



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES March 3, 2025

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Becky Kent

STAFF: Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety
Martin Ward, K.C., General Counsel
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Dorothy Maponga, 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 1:08 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.

The Chair spoke to the recent passing of former Commissioner Harry Critchley. A moment of silence was held.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 30, 2025, February 3, 2025 and February 13, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the minutes of January 30, 2025, February 3, 2025 and February 13, 2025 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 Mancini - Violence Occurring on Halifax Transit Buses and Terminals

Deletions: None

MOVED by Commissioner Hinch, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

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 Presentations – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

9.1 Commissioner Mancini – Halifax Regional Police Bi-Annual Crime Statistics Report (July – December, 2023-24)

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated January 14, 2025
- Staff presentation dated March 3, 2025

Deputy Chief Andrew Matthews, Halifax Regional Police gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

9.2 Commissioner Mancini – RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment Semi-Annual Crime Statistics July to December 2024

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated January 22, 2025
- Staff presentation dated March 3, 2025

Inspector Jeff Mitchell, Management & Administration Services Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

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

Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police spoke on ongoing recruitment, the promotion of officers and key operational updates. MacLean responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Inspector Jeff Mitchell, Management & Administration Services Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment spoke on key operational updates.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 Board of Police Commissioners' 2025-2026 Work Plan

The following was before the Board:

- Board of Police Commissioners report dated February 20, 2025

Josh Bates, Policing Policy Strategist provided an update on the fundamentals of the 2025-2026 Work Plan.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality review the proposed workplan, as presented in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 20, 2025, and provide direction for the addition, deletion or amendment of workplan items and that a revised workplan be brought forward at a future meeting.

Bates and Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

The Board requested that the following be included in the 2025-2026 workplan: integrated joint statistic reporting from Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment (RCMP HRD); body worn camera policy; armoured rescue vehicle policy; use of force policy and a report to evaluate the effectiveness of HRP's participation in RCMP HRD Sexual Assault Investigations Review Committee pilot program.

Deputy Chief Andrew Matthews, Halifax Regional Police and Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

The Board requested that they receive a presentation from Halifax Regional Police's Victim Services Unit on intimate partner violence initiatives at a future meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Commissioner Mancini - Violence Occurring on Halifax Transit Buses and Terminals

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Consideration form from Commissioner Mancini

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality request an information report identifying:

- a) The number of Halifax Transit reported violence events in 2022, 2023 and 2024;**
- b) The number of violent events in each of the three years involving attacks on Halifax Transit operators;**
- c) The number of times in each of the three years that Halifax Regional Police responded to issues of transit violence on buses, ferries and**
- d) Whether any consideration of periodically placing of Halifax Regional Police sworn officers on Halifax Transit bus routes with the highest ridership.**

Commissioner Mancini proposed that Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment be included in part c) and d) of the motion. 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 Mancini, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality request an information report identifying:

- a) The number of Halifax Transit reported violence events in 2022, 2023 and 2024;**
- b) The number of violent events in each of the three years involving attacks on Halifax Transit operators;**
- c) The number of times in each of the three years that Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment responded to issues of transit violence on buses, ferries and**
- d) Whether any consideration of periodically placing of Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment sworn officers on Halifax Transit bus routes with the highest ridership.**

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the motion be amended to remove part d).

Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety and Martin Ward, General Counsel responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Commissioner O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT part d) be amended to request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a report, in addition to the information requested in parts a)-c), regarding the current and anticipated HRM transit safety plans that may include programs and initiatives to address the above safety concerns.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality request an information report identifying:

- a) **The number of Halifax Transit reported violence events in 2022, 2023 and 2024;**
- b) **The number of violent events in each of the three years involving attacks on Halifax Transit operators;**
- c) **The number of times in each of the three years that Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment responded to issues of transit violence on buses, ferries; and**
- d) **Request the Chief Administrative Officer provide a report, in addition to the information requested in parts a)-c), regarding the current and anticipated HRM transit safety plans that may include programs and initiatives to address the above safety concerns.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

12. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

12.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – January 30, 2025, February 3, 2025 and February 13, 2025

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of January 30, 2025, February 3, 2025 and February 13, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 12.2 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential

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 memorandum report dated March 3, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality:

- 1. Adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private); and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff memorandum dated March 3, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 2, 2025

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant