

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
2. **Attendance** – Paul Morton, Rupert Jannasch, Jane Davis, Guide Furlani, Mark Phillips, A/SSgt Timothy Doyle, and Rhonda Brown. There were no members of the public in the gallery.
3. **Announcements**
Chair Morton stated West Hants Regional Municipality acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and that this land is governed by the treaties of Peace and Friendship signed in 1726. West Hants Regional Municipality also recognizes that we are all treaty people and have responsibilities to this land and each other. West Hants Regional Municipality also recognizes African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose history, legacies, and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
MOVED BY GUIDE FURLANI / COUNCILLOR JANNASCH THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** – None.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
(a) April 28, 2025, Police Advisory Board Minutes
MOVED BY GUIDE FURLANI / COUNCILLOR JANNASCH THAT THE APRIL 28, 2025, POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES BE APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIED.
7. **Presentations** – None.
8. **Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business**
(a) Additional Resource Request – There was no updated report at this time.
9. **Reports**
(a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Report April – June 2025 – A/SS Doyle reviewed the report noting the following:
 - The new Staff Sergeant Ed Nugent should start in mid-September and Superintendent Popik will be asked to attend the October Police Advisory Board meeting.
 - Staff utilization is still below the established positions and people have been moved around to cover vacancies as needed.
 - Vehicle repair costs have decreased as older vehicles have been replaced.
 - Due to staffing and system changes charts and maps in the Quarterly reports may be

different.

- Financials are tracking within expectations for this period.
- Calls for Service have increased due to proactive policing activity such as traffic stops and blitzes with the help of Traffic Services, this also results in an increase in the number of tickets such as speeding. Increases have also been seen as the population of the area has increased. Visibility and checkpoints are harder in the summer due to vacations and availability.
- Cst. Trenholm from the General Investigative Section (GIS) has helped with a heavy resource file involving child exploitation from another province, doing work on mutual legal assistance with different countries; as well as helping and the Street Crime Unit (SCU). GIS provides a lot of support and reactive services, while SCU is more proactive.
- Cst. Collins, the School Liaison Officer, is off and may not be returning to work; he has been unbelievably valuable with traffic enforcement in school areas, school events and active files. It is uncertain what will happen with this position in the future.
- SCU is now under the Southwest Nova umbrella not the detachment; therefore, they may be used for projects across the district. This also means that there are more resources available for projects in our area as well. Windsor is a gateway to Southwest Nova for organized crime, as is Chester.
- There was a major fatal incident in Falmouth where five lives were lost, everyone on the scene RCMP, fire fighters, EHS etc. all worked well together. There were debriefs and supports in place for the members who attended.
- Mental health calls are down some. RCMP have been engaged with POSSE to aid in policy and safety development. RCMP have also met with the Diverse and Inclusive Communities Committee and Windsor Township Committee.
- All Court appearances are now in Kentville Court so there is additional travel time and cost, as well as sorting out processes for swearing information and prisoner transport between the RCMP, Courts and Sheriffs.
- There is still a need for another Corporal and a Court Liaison position. Currently there are four teams (or watches) with three supervisors (Corporals). Two Corporals are off so other team members have stepped up to fill their roles as well as their usual corporal duties.

Discussion Points

- The total number of calls for service was 1699.
- Impaired driving can include impaired by marijuana/drugs, most times is alcohol and sometimes impaired by both. Impaired by marijuana is assessed by using a swab device and bloodwork.
- Call 911 to report a suspected or known impaired driver in progress as an emergency. Having a vehicle plate number helps but is not required. If a reporting a habitual impairment call the detachment directly, non-emergency.
- The eleven reported sudden deaths were at home and are in addition to the five deaths in the motor vehicle collision. If a person is expected to die at home, the physician can send a notification so when the death happens it does not trigger a police response. If no notice is received prior, then it is a sudden death that police need to investigate.

- Sheriffs are responsible for prisoners once they are in the Court system i.e. once arrive at Kentville Court with sworn Information or the Correctional Facility in Burnside. When transporting from West Hants cells would need two officers so that one could stay with prisoner while the other officer gets the Information sworn by the Court, then a copy of the Sworn information is given to Sheriffs, and they take custody of the prisoner.
- The Province seems to be regionalizing the court system, there has not been any known discussion by the Department of Justice about replacing the Windsor Courthouse.
- The RCMP is working on a relationship with POSSE, but POSSE does not report to RCMP. Although there has been some reduction in mental health calls, there is no data at this time to support that the mental health crisis staff hired by POSSE has been effective.

(b) Southwest Nova Street Crime Enforcement Unit Operational Summary - A/SS Doyle stated the report provides an idea of what West Hants SCEU are investigating which are at various stages. They have also been working with the Emergency Response Team on various high-risk warrants. As there are more arrests, there are more items seized related to street crime.

Discussion Points

- Seized cash goes to the Government - Receiver General, not directly to the area detachment.
- It was unknown what "Tusi" referred to in the report during the meeting. (After the meeting it was determined it was a mixture of different psychoactive substances also known as "pink cocaine" due to the common color).

10. New Business

(a) Farm Vehicle Traffic – Councillor Jannasch inquired if a way to educate the public on slow moving vehicles noting many vehicles pass farm vehicles or other slower moving vehicles (even if doing the speed limit) on solid double lines, at fast speed, on steep curves and being aggressive.

Discussion Points

- Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, through Councillor Jannasch, and the RCMP Strategic Communications will be contacted to see if educational material on aggressive and hazardous driving in relation to slow moving vehicles exists. Any material obtained can be shared with the Municipality for social media platforms and even Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for signage ditching for sightlines.

(b) Nova Scotia Police Review – CAO Phillips the Nova Scotia Police Review is complete and there are six fundamental changes the RCMP are promoting:

- Standard Technology and Information Sharing – using a single record management system and processes.
- Appropriate police staffing across Nova Scotia.

- Adopt layered policing to support community policing initiatives – use of by community safety officers, by-law officers, civilian staff to support policing services.
- Revamping police oversight system for greater community involvement – appropriate citizen and provincial appointments to advisory boards and processes to get appointed.
- Strengthen policing standards – such as use of body worn cameras.
- Exploring alternative funding and billing models for municipalities policed by RCMP – such as a core service with pay as you use system for extra service.

The full report is 120 pages by Deloitte which is still being reviewed by CAO's. West Hants Regional Municipality has an advantage as we have a new policing agreement which already includes many of these changes. Having other police services pay for extras provided by the RCMP will help with the RCMP budget, allowing for another project to occur.

(c) Nova Scotia Department of Emergency Management Update (EMO related) – CAO Phillips informed that the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is creating regions as a province, with provincial representatives in each region. West Hants Regional Municipality will be in the Valley Region. The regional office will be in the Kentville area with resources to support operations, training or exercises and media relations for municipal emergency management and other multi-jurisdictional operations. DEM is also moving to have the Provincial Coordination Centre open 24 hours/7days a week, so there will not be need to “staff up” for events. Municipalities will need to combine with at least one other municipal unit to form a Regional Emergency Management Operation with a senior position that can make decisions. Changes will be mandated through the regulations. The Nova Scotia Guard is being promoted to be used to coordinate resources during events.

11. Correspondence - None.

12. Public Participation – None.

13. In-Camera – None.

14. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment – Quarterly meetings on the third (3rd) Monday (Jan – Apr – Jul – Oct) – The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JANNASCH / GUIDE FURLANI THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 7:14 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Paul Morton