



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
September 7, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Becky Kent
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Martin Ward, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Jeremie Landry, Acting District Commander, 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 12:34 p.m., and recessed at 1:56 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners reconvened in at 2:05 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:34 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 special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 6, 2022, July 18, 2022 and August 25, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the minutes of July 6, 2022, July 18, 2022 and August 25, 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 Commissioner Smith - Board Policy Respecting Extra-Duty Employment
- Item 11.2 Commissioner McDougall - Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference Virtual Registration

Deletions: None

Deferred to a future meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Item 7.1 Case 20396 – Planning Policy Review of the Burnside Comprehensive Development District (Example)

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners waive notice of motion as set out in section 49(1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, for Item 11.1 Commissioner Smith - Board Policy Respecting Extra-Duty Employment and Item 11.2 Commissioner McDougall - Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference Virtual Registration.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Commissioner Critchley declared a conflict of interest for Item 10.3.1 Commissioner Smith - Response to the Recommendations of the Nova Scotia Police Review Board.

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 – Use of Force and Arrest Policies in the Context of Executing Warrants in African Nova Scotian communities – *El Jones*

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police gave an update on September 1, 2022 release of Dr. Timothy Bryan's report on the provincial Committee Recommendations on Collection of Race-Based Police Data, recruitment, staffing announcements, a summary of key operational activities, recent and upcoming Halifax Regional Police initiatives. Kinsella responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners including confirmation that a response to barricaded persons policy is included in the Halifax Regional Police's policy refresh and confirmation of Halifax Regional Police's sharing of documentation, answering of questions, testimony and ongoing round table participation with the Mass Casualty Commission.

Inspector Jeremie Landry, Acting District Commander, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) gave an update on staffing announcements including the selection of Chief Superintendent Jeff Christie as the permanent Halifax District Commander starting prior to the end of 2022, recruitment, a summary of key operational activities and recent Halifax District RCMP initiatives. Landry responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 Overview of Police Transformation Study

The following was before the Board:

- Presentation dated September 7, 2022

Bill Moore, Project Manager Public Safety, Tara Macpherson, Partner, Community Safety & Justice, Consulting & Deals, PwC Canada and Josh Oviatt, Manager, Digital Operations, PwC Canada gave a presentation on the Policing Model Transformation Study being conducted for Regional Council. Moore indicated that a final report will be submitted to Regional Council in October with a presentation to Regional Council in November.

Oviatt and Macpherson responded to questions of clarification from the Board including confirmation of discussions with the Department of Justice to align the study with provincial policing standards and details of the envisioning sessions held by PwC with approximately twenty stakeholder groups.

Conor O'Dea, Senior Policy Advisor answered questions of clarification from the Board regarding the alignment of the police transformation study with HRM's ongoing renewal of its' public safety strategy.

10.2.2 Enforcement of the Protection of Property Act at Homeless Encampment Sites in Municipal Parks

The following was before the Board:

- Staff information report dated September 7, 2022
- Staff information report dated August 3, 2022

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police and Inspector Jeremie Landry, Acting District Commander, Halifax District RCMP updated the Board regarding the ongoing response to homeless encampments and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Commissioner Smith stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner McDougall assumed the Chair.

10.3 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.3.1 Commissioner Smith - Response to the Recommendations of the Nova Scotia Police Review Board

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners consideration form from Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Critchley was recused from the meeting during consideration of this item having declared a conflict interest in the matter.

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Chair of the Board of the Police Commissioners direct the chief officer of the Halifax Regional Police to prepare a staff report responding to the recommendations of the Nova Scotia Police Review Board and outlining:

- 1. If Halifax Regional Police will be implementing the suggestions put forward by the Review Board;**
- 2. What training and education is in place for officers for the three topics outlined in the Nova Scotia Police Review Board decision;**
- 3. Highlighting improvement opportunities in education or training related to the outlined topics; and**
- 4. A plan to address the necessary improvements.**

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police updated the Board regarding their review of the Nova Scotia Police Review Board May 16, 2022 decision into the appeal brought by Ms. Jeannette Rogers, the parent of Mr. Corey Rogers and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Critchley rejoined the meeting at this time.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Commissioner Smith - Board Policy Respecting Extra-Duty Employment

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners consideration form from Commissioner Smith

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

That the Board of Police Commissioners direct the Chief of Police to present to the Board proposed written policies respecting extra-duty employment and off-duty employment by members of the Halifax Regional Police for review and adoption by the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners as Board policies.

Martin Ward, Solicitor and Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Commissioner Smith proposed amendments that Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police present their current policies respecting extra-duty employment and off-duty employment to the Board and that Halifax Regional Police's extra-duty employment and off-duty employment policies be made available to the public. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners direct the Chief of Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police to;

- 1. Present to the Board written policies respecting extra-duty employment and off-duty employment by members of the Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police for review;**
- 2. Review section 56(1) of the Police Act that requires that the Board establish a written policy for extra-duty employment and off-duty employment by police officers, and ensure the Board is adhering to out legislative duties;**
- 3. Make current policies available to the public as referenced in the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Smith resumed the Chair.

11.2 Commissioner McDougall - Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference Virtual Registration

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners consideration form from Commissioner McDougall

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the registration of the Board of Police Commissioners as a virtual participant at the Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference and First Nations Police Governance Conference to be held in-person and virtually in Saskatoon from September 7 to 11, 2022. The Board's virtual registration will be for up to five attendees including Commissioner Yemi Akindoju.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – July 18, 2022 and August 25, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of July 18, 2022 and August 25, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION 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 – October 5, 2022

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant