



## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

### MINUTES January 8, 2024

- PRESENT: Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair  
Commissioner Gavin Giles, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Lindell Smith  
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn  
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju  
Commissioner Anthony Thomas
- REGRETS: Commissioner Harry Critchley
- STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer  
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services  
/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer  
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant  
Jamie D'Angelo, 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 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 1:02 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 1:04 p.m. The Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 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.

### **1.1 Annual Election of Chair**

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Giles

**THAT Commissioner Kent be nominated Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.**

Commissioner Kent was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

**THAT Commissioner Kent be appointed Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Commissioner Kent was declared the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Kent assumed the Chair.

### **1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Kent called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

**THAT Commissioner Giles be nominated Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.**

Commissioner Giles was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

**THAT Commissioner Giles be appointed Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Commissioner Giles was declared the Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioner.

## **2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2023**

MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

**THAT the minutes of December 13, 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 Giles, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

**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**

**7.1 Royal Canadian Mounted Police 2024/25 Funding Request - Supplemental Information – December 13, 2023**

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated December 13, 2023
- Extract from the December 13, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners draft minutes
- Correspondence from Brian Sauvé, Steve Graham
- Staff presentation dated December 13, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

**THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality recommend that the Halifax Regional Municipality Budget Committee consider the Halifax Regional Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police resource request for additional six (6) regular member positions, as set out in the staff report dated December 13, 2023, as part of the budget deliberations for the 2024-2025 operating budget.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**8.1 Correspondence**

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 7.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

**8.2 Petitions – None**

**8.3 Presentation – None**

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

**10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**10.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES**

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police provided updates on recruitment and a summary of key operational activities. MacLean responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Inspector Jeffrey Mitchell, Management & Administration Services Officer, Halifax Regional Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police spoke to key operational activities. Mitchell responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

**10.2 STAFF**

**10.2.1 Rate of police officers per 100,000 population ('cop to pop' ratio)**

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated January 8, 2024

Chief Don MacLean, spoke to the topic.

**10.3 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS – NONE**

**10.4 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES – NONE**

**11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

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

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 4, 2024**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Jamie D'Angelo  
Legislative Assistant