



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 5, 2022**

PRESENT:

Commissioner Lindell Smith, Chair
Commissioner Harry Critchley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Gavin Giles
Commissioner Becky Kent
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Inspector Jeremie Landry, Acting District Commander, Halifax District Royal
Canadian Mounted Police
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. The Board of Police Commissioners moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m. The Board of Police Commissioners adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:33 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 Swearing in of Commissioner Gavin Giles

Gavin Giles was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Board of Police Commissioners.

1.2 Election of Vice Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Giles

THAT Commissioner Critchley be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Critchley accepted the nomination.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations.

There being no additional nominations, Commissioner Critchley was declared Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 7, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the minutes of September 7, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- IN CAMERA Item 13.3 SECURITY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

Deletions: None

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the following item be deferred to a future meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners:

- **Item 10.4.1. First Nations Police Governance Council Conference and Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference Update**

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 –September 7, 2022

7.1 Presentation – Use of Force and Arrest Policies in the Context of Executing Warrants in African Nova Scotian communities – *El Jones*

The following was before the Board:

- Presentation request from El Jones dated June 15, 2022
- Presentation dated October 5, 2022

El Jones gave a presentation regarding use of force and arrest policies in the context of executing warrants in African Nova Scotian communities and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk and Martin Ward, General Counsel responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners direct the Chief Officer of the Halifax Regional Police and recommend that the District Commander of the Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police prepare a staff report regarding the implementation of the Bryan Report on race based data collection pursuant to the recommendation from Dr. El Jones received by the Board of Police Commissioners on October 5, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police gave an update on recruitment, staffing announcements, a summary of key operational activities and recent and upcoming Halifax Regional Police initiatives. Kinsella responded to questions of clarification from the Board including ongoing communication between Dalhousie University and Halifax Regional Police regarding the unsanctioned event on October 1, 2022 in Halifax's downtown district.

Inspector Jeremie Landry, Acting District Commander, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) gave an update on recruitment, staffing announcements, a summary of key operational activities and recent and upcoming Halifax District RCMP initiatives. Landry responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 Halifax Regional Police Strategic Policy Refresh and Release Project

The following was before the Board:

- A staff information report dated September 27, 2022

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police updated the Board regarding Halifax Regional Police's strategic policy refresh and release project and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.2.2 Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Extra-Duty and Off-Duty Employment Policies

The following was before the Board:

- Staff information report dated September 27, 2022
- Staff information report dated September 26, 2022

Inspector Jeremie Landry, Acting District Commander, Halifax District RCMP updated the Board regarding Halifax District RCMP extra-duty and off-duty employment policies and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police updated the Board regarding Halifax Regional Police extra-duty and off-duty employment policies and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.3 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.3.1 Commissioner Critchley - Improving the accessibility of Victims Services

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners consideration form from Commissioner Critchley

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners direct the Chief Officer of the Halifax Regional Police and recommend that the District Commander of the Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police prepare staff reports outlining strategies for improving the accessibility of Victim Services, including the feasibility of, and possible advantages and disadvantages of, making Victim Services independent from police services.

Martin Ward, General Counsel, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer and Amy Siciliano, Public Safety Advisor, Government Relations & External Affairs responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners extend their meeting past 7:30 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was withdrawn with consent of the Board.

10.4 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10.4.1 First Nations Police Governance Council Conference and Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference Update

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners defer Item 10.4.1. First Nations Police Governance Council Conference and Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference Update to a future meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.1 SECURITY MATTER, Item 13.2 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS and Item 13.3 SECURITY MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1 SECURITY MATTER

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

13.2 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

13.3 SECURITY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Memorandum - re: Personnel Conduct

Reconvening to public, Commissioner Critchley was in the Chair as Commissioner Smith had exited the meeting during In Camera.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 2, 2022

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant