



**WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Police Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
In-Person Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS
(also Facebook (FB) Livestreamed)**

1. Call Meeting to Order – Deputy Mayor P. Morton called the meeting to order at 6pm.

2. Attendance

Paul Morton, Deputy Mayor (Chair)	Mark McLean, Councillor
Dave Ferguson, RCMP S/Sgt	Mark Phillips, CAO
Ken Swan, Resident Member	Shelleena Thornton, Admin Supervisor

Regrets

Belinda Bezanson, Resident Member

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. McLEAN and MEMBER SWAN
THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MOTION
CARRIED.**

4. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest – None.

5. Approval of previous meeting minutes

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. McLEAN and MEMBER SWAN
THAT THE APRIL 7, 2021 MINUTES BE APPROVED AS
CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Presentation(s) – None.

7. Reports

a) Quarterly Report – S/Sgt Ferguson reviewed the Quarterly Report.

Discussion Points

- Calls for service was reviewed. Error on 2021/22 year-to-date calls. It should match what is under the first quarter with 1,471 calls for service.
- The 'Calls for Service' map was reviewed (heat map). It helps RCMP be aware of where to direct their resources.
- School Safety Officer should be filled prior to the start of the next school year.
- Town security cameras are a significant aid in identifying individuals committing crimes.
- The 'Road Safety Snapshot Report' was reviewed and showed West Hants in-comparison to other counties within the province.
- The financial report (budget, expenditures, forecast, and variance) was reviewed.

- With courts opening again, likely to see overtime expenditures increase again (expenses were low during COVID when courts were closed).
- One vehicle slated to be replaced this year. \$50,000.00 is for a fully equipped police vehicle.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business

- a) PAB Training and Tour of Headquarters – S/Sgt Ferguson advised it is pending the Headquarters re-opening plan.
- b) Noise By-law / Peace & Good Order By-law – No update at this time.
- c) Safe Exchange Zone – S/Sgt Ferguson noted that the Criminal Operations Branch supports safe exchange zones for the purchasing/selling of online items; however, not at the local RCMP detachment. Someone may not always be in the building and there are concerns re. the security camera data retention should a matter go before the courts. There are also liability risks to the RCMP should something take place on the property. An alternative location is preferred.
- d) Outdoor Fires By-law – The draft by-law is brought before the Board for review; however, not yet a final draft. It has been reviewed by the Fire Chiefs. There are some revisions to make that would include clarity on the RCMP and By-law Enforcement Officers ability to enforce, as well as the addition of other definitions. Board members supported the revisions be made and that it go directly to WHRM Council (no need to bring it back before the Police Advisory Board for review).
- e) Strategic Planning/Policing Priorities Discussion – CAO Phillips said he and the Board may hear from the public and staff on items that may be considered. Over the fall/winter months, continue to review priorities and provide direction. This is an opportunity to provide input into this process.

9. New Business

a) Motor Vehicle Act

- i. Traffic / Speeding Complaints – Chair P. Morton said Hantsport, Falmouth, Hwy. 14 continue to be problematic areas and asked if there could be a traffic enforcement blitz done. S/Sgt Ferguson said yes and noted that identified problem areas are tracked through the selective traffic enforcement program. One area that was targeted recently was Hwy. 1 in Falmouth, as well as Payzant Drive at Wentworth Road.

Besides Hwy. 14, other areas of concern include:

- Underwood Road at Garlands Crossing
- McKay Rd in Brooklyn
- Hwy. 101 between Falmouth and Garlands Crossing

Deputy Mayor P. Morton will compile a list of areas of concern and forward to S/Sgt Ferguson later this week.

People are encouraged to call the non-emergency line at 902-798-2207 if they have any concerns of the non-emergency nature.

- ii. **Traffic Calming Measures Report to WHRM July 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole** – The attached report was presented to WHRM Committee of the Whole and recommendation made to Council.

The safety of citizens is paramount. S/Sgt said mobile speed signs are beneficial as they also collect data. CAO Phillips believes WHRM has 2-3 mobile speed signs. S/Sgt Ferguson said the RCMP do not have any.

CAO Phillips noted this would be raised with Council again in September and then again at the next Police Advisory Board meeting in October.

Acting Clerk Thornton noted that WHRM Council sent a letter to the Department of Transportation and Active Transit expressing concern of speeding along areas of Hwy. 14 and other areas, requesting a review. She will follow up with them on the status.

- b) **RCMP Collective Bargaining Update** – CAO Phillips said there is a tentative agreement. National Post noted 1.5 – 2.5% increases per year and a six-year agreement (dating back to 2016). Municipality has money set aside in the Reserves pending it matches the proposed increases. What was anticipated appears to be coming to fruition. S/Sgt Ferguson said ratification is July 26, 2021.

10. **Correspondence** – None.

11. **Next Meeting/Adjournment** – Next meeting is October 18, 2021 at 6pm.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. McLEAN AND MEMBER SWAN
THAT AT 6:40P.M., THE MEETING ADJOURN. MOTION
CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Paul Morton (Chair)

Shelleena Thornton, Admin. Supervisor