



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES **October 29, 2025**

PRESENT:

Commissioner Greg O'Malley, Chair
Commissioner Becky Kent, Vice Chair
Commissioner Tony Mancini
Commissioner Virginia Hinch
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Vincent Beswick-Escanlar
Commissioner Brian Carter

STAFF:

Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety
Martin Ward, K.C., General Counsel
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:07 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 24, 2025, October 1, 2025 and October 6, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Beswick-Escanlar

THAT the minutes of September 24, 2025, October 1, 2025 and October 6, 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 Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

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

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 10.1.1 and 10.1.2

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

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentations – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment (RCMP HRD) 2026/2027 Resource Request

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated October 16, 2025
- Correspondence from Sara MacCallum, Brian Sauvé, Giant Tiger Stores Limited

- Staff presentation dated October 29, 2025

Chief Superintendent John Duff, Officer in Charge, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality recommend that the HRM Budget Committee support the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment (RCMP HRD) resource request for additional nine (9) regular member positions as part of the budget deliberations for the 2026-2027 operating budget as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 16, 2025.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality waive the rules of order section 75 (1) and (3) of Administrative Policy One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Board of Police Commissioners*, to permit commissioners to speak longer than the prescribed speaking times when asking questions about Item 10.1.1 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment (RCMP HRD) 2026/2027 Resource Request.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Chief Superintendent Duff, Hayley Crichton, Executive Director of Public Safety and Security Division, Department of Justice, Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety, Martin Ward, K.C., General Counsel, Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police, and Rachel Boehm, Executive Director of Community Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Mancini

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality recommend that the HRM Budget Committee support the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment (RCMP HRD) resource request for additional nine (9) regular member positions as part of the budget deliberations for the 2026-2027 operating budget as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 16, 2025.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 Halifax Regional Police 2026/27 Operating Budget

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated October 16, 2025
- Correspondence from Sara MacCallum, Jim Cormier, Giant Tiger Stores Limited
- Staff presentation dated October 29, 2025

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

MOVED by Commissioner Beswick-Escanlar, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT having ensured that the proposed Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget for 2026/27 as presented at the September 24 and October 29, 2025 meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners is consistent with those matters referred to in subsection 55(3) of the Police Act, the Board of Police Commissioners moves the following recommendation:

- 1. That Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed 2026/27 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget of \$103,494,000, which includes a proposed increase in the composition as set out in the Proposed Service Enhancements identified in the Halifax Regional Police Proposed Operating Budget 2026/27 Information Package (Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 16, 2025), and as presented by Chief MacLean to the Board on October 29, 2025.**

Chief MacLean, Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety, Lee Ann Roache, Integrated Emergency Services Manager, Tracey MacKay, Integrated Emergency Response Training Supervisor and Dave Harley, Director of Financial Management and Operations responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 12, 2025

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant