

APPROVED
SEPTEMBER 25/07

KENTVILLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Kentville Board of Police Commissioners was held on June 21st, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

- PRESENT Commissioners Sweet, Cooper, Kehoe, King, Bolland and Hale, CAO Boyd, and Chief Mander.
- ABSENT Mayor Corkum sent his regrets. Also absent was Commissioner Aucoin.
- CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA **Motion by Commissioner Hale to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Agenda approved with an addition under New Business 9 (c) Parking requested by Commissioner Cooper.**
- MOTION CARRIED.**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING **Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2007 made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner King. Added Commissioner King as present during last meeting.**
- MOTION CARRIED.**
- LOITERING been Update provided by Chief Mander who advised that the cameras have been installed and are working on a trial basis. Chief Mander hopes to start recording the week of June 25, 2007. Signs will be posted as to certain activities that we wish to curtail. He stated that he has a strategy in place to deal with these activities. Chief Mander noted he has spent some time watching the videos and notes that they tend to hang around in groups but there doesn't appear to be any criminal activity. They are just hanging around and smoking which is one of the things we are going to try to prohibit in Centre Sq. Some discussion ensued. Chief Mander will make a presentation of the system at a future meeting. There is no audio. The lighting has been installed which automatically comes on at dusk.
- MATERNITY POLICY Chief Mander advised that the Commission at the last meeting, wanted to know what other agencies were doing in regard to the toping off to 100% of the person's pay before adopting the proposed policy. Chief Mander advised Amherst & Truro Police Services top off to 100%. This means that they get 65-68% of their wages from EI and then top off the remaining 35% so they get their full salary while on maternity leave.

Halifax Regional P.S. is 93%, the Agricultural Centre is 100% as are the RCMP and the Military Police. Some discussion ensued regarding paternity leave, setting a standard, attracting more female officers, upcoming police contract, federally legislated, and impact on the Town which doesn't currently have a policy. Kentville Police Service was mandated by the Human Rights Commission to have a policy.

Motion by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Bolland to bring the maternity policy tabled from the last meeting back to the table.

Further discussion ensued. It applies to both males and females. Chairman Kehoe will report to Council of the adoption of the policy, CAO Boyd to put same on the CAC agenda next week. The policy will be retroactive to June 1st.

MOTION CARRIED.

PROVINCIALY
FUNDED
STREET TEAM

Chief Mander advised this has been up and running since April 1st. Cst. Kevin Lutz from our police service is a member of the team. They are working jointly (JFO) with a member of the RCMP and they are currently working out of the New Minas Detachment. The first day they were working, they were in Centre Sq. and caught someone dealing drugs. They were also involved in our round up of the group doing break and enters. They are managed by Chief Mander and the Detachment Commander. Some discussion ensued.

BATTLE OF THE
WITS

Chief Mander reports that our team placed 2nd and he hopes to have 2 teams next year. It was fun as well as being a good fund raiser.

REPORTS TO
COUNCIL

Reports attached (previously circulated) for January, February, March and May. These reports also basically formulated the Chief's Report. Chief Mander reported the arrest of several persons for break and enters. These were being done in the daytime. On one occasion, 1 young teenager was home. They were doing the break and enters to get money for drugs. They were mostly taking carriables although they did have a couple of vehicles to put things in. Chief Mander advised that Cst. McWaid does security talks to various groups, and the Service did several of these over Police Week to the seniors where they served tea to the seniors as well. Chief Mander advised Apple Blossom was a lot of work although the crowds have become tamer over the years. It is more of a family event. Even the beer garden didn't attract crowds as in previous years. There were 4 Halifax Regional PS members Friday & Saturday nights and 8 motorcycles for the Grand Street Parade. They attend every

year at no charge. One of the members has been doing this every year for the past 18 years so he was given a plaque and one for the motorcycle unit as well.

CHIEF'S REPORT See Reports to Council above. Reports attached.

2007/08 APPROVED BUDGET Chief Mander advised that with great support from the Council members on the Board, the budget was approved as submitted by the Commission.

2006/07 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT Chief Mander reports that as predicted we were over budget by \$73,298. This was as a result of the homicide we had and a few other issues. Centre Sq. incurred \$15,000 which was approved by Council in advance. All the reserves went into the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Hale to accept the 06/07 Year End Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner King.

MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Chief Mander advised that Bob Eyre sent his regrets, is unable to attend. He did send a report to look at; he was involved in the audit. He promises to be here in September. Chief Mander advised he attended a training session for reports for the Department of Justice at their request on the expectations the Boards should have for their Chiefs.

KPS AUDIT Chief Mander advised that. there were 2 members and it took 3 days. It was the first audit of the ViCLAS and exhibit systems probably since the early 90's. They helped identify some of the riskier areas for us. We do have an annual audit program with the Police Service for other things, such as domestics and sexual assaults. We did very well comparatively. It is always nice to have someone identify weaknesses in your system. The process is that I will do up a report and advise what has been done to rectify any deficiencies. Some discussion ensued. Report attached.

Motion to receive the audit report with follow up for Chief Mander in the fall as to what action was taken on the outstanding issues made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner King.

MOTION CARRIED.

KPS WEB SITE Chief Mander advised that www.kentvillepolice.ca is our new website. There is a section for the commissioner members, please advise Chief Mander if you want anything changed. All the minutes are posted there as

well. Also note that the email addresses have changed accordingly.

PARKING ISSUE

Commissioner Cooper advised he has had a number of concerns expressed through the Parking Committee (of which Cpl. Brown is a member) of the 2 hour parking not being policed correctly. Two new members recently expressed the same concerns and felt it was not policed at all. Chairperson Kehoe suggested bringing the issue to the Commissionaire. Commissioner Boland noted he is getting complaints also. The cameras in Centre Sq. will pick up the “frequent fliers”. The next step is to tow them. The Parking Committee gets a report, i.e. the number of tickets issued. It was noted that only 1 ticket was issued in April, however, Commissionaire Robichaud was off sick for 2 weeks. Some discussion ensued. It was felt that monthly reports should come to the Board. Chief Mander was asked to recommend how best to report these issues to the Board and what he proposes to do to improve parking enforcement for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from Fred Ward complaining of alcohol being consumed at the ball fields (previously circulated).

Motion to receive the correspondence was made by Commissioner Boland and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

MOTION CARRIED.

Some discussion ensued. Chairperson Kehoe noted the same person has made the same complaint before. Chief Mander advised that when police question him as to whom the party is, he cannot identify them. Chief Mander also advised that he is on the fields frequently & hasn't seen alcohol. He also noted the police make regular patrols. The problem is that some may have alcohol in cups, which is harder to identify. Mr. Ward was asked who the officer was he complained about but he would not say. It should be noted also that none of our officers have a vehicle like he described in the letter nor do any of them play ball. Mr. Ward also mentioned a speeding problem. Chief Mander will advise the members to address this. The Chief and Chairperson will collaborate on a letter to Mr. Ward on the Chief's intentions to pursue this and what has been done to date. The police commission address should be c/o of Kentville Police Service and not the Town address on the Commission letterhead. This would provide for a faster response.

IN CAMERA

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm for a 5 minute break with an In Camera session following on a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT **Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner King. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**

MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

APPROVED