



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Police Advisory Board Minutes
October 4, 2017, 3:30 p.m.
Sanford Council Chambers**

Attendance: P. Morton Chair/Deputy Warden
J. Daniels Councillor
C. Osborne Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
D. Stairs RCMP
G. Pineo Citizen Member
R. Meehan Citizen Member
J. Woodman Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

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

2. Announcements

The standard fire evacuation procedure was announced.

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes

**MOVED and SECONDED that the Minutes of July 19th, 2017 be approved as
circulated noting any errors or omissions.
Motion Carried.**

5. RCMP Update

D. Stairs presented the quarterly RCMP update. She confirmed from July to September of this year they received a total of 926 calls for service, with 40 911 calls, 24 mental health calls, which she noted there is an increasing number of calls for services for this issue. She reported there were 20 false alarm, 5 sudden deaths, 6 impaired driving, 76 warnings calls.

R. Meehan inquired whether fines are issued for false alarms. CAO Osborne responded the Municipality has a False Alarm By-law; however, it has never been implemented but offered it is on the to do list. She suggested the issue is whether the RCMP or Fire Services responding are willing to provide notification to the Municipality, who would then follow through with the process. D. Stairs suggested the Municipality should do some research to determine the cost benefit analysis for putting the time and effort into versus what they will get back.

She reported on the district priorities and findings of the crime analyst adding there is nothing outstanding in the reports. Councillor Daniels asked how issue of fraud could be better addressed. D. Stairs reported the RCMP has a Senior Safety Coordinator who does a lot of talks and awareness sessions for seniors, but suggested other age groups be targeted. She offered that they are trying to determine what kind of education will provide a significant impact on the issue.

D. Stairs provided an analysis on where tickets are issued, and collisions are occurring for August 2014-2016. She added each month there is a provincial road safety calendar where enforcement will be targeted. Councillor Daniels asked if there was evidence why collisions are happening and what can be improved from a road or site perspective to prevent them. D. Stairs stated that normally there is no evident reason and if there were the RCMP would report it to the Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to address the road issues

NSCPA & NSAPG Fall Conference

G. Pineo provided a brief update on the NSCPA & NSAPG Fall Conference held September 27-29, that he attended on behalf of the Police Advisory Board. He noted the conference covered the concerns with legalization of cannabis and reports from Department of Justice on where the Province is sitting on all aspects of how it is going to affect the Province. He noted there was significant discussion on funding the elements of legalization. He advised there was discussion about outlaw motorcycle gangs and the issues in the Province. He asked if the Municipality was a member of the Nova Scotia Police Governance Board as there is currently no representative sitting on the board. CAO Osborne confirmed the Municipality is a member and would investigate the issue of a representative, it was agreed to add this to the January agenda for discussion.

6. Miscellaneous/New Business

a. Speeding Concerns

Chair Morton advised he has received concerns about speeding on School Street and Holmes Hills in Hantsport in the late afternoon and early evenings. CAO Osborne reported the Municipality's Traffic Authority has borrowed radars and has them on Holmes Hill which will then be moved to School Street, to capture data. She

anticipated having data by the end of November so some of the concerns should be addressed at that time. She cautioned it would only provide data on when the events are occurring and would not address enforcement issues. D. Stairs reported between April and September of this year in Hantsport alone they had 112 calls for service and only four calls were related to speeding, adding two warning tickets were issued. She confirmed the RCMP had five check stops and five tickets issued.

b. Legalization of Cannabis

CAO Osborne reported that a presentation was given on the legalization of Cannabis at Committee of the Whole. She asked if there was additional information pertaining to the contract that the Municipality has with the RCMP, adding there was a concern from the RCMP of how they were going to address issues operationally. She asked that D. Stairs provide the committee with an update of how the RCMP will address some of the change management issues within their own force. D. Stairs indicated she currently didn't have this information, but offered they already have policies that members cannot be impaired while they are working or operating a vehicle and suggested for police officers it is not going to be an issue. She advised that internally, she is personally not that concerned and felt her concern is that the municipalities in general are not going to be prepared and that the RCMP will end up filling a lot of gaps.

G. Pineo reported at the NSCPA Fall Conference, there was discussion on concerns of the ongoing issues that will result due to the legalization of cannabis. He noted they are in the process to begin holding stake holder meetings and are considering asking municipalities to request that the date be extended past July 1st for legalization, so they have more time to prepare. He added there was a significant concern regarding whether there will be an increase in nuisance calls because of the legalization process.

CAO Osborne indicated the Provincial task force is looking to set up some standards on impacts to municipal government. She advised, she and the CAO of the Town of Windsor are creating a working committee to deal with other issues that do not pertain directly to policing, such as employee issues. She asked if this committee would like to have some participation on this joint committee. Councillor Daniels felt this board should be part of the working committee. CAO Osborne suggested that the working committee will want a representative from the RCMP from an enforcement perspective impact. D. Stairs confirmed the RCMP would provide a representative to sit on the working committee.

MOVED and SECONDED that George Pineo and Councillor Daniels be appointed to sit on the Working Committee for Legalization of Cannabis as representatives for the Police Advisory Board.

Motion Carried.

6. Next Meeting

The next Police Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Paul Morton, Chair