



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

DRAFT MINUTES March 2, 2026

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

REGRETS: Commissioner Brian Carter

STAFF: Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety
Chris Giddens, Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:06 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, Vice Chair, Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police and Chief Superintendent John Duff, Halifax Regional Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police recognized Martin Ward, General Counsel, Legal, Risk & Insurance Service for 15 years of service to the Board.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Hinch, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the minutes of February 23, 2026 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

As provided for in section 35 (1) of Administrative Policy One, *Respecting the Procedures for Meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners*, Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant requested that Item 10.4.1 Commissioner Carter – Motion to learn what steps were taken to have HRP take on a new policing responsibility by participating in the federal gun buy back program be considered prior to Item 10.3.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 10 (5) of Administrative Policy One, *Respecting the Procedures for Meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners*, Commissioner Kent requested that Information Item 3, Halifax Regional Police Strategic Plan, be brought forward at the March 25, 2026 Board of Police Commissioners special meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Beswick-Escanlar

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 – NONE

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10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

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

Chief Superintendent John Duff, Officer in Charge, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment spoke to key operational updates pertaining to proactive calls for service related to traffic and intimate partner violence, recent investigations and seizures. Duff also spoke to traffic stops and traffic enforcement statistics. Duff noted past events.

Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) spoke to recent recognition events for HRP's K-9 unit and dedication of a meeting room that honoured Constable Sinclair Williams, first African Nova Scotian police officer in Dartmouth. MacLean noted key operational updates pertaining to recent investigations, seizures, traffic and road safety enforcement. MacLean spoke to recent domestic violence efforts including intimate partner violence training scheduled for new HRP recruits. MacLean provided firearms and traffic crime statistics.

Duff and MacLean responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.2 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Rachel Boehm, Executive Director of Community Safety spoke to prevention work related to children and youth via a monthly roundtable called CHART to coordinate trauma informed responses, share knowledge and strengthen frontline worker supports. Boehm noted February's CHART focused on commercial sexual exploitation. Boehm spoke to continued response efforts for unhoused individuals. Boehm noted future services expansions for the Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement pilot program. Boehm detailed elements of the Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry and hfxALERT programs. Boehm responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.3 STAFF

10.3.1 Micromobility Vehicle Enforcement Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated March 2, 2026

Brittney MacLean, Project Manager, Shared Mobility gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Roddy MacIntyre, Director of Traffic & Parking Management, Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police and Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.3.2 Halifax Regional Police Participation in RCMP H Division Sexual Assault Investigations Review Committee

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated February 13, 2026, revised March 2, 2026
- Staff presentation dated March 2, 2026

Superintendent Dave Boon, Superintendent of Criminal Investigation Division gave a presentation.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality recommend the Chief Officer of Halifax Regional Police to continue participation in the RCMP H Division (Nova Scotia) Sexual Assault Investigations Review Committee process for an additional 12 months and return to the Board in February 2027 with an update and a recommendation as to continued

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participation.

Boon, Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety and Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Kent

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

- 1. Waive the rules of order for section 45 subsection (1) of Administrative Policy One, Respecting the Procedures of the Board of Police, regarding Notice of Motion; and**
- 2. Request that the Commissioner of Public Safety include the development of a Board policy on sexual assault case review in the Board's 2026-2027 workplan.**

As provided for in section 81 of Administrative Policy One, *Respecting the Procedures for Meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Kent

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

- 1. Waive the rules of order for section 45 subsection (1) of Administrative Policy One, Respecting the Procedures of the Board of Police, regarding Notice of Motion;**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Kent

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

- 2. Request that the Commissioner of Public Safety include the development of a Board policy on sexual assault case review in the Board's 2026-2027 workplan.**

The Chair noted the Board would schedule a presentation on the Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review model for a future Board meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.3 Formal Adoption of BoPC Policy on Use of Force

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated February 18, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Beswick-Escanlar, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality:

- 1. formally adopt the policy entitled Use of Force, as set forth in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 18, 2026, for inclusion in the Board of Police Commissioners' Policy Manual; and,**

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- 2. request the Chief of HRP and the Chief Superintendent of HRD present to the Board on their approach to include race-based data in future use of force reporting.**

Josh Bates, Policing Policy Strategist spoke to the topic.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.4 Formal Adoption of Board of Police Commissioners Policy on Code of Conduct Complaints

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated February 6, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality adopt the policy entitled Code of Conduct Complaints Regarding a Member of the Board of Police Commissioners for inclusion in the Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 6, 2026.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant spoke to the topic.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.5 HRP and RCMP HRD Semi-Annual Crime and Traffic Statistics July – December 2025

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated February 13, 2026
- Staff presentation dated March 2, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Hinch, seconded by Commissioner Beswick-Escanlar

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality receive the staff report dated February 13, 2026, and an accompanying staff presentation, as information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Chief Superintendent John Duff, Officer in Charge, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment and Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police 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.

10.4 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.4.1 Commissioner Carter – Motion to learn what steps were taken to have HRP take on a new policing responsibility by participating in the federal gun buy back program

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Consideration form from Commissioner Carter

MOVED by Commissioner Beswick-Escanlar, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality direct the Chair of the Board the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners, on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners, send a letter to the Halifax Regional Municipality's Chief Administrative Officer requesting further information regarding the Municipality's involvement in the federal gun buy-

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back program, with such information to include a description of the research undertaken by the municipality in preparation to make the decision to participate and the risk factors the Municipality believes would be associated with both its continued participation in, and its termination from, the federal gun buy-back program.

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

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

11. MOTIONS – NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 23, 2026

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 23, 2026 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 25, 2026 Special Meeting

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant