



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Public Hearing Minutes – Repeal of Police Advisory Board By-laws (opening & conclusion)

January 26, 2021 6:00 pm

Held via Zoom and Facebook Livestreamed

1. Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Council Present:

Abraham Zebian, Mayor

Rupert Jannasch, Councillor, District 1

Scott McLean, Councillor, District 2

Mark McLean, Councillor, District 3

Debbie Francis, District 5

Bob Morton, Councillor, District 6

Paul Morton, Deputy Mayor, District 8

Ed Sherman, Councillor, District 7

Richard Murphy, Councillor, District 9

Laurie Murley, Councillor, District 10

Jim Ivey, Councillor, District 11

Staff and Guests Present:

Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer

Todd Richard, Dir. Public Works

Carlee Rochon, Dir. Financial Services

Saira Shah, Planner

Shelleena Thornton, Administrative Supervisor

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk

Madelyn LeMay, Dir. Planning & Development

Sara Poirier, Planner

Regrets:

Jeff Hartt, Councillor, District 4

Members of the public watched the meeting using Facebook Live.

2. Introduction

Mayor Zebian stated a Public Hearing for this By-law is required by Section 168 of the Municipal Government Act and Section 15.5 of the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy. This virtual public hearing is hosted by Council.

In order to gather comments from the public, material regarding Repeal of the Police Advisory Board By-laws was posted on the Municipal website on December 31, 2020, and the public was invited to comment until 4:30 pm to-day, January 25, 2021.

When the Public Hearing is complete, the Council meeting will resume, and proceed with Second Reading of the By-law where members of Council may then ask questions and make comments.

3. Presentation by Municipal Clerk

Clerk Brown reviewed the presentation (attached) outlining the background and purpose of the Repeal of Police Advisory Board By-laws. The Clerk informed that no comments had been received from the public regarding the By-law.

Mayor Zebian declared the Public Hearing closed.

The meeting ended at 7:07 pm.

Abraham Zebian, Mayor

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk



Repeal of Police Advisory Board By-laws

Public Hearing
January 26, 2021

Authority for a Police Advisory Board By-law

- ▶ *Police Act*, Section 57-68 – All Municipalities receiving police service from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) will have a Police Advisory Board (PAB).
- ▶ *Police Regulations*, Section 82-84 - Details the selection process and qualifications of PAB members.



<https://www.oakbaynews.com/news/rcmp-youth-committee-looking-for-new-team-members/>

History

- ▶ The purpose of the PAB is to provide advice to Council about law enforcement, maintenance and prevention, it does not have jurisdiction over complaints discipline, personnel or internal management of the RCMP.
- ▶ A by-law for a PAB is only required if additional or specific roles and responsibilities or rules and regulations governing proceedings are prescribed for the PAB. Such a by-law is subject to approval by the Minister of Justice
- ▶ The former Municipality of the District of West Hants currently has a Police Advisory Board By-law by Council approved Sept. 13, 2016 and amended on Sept. 12, 2017 and approved by the Minister of Justice.



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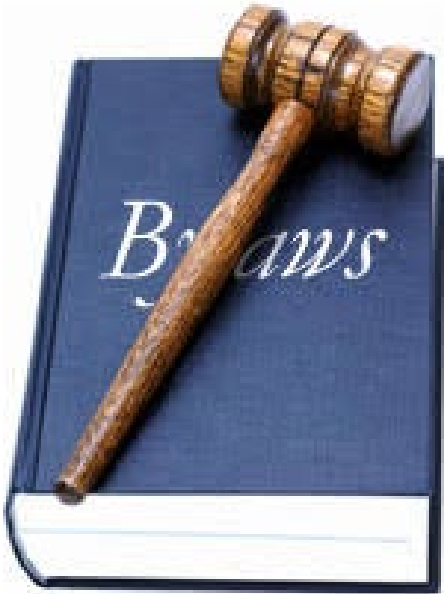
History Continued

- ▶ The former Town of Hantsport has a RCMP Advisory Board By-Law (2008-4) approved by Council on April 1, 2008; however, this by-law was not submitted to the Dept of Justice for approval.
- ▶ The current By-laws do not include additional or specific roles and responsibilities or rules and regulations governing proceedings.
- ▶ A repeal of the former Town of Hantsport RCMP Advisory Board By-Law has previously been attempted however was unsuccessful.
- ▶ The former Town of Windsor repealed their Police Services Advisory Committee By-law in 2006, the PAB of the former Town functioned solely under the *Police Act* and Police Regulations.

Proposed Repeal of Police Advisory Board By-laws, REPEAL-002

- ▶ Repeals the two current by-laws of the former Town of Hantsport and Municipality of the District of West Hants and all previous similar by-laws of the Town of Hantsport.
- ▶ Without a by-law the currently established PAB for the West Hants Regional Municipality would function as authorized in the Police Act and Police Regulations.

By-law Approval Process



- ▶ *Municipal Government Act, Section 168*
 - ▶ By-law must be read twice.
 - ▶ Notice of Councils intent to approve a by-law is published in the newspaper 14 days before the Second Reading, which states the date & time of when the by-law will be considered and where it may be inspected.
 - ▶ That Council may by policy determine other procedures to be followed.
- ▶ Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy, Section 15.5 a)
 - ▶ Requires all by-laws to have Public Hearing before Second Reading.
- ▶ Other notifications may be required dependent on the by-law.

Process Timeline

The Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Journal Advertiser on January 5, 2021 as well as on the Regional website and Facebook.

Regional Council First Reading - November 21, 2020

Advertisements and Notifications - January 5, 2021

Public Hearing - January 26, 2021

Regional Council Second Reading

Ministerial Approval

Notice of Approval in Local Paper

Questions and Comments

- ▶ Residents and members of the public can submit all questions and comments related to this proposed by-law by January 25, 2021 to Rhonda Brown.
 - ▶ E-mail: rbrown@westhants.ca
 - ▶ Phone: 902-798-8391 ext 110
 - ▶ Drop Off At: 76 Morison Dr., Windsor
 - ▶ Mail: Rhonda Brown, c/o West Hants Regional Municipality
PO Box 3000, Windsor, NS B0N 2T0



Questions and Comments Received

▶ The following questions and comments were received:
(this section will be completed after January 25, 2021)

- 1) XX
- 2) XX
- 3) XX



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Recommendation

Should Council wish to proceed with the Repeal of Police Advisory Board By-laws after the Public Hearing and consideration of any comments made by the public, the recommended motion would be:

- ▶ **...that Council give Second Reading and approves the Repeal of Police Advisory Board By-laws, REPEAL-002, substantively the same as that presented to Council on November 24, 2020.**