



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
September 6, 2023**

PRESENT: Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair
Commissioner Harry Critchley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju

REGRETS: Commissioner Lindell Smith – Parental Accommodation
Commissioner Gavin Giles
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Cathie O’Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Josh Bates, Policing Policy Strategist
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Catie Campbell, 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 4:11 p.m., and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:50 p.m. The Board reconvened at 5:24 p.m. and adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:11 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 ANNOUCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 2, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the minutes of August 2, 2023 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 Halifax Regional Police Staff Update

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Critchley requested that Item 11 Halifax Regional Police Staff Update be considered prior to Item 5.

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 – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

9.1 Commissioner Critchley – Update on Police-Specific Implementation of Dr. Timothy Bryan's Report on Development of a Framework for Race-Based Police Data Collection in Nova Scotia

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated April 26, 2023

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Board. Kinsella noted the Wortley Report Research Committee's Subcommittee tasked with the development

and implementation of race-based data collection system was working towards a coordinated Province wide solution including a technological piece.

9.2 Commissioner Critchley – Response to Nova Scotia Police Review Board Decision Regarding Halifax Regional Police’s Prisoner Care Facility Procedures

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated July 5, 2023

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police and Bill Moore, Executive Director, Community Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board. Kinsella highlighted ongoing work with stakeholders to identify and understand long term effects of addiction and influence on care. Moore discussed the process for issuing a Request for Proposal for implementing the Sobering Centre.

9.3 Commissioner Critchley – Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Review Report of July 14, 2022

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated July 6, 2023

No discussion was held on this matter.

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Chief Updates

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police gave a summary of key operational activities and provided community announcements. Kinsella highlighted students return to school and responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding Dalhousie homecoming events and noted that Halifax Regional Police had been working closely with Dalhousie to develop a plan.

Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Officer in Charge, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police gave a summary of key operational activities, staffing updates and highlighted the recent 25th anniversary of the Swissair memorial.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 Board of Police Commissioners 2022-2023 Annual Report

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated August 23, 2023

Josh Bates, Policing Policy Strategist gave an overview of the proposed 2022-2023 Annual Report and noted the legislative requirements for the Board to provide annual reports to Regional Council. Bates highlighted strategic priorities for the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Forward the report dated August 23, 2023 to Regional Council for information; and**
- 2. Form a working group to finalize action items and timeframes associated with strategic priorities**

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the motion be amended to add:

3. Appoint Commissioners Blackburn, Giles, Critchley and Kent to the working group.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant advised that the Rules of Procedure indicate that a working group would need to be made up of less than half of the Board's current appointed members as anything greater would constitute a regular Board meeting.

As provided for in section 53(1)(a) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion to amend was withdrawn with consent of Councillor Blackburn.

The question was called on the main question:

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.3.1 Commissioner Blackburn – Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Conference

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve Commissioner Blackburn's registration at the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Conference to be held in-person in Bridgewater from September 13-15, 2023. Commissioner Blackburn will attend the conference in their role as the Board of Police Commissioners' representative to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 COMMISSIONER UPDATES – NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Halifax Regional Police Staff Update

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police announced their retirement from Halifax Regional Police effective September 15, 2023 and advised that an Acting Chief of Police would be appointed in the interim. Kinsella thanked members of Halifax Regional Police, family members, previous employers, community partners and Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) staff for their continued support. Kinsella noted their commitment to collaborating with HRM on the recruitment of a new Chief.

The Chair noted Chief Kinsella's commitment to policing and community service over their 37 years of service. As well, the Chair highlighted the Board's commitment to working closely with HRM to ensure a smooth transition and that the search for a new Chief would begin in fall 2023.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) minutes – June 14, 2023 - Revised, July 10, 2023 and July 12, 2023

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

That the In Camera (In Private) minutes of June 14, 2023 - Revised, July 10, 2023 and July 12, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.2 PERSONAL MATTER – Private and Confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential

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

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioner adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 20, 2023

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant