



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Police Advisory Board Minutes
July 19, 2017, 3:30 p.m.
Sanford Council Chambers**

Present:	P. Morton	Deputy Warden
	J. Daniels	Councillor District 7
	M. Laycock	Acting CAO
	G. Pineo	Citizen Representative
	R. Meehan	Citizen Representative
	D. Stairs	RCMP
	J. Woodman	Administrative Assistant

Regrets: C. Osborne

1. Call to Order

Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Announcements

Chair Morton reviewed the standard fire evacuation procedure.

3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved with the addition of 6 (d) Community Outreach.

Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOVED and SECONDED that the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 19, 2017 be approved, noting any errors or omissions.

Motion Carried.

5. RCMP Update

Sergeant Stairs provided calls for service stats and confirmed that they were in line for 2016. She reported there were 15 false alarms for this quarter. She noted their intention for road safety is to increase everyone's individual enforcement efforts in order to have quality roadside stops.

Sergeant Stairs indicated they will be working with the Senior Safety Coordinator on cybercrime as well as establishing four corporate partnerships to get the message out. They also plan to have training on table top exercises to keep members up on the latest technology. She noted they also intend to increase evidence base policing to determine trends and where the membership needs to be.

Sergeant Stairs reported that the RCMP reported on a crime spree that has been occurring in the area and confirmed the culprits were caught and some items were recovered.

Sergeant Stairs reported on the mental health calls noting they had 215 individuals described as emotionally disturbed persons. It was discussed that perhaps more awareness is needed on the matter and resources sought to help deal with these issues. Sergeant Stairs suggested that the RCMP responded to certain individuals on a regular basis.

6. Miscellaneous/New Business

a. Nova Scotia of Police Governance Fall Conference

**MOVED and SECONDED that George Pineo be appointed as the West Hants Police Advisory Board representative to attend the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Fall Conference.
Motion Carried.**

b. Noise Complaints

Chair Morton reported that complaints have been made against the Avon Valley Golf and Country Club regarding noise complaints from mowing at off hours. He confirmed a meeting was held with representatives from the club and residents where it was agreed in writing that the club would not mow between the hours of 12-4:00 am. He indicated there will be a follow up meeting in a few weeks.

c. Speeding Complaints

Chair Morton advised he has received speeding complaints on Schurman Road in Mt. Denson and Dawson Road and residents are requesting police presence in the areas. Chair Morton also expressed concern about speeding on Holmes Hills in Hantsport. D. Stairs asked that the residents call in and report these incidents to the RCMP so they can be recorded and responded to. Martin Laycock, Acting CAO suggested there are cameras in Hantsport which could be of some assistance to take preventative action. It was agreed that clarification should be confirmed on time frames of the occurrences in Hantsport and the RCMP could make a request to view the video feed.

Martin Laycock, Acting CAO reported that Councillor Hussey addressed issues of speeding on Underwood Road at the Committee of the Whole meeting. It was noted that constituents would like measures put in place and it was asked that the Police Advisory Board refer the request to the Traffic Authority.

**MOVED and SECONDED that concerns of speeding on Underwood Road be referred to Traffic Authority.
Motion Carried.**

Councillor Daniels reported at the Planning Conference in the spring there was discussion about this issue and some communities have built natural speed reducers to alleviate the issues. Sergeant Stairs reported since May 29, 2017 the RCMP have issued 14 SOT tickets on Underwood Road, and agreed they will continue to look into the matter.

d. Community Outreach

Sergeant Stairs reported the RCMP are looking at avenues for the RCMP to be more visible to community or minority groups that are having issues and normally wouldn't approach the RCMP. All councillors were asked to contact the RCMP if they had any issues or concerns in their districts.

7. Correspondence

There was none.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Chair Morton reported that a motion was made to Committee of the Whole that councillors attend the RCMP Headquarters one-day tour in Halifax and provide available dates in September and October. He suggested the following dates September 13-15, 27-29 and October 12,13, 25-27. He asked that all councillors respond to him within the next week with the dates they are available.

9. Correspondence

The next meeting of the Police Advisory Board will take place on October 4, 2017.

10. Adjournment

**MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting adjourn.
Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Paul Morton, Chair