



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES February 3, 2025

PRESENT: Commissioner Gavin Giles, Chair
Commissioner Greg O'Malley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Becky Kent
Commissioner Tony Mancini
Commissioner Virginia Hinch

REGRETS: Commissioner Yemi Akindoju

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, K.C., General Counsel
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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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.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer noted that Bill Moore would become the Commissioner of Public Safety effective February 10, 2025. O'Toole highlighted that Bill Moore would be the senior administrative official attending the Board meetings after onboarding was completed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 15, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Hinch, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the minutes of January 15, 2025 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 O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

As provided for in section 10 (5) of Administrative Policy One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Board of Police Commissioners*, Commissioner Mancini requested that Information Item 2 – Halifax Regional Police Bi-Annual Crime Statistics Report (July – December, 2023-24) and Information Item 3 – RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment Semi-Annual Crime Statistics July to December 2024 be brought forward at the March 3, 2025 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting.

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 Presentations – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

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

Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police spoke to key operational updates and ongoing recruitment efforts.

Inspector Jeff Mitchell, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment spoke to key operational updates.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 2024 Updated Facility Plan

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated January 17, 2025
- Presentation dated February 3, 2025

Philip Dugandzic, Director, Facility Design & Construction gave a presentation.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality recommend to Regional Council that:

- 1. Staff proceed with an in-depth analysis of the three potential sites that have been short-listed as potential sites for the development of a new Halifax Regional Police headquarters; and**
- 2. Staff conduct a further, more detailed needs assessment (based on HRP and RCMP service delivery strategies and anticipated organizational growth) including a review of future HRP programming requirements.**

Dugandzic, Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police and John MacPherson, Executive Director of Property, Fleet and Environment responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Commissioner Kent proposed "that" be replaced with "direct". As provided for in section 50 (2) of Administrative Policy One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Board of Police Commissioners*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality recommend Regional Council direct:

- 1. Staff proceed with an in-depth analysis of the three potential sites that have been short-listed as potential sites for the development of a new Halifax Regional Police headquarters; and**
- 2. Staff conduct a further, more detailed needs assessment (based on HRP and RCMP service delivery strategies and anticipated organizational growth) including a review of future HRP programming requirements.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Update on the HRM response to the Halifax Independent Civilian Review into August 18, 2021, Encampment Evictions

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated December 11, 2024
- Presentation dated February 3, 2025

Bill Moore, Executive Director of Community Safety gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Martin Ward, K.C., General Counsel responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding the Board's participation in the report.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality refer the staff report dated December 11, 2024 to Halifax Regional Council for Council's information.

Moore and Josh Bates, Policing Policy Strategist responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.3 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment Presentation of Body Worn Camera Technology

The following was before the Board:

- Handout dated February 3, 2025
- Presentation dated February 3, 2025

Inspector Jeff Mithcell, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment and Jami Smith, Body Worn Camera Program Manager, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Nova Scotia. gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality convene to in camera to discuss the matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1 SECURITY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before the Board:

- Private and confidential staff report dated January 14, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality direct that the private and confidential report dated January 14, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 3, 2025

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant