of Police Commissioners deferring their decision upon the timelines for the larger HRM budget process.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion to defer was withdrawn with consent of the Board of Police Commissioners.

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2022 - Revised

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the minutes of January 31, 2022 - Revised be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 Commissioner Critchley

TAKE NOTICE that, at the March 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, I intend to move a motion that the Board of Police Commissioners seek an independent legal opinion relating to the Commission's jurisdiction under the *Police Act*, including how it relates to the review and approval of the annual Halifax Regional Police budget.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 21, 2022

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant