



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 4, 2023**

PRESENT: Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair
Commissioner Harry Critchley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Gavin Giles

REGRETS: Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF: Josh Bates, Policing Policy Strategist
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m., and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 6:00 p.m. The Board reconvened at 6:54 p.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 6, 2023 and September 20, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the minutes of September 6, 2023 and September 20, 2023 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

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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 – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Officer in Charge, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police gave a summary of key operational activities, upcoming events and staffing updates. Christie recognized Indigenous Heritage Month and responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding the budgeting process.

Martin Ward, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding quorum requirements and meeting proceedings.

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police gave a summary of staffing updates, key operational activities and community announcements. MacLean provided an overview of Halifax Regional Police's

(HRP) response to unsanctioned student street parties in the south end of Halifax over the past weekend and HRP's operational plan for responding to Dalhousie University's student events at the Garrison Grounds planned for the upcoming weekend. MacLean responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding communication with Dalhousie University.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police Response to Mental Health Calls Data

The following was before the Board:

- Halifax Regional Police report dated October 4, 2023
- Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated October 4, 2023
- Extract from the May 3, 2023 Board of Police Commissioner minutes

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police and Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Officer in Charge, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) spoke to the topic. MacLean, Christie and Bill Moore, Executive Director, Community Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board. Christie noted work with a Department of Justice working group to determine alternative service delivery options for mental health responses and the scope of the mobile mental health team. MacLean noted ongoing communication with ambulance services and other Police Chief's. Moore outlined Halifax Regional Municipality's mobile mental health services team and collaboration with Halifax District RCMP and Halifax Regional Police to develop further options.

10.2.2 Follow Up Update on Options for the Implementation of the Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review Model

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated September 27, 2023
- Extract from the July 12, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners minutes

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police spoke to the topic and responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding next steps for implementation.

Martin Ward, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding meeting materials and the public report process.

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners defer Item 10.2.2 to a future meeting of the Board in order for Halifax Regional Police to provide further information on the progress of the implementation of the Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review Model.

Commissioner Critchley proposed the addition of "including identification of the police resourcing required to implement the model". 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 Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners defer Item 10.2.2 to a future meeting of the Board in order for Halifax Regional Police to provide further information on the progress of the implementation of the Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review Model including identification of the police resourcing required to implement the model.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.3.1 Commissioner Akindoju - Canadian Association of Police Governance Board of Director Strategic Session

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Consideration form from Commissioner Akindoju

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Smith

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve Commissioner Yemi Akindoju to attend the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Board of Directors Strategic Session to be held in-person in Vancouver from November 18-21, 2023, as the Board's CAPG representative, and that the Board of Police Commissioners assume all travel related costs associated with attending this strategic session.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10.4.1 Commissioner Akindoju - Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference

Commissioner Akindoju spoke to the topic and noted key themes of the event and highlighted their contribution to the conference.

10.4.2 Commissioner Blackburn - Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Annual Conference

The following was before the Board:

- Handout from Commissioner Blackburn

Commissioner Blackburn spoke to the topic and noted key themes of the event and Halifax Regional Municipality's role in the conference.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – September 6, 2023 and September 20, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Smith

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of September 6, 2023 and September 20, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before the Board:

- Private and confidential report dated August 1, 2023
- Private and confidential handout dated September 18, 2023
- Private and confidential handout dated October 4, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Smith

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private); and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated August 1, 2023 and the private and confidential handouts dated September 18, 2023 and October 4, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 18, 2023

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant