BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SPECIAL MEETING #1
MINUTES
October 19, 2026

PRESENT:	Commissioner Greg O'Malley, Chair Commissioner Becky Kent, Vice Chair Commissioner Tony Mancini Commissioner Virgina Hinch Commissioner Yemi Akindoju Commissioner Vincent Beswick-Escanlar 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 1:03 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 African Nova Scotian Affirmation

The Chair led the Board in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAMS – Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated October 19, 2026

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

5. HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE 2027/28 BUDGET

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated October 14, 2026
- Staff presentation dated October 19, 2026

Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police gave a presentation. MacLean and Joanne Smith, Research Coordinator, Audit, Policy and Research, Halifax Regional Police, Dave Harley, Director of Financial Management and Operations and Bill Moore, Commissioner of Public Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Beswick-Escanlar

THAT, having ensured that the proposed Halifax Regional Police operating budget for 2027/28 as presented at the October 19 meeting 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 the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality approve the proposed 2027/28 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget of $103,791,000, as presented by Chief MacLean to the Board on October 19, 2026.**

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Beswick-Escanlar

THAT Item 5 - Halifax Regional Police 2027/28 Budget be deferred to the October 28, 2026 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to allow the Board to consider public consultation on the Halifax Regional Police budget request at the Board's October 21, 2026 meeting.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

6. ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HALIFAX REGIONAL DETACHMENT (RCMP HRD) 2027/28 RESOURCE REQUEST

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated October 16, 2026
- Staff presentation dated October 19, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality receive the staff report dated October 16, 2026 and an accompanying staff presentation, as information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Superintendent Don Moser, Acting Officer in Charge and Inspector Neil Wentzell, Management and Administration Services Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Halifax Regional Detachment gave a presentation. Wentzell responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Meghan Stewart, Director of Administration and Personnel, RCMP H Division Nova Scotia responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Hayley Crichton, Executive Director, Public Safety and Security Division, Department of Justice spoke to the possibility of a future presentation to the Board from the Department of Justice and RCMP H Division Nova Scotia on the RCMP budget approval process and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

7. BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS - PROPOSED 2027/28 BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE BOARD

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated October 6, 2026
- Staff presentation dated October 19, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Hinch, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality approve the 2027/28 proposed operating budget of $274,000 to support the Board of Police Commissioners, to be sent to Regional Council for their consideration through the municipal budget process.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant