



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
April 25, 2022**

**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

**STAFF:** Martin Ward, Solicitor  
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police  
Inspector Dustine Rodier, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

*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 12:32 p.m., and recessed at 1:58 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners reconvened in at 2:06 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 4:35 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned at 4:40 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The 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, and that we are all treaty people.

## **2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners noted community announcements.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2022**

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

**THAT the minutes of March 21, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- Item 11.1 IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – LEGAL ADVICE
- Item 11.2 Commissioner Blackburn Update – Newly Institute

Deletions: None

MOVED by Commissioners McDougall, seconded by Commissioners Kent,

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

## **6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

## **7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

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

### **8.1 Correspondence – None**

### **8.2 Petitions – None**

### **8.3 Presentation**

#### **8.3.1 Presentation – Police Trauma and Moral Injury and How it Relates to Staffing Issues with Halifax Regional Police – Ardath Whynacht**

Ardath Whynacht gave a presentation on the role that trauma experienced by police officers on the job creates officer burnout and moral injury resulting in staffing issues. Whynacht advised that de-tasking of various police responsibilities would be a more appropriate response to reduce police trauma and moral injury than approving Halifax Regional Police budgetary requests to fund additional staffing. Whynacht responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

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

### **10. REPORTS**

#### **10.1 STAFF**

##### **10.1.1 Halifax Regional Police Information Technology Audit Report – April Update**

The following was before the Commission:

- Staff information report dated April 25, 2022

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, gave an update on Halifax Regional Police progress on the information technology audit public recommendations and advised that work on all of the public recommendations is completed. Kinsella responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

##### **10.1.2 Halifax Regional Police Presentation on 911 Services**

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated April 25, 2022

Inspector Greg Robertson, Information Management Officer, Tracy MacKay, Dispatch Supervisor, and Jamie Juteau, Dispatch Supervisor, Halifax Regional Police, gave a presentation on Integrated Emergency Services (IES). IES is an integrated emergency dispatch centre responsible for answering and processing all calls made to 911 within HRM; including Halifax Regional Police, Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services, Halifax International Airport Fire and Police and Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP).

Chief Dan Kinsella, Inspector Robertson, MacKay and Juteau responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

##### **10.1.3 Board of Police Commissioners – Recurring Agenda Items (2022)**

The following was before the Board:

- Handout dated April 25, 2022

The Chair advised the Board of Police Commissioners regarding the Commission's recurring agenda items for 2022 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**

#### **10.3.1 Commissioners McDougall – Representation on Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance and Canadian Association of Police Governance**

Commissioner McDougall gave an update on the Board of Police Commissioners' representation on the boards of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance and the Canadian Association of Police Governance.

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

Inspector Dustine Rodier, Halifax District RCMP, gave an update on recent and upcoming Halifax District RCMP staffing announcements and operational matters.

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**

### **11.1 IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – LEGAL ADVICE MATTER – *Private and Confidential***

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

### **11.2 Commissioner Blackburn Update – Newly Institute**

Commissioner Blackburn gave an update regarding their meeting with Dr. Rob Tanguay of the Newly Institute in Calgary, Alberta who works with assisting first responders suffering with PTSD with their return to work. Commissioner Blackburn advised that the Board of Police Commissioners may wish to receive a presentation from Dr. Tanguay in the future.

Martin Ward, Solicitor, responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners regarding the Commission's presentation policy.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk, advised the Commission of the Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual rules regarding presentations.

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

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

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

**THAT Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Security Matter, Item 11.1 IN CAMERA – LEGAL ADVICE MATTER and Item 13.1 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **13.1 PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER – *Private and Confidential***

During the In Camera (In Private) discussion of this item Commissioner Smith stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner McDougall assumed the Chair.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

**THAT the item be deferred to a future meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the reasons discussed during their In Camera session.**

**MOTION TO DEFER 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 – NONE**

## **15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 16, 2022**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood  
Legislative Assistant