

KENTVILLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED
March 27/08

A meeting of the Kentville Board of Police Commissioners was held on January 31st, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT Commissioners Cooper, Kehoe, Sweet, Suffron, Bellanger, Bolland, Chief Mander and Mayor Corkum.

ABSENT Commissioner King and CAO Boyd. Mayor Corkum arrived at 7:20 pm.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA **Motion by Commissioner Bolland to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cooper.**

MOTION CARRIED.

SWEAR IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER New Commissioner Roland Bellanger was sworn in by Chief Mark Mander

and welcomed by Chairman Kehoe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING **Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 27, 2007 made by Commissioner Bellanger and seconded by Commissioner Suffron.**

MOTION CARRIED.

TRAFFIC UNIT Chief Mander provided an update of the Unit noting that our person in place is Cst. Jason Sehl.

REPORT TO attached COUNCIL The report for November was highlighted by Chief Mander. Report Commissioner Cooper, as Chair of the Parking Committee, advised he is satisfied with the improved parking management. The Parking Committee will have a presentation by MacKay Parking Meters on new technology at their next meeting. Commissioner Bolland noted that the tickets issued in Centre Sq. are up. It was noted that Commissionaire Robichaud makes some difference in Centre Sq and has the ability to advise police of any problems.

FINANCIAL REPORT These are projections to year end, 75% of the budget period. We will be over budget by the amount billed to Annapolis Royal. The revenue for expenses is not seen in our budget, but does show in the Town's budget

(accounting rules). Chief Mander advised the overtime for NCO's is up to \$49,000 approximately as projected and will be covered off by Annapolis Royal. Report attached.

Motion by Commissioner Cooper to receive the Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Bolland.

MOTION CARRIED.

Chief's Report
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Chief Mander advised he has provided the preliminary 2007 crime stats has not had the time to analyze them. Stats Canada has not released their stats yet. Chief Mander advised he will have a chart for the next meeting of trends, clearance rates, etc. The Town's year is April 1 to March 31 whereas the stats are for January to December calendar year.

Mayor Corkum arrived (7:20 pm).

POLICE BOARD
TRAINING

Commissioner Bolland advised he attended the Truro Workshop last week end which he felt was a great opportunity as he hadn't had any formal training in 5-6 years. He feels it is critical for new board members to be exposed to the Police Act, especially ex RCMP who may not be aware of the Police Act like municipal officers. The workshop highlighted good governance, vision, stats, minutes, taking a more pro-active position, etc. It was noted that planning and resources are needed to do the job. Police Boards are accountable to the citizens. It was noted that Police Boards should have a 3 year strategic plan. He noted there was a panel discussion which included Chief Mander. The Provincial Conference is September 24 -26 in Yarmouth and the National Conference is in Toronto Aug. 14-17. The 2009 conference will be in Cape Breton. Chief Mander agreed that Board training is important and maybe there can be a carpool for members to attend the next workshop. The Chair noted that the Board has an advisory role and cannot get involved in operations.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mander advised the Province has made a commitment to policing and to this end has provided another position for the Joint Forces Street Team funding \$100,000. We have had one member on this team for the past year with a member from the RCMP. We also have a member in the Crime Intelligence position and on the Traffic Unit making 4 funded positions. We currently have 16 members with the Service. The new street team position starts April 1st.

NEGOTIATIONS

Chairman Kehoe provide an update noting the first meeting was before

Christmas where packages were exchanged. They met twice this week formally responding to each package. There was good dialogue, not antagonistic, professional negotiations. It is going well so far. The Town drafted a package to the Union for review and a response.

Commissioner Bellanger questioned the organizational chart he obtained from the website. He feels this should be updated showing the operational supervisors and the 4 funded positions with a date noted. Chief Mander advised he would get our IT person to update the website.

Mayor Corkum advised he had met Transportation Minister Scott during the kick off for the Integrated Traffic Unit thanking him for the vehicle he provided to our service and noted the Town needs a new bridge. Mayor Corkum advised that Minister Scott is meeting with him on Tuesday February 5th at 4 pm and if there is time, he would like to provide him with a tour of the police station.

The next meeting will be a budget meeting, additional to the regular meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Suffron. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY