

KENTVILLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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A meeting of the Kentville Board of Police Commissioners was held on November 27th, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT Commissioners Cooper, Kehoe, King, Sweet, CAO Boyd, Chief Mander and Mayor Corkum.

ABSENT Commissioner Bolland arrived late at 7:40 pm.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

SWEAR IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER There are two vacant positions, one is now filled by Robert Suffron who was sworn in by CAO Boyd and welcomed by Chairman Kehoe.

ELECTION CAO Boyd conducted the election calling for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Cooper nominated Commission Kehoe. Called 3 times, Kehoe named Chair. Chairman Kehoe called for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner King nominated Commission Cooper. Called 3 times, Cooper named Vice Chair.

Chairman Kehoe acknowledged Mayor Corkum was present as were Chief Brent Crowhurst and Deputy Chief Collier from Bridgewater.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING **Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2007 made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL Chief Mander advised he did an analysis of the billing to Annapolis Royal as tasked by the Board. The report shows what has been billed to Annapolis Royal vs. what has been paid to our members. There is a small surplus of \$2165.60. Report attached. Any injuries incurred by a member enroute to Annapolis is covered by Worker's Compensation. Chairman Kehoe inquired about members getting burned out. Chief Mander advised it would be looked at case by case. In this case, (a crisis situation) other members from Bridgewater were also working in Annapolis Royal. He

also noted that he hasn't received any complaints of this from the members. There is an agreement going back and forth between the Town and Annapolis that hasn't been quite settled yet. This was for the period of July to September 7th. There is a request from Annapolis Royal to talk about taking over policing by us specifically. The Department of Justice has been asked what the protocol is on that. Some discussion on whether the Town wants to do this and how it might work, etc. There are criteria set out by the Province to have municipal policing and receive the provincial funding. Chief Mander doesn't think that Annapolis Royal has met those criteria. They have to have one other officer and access to GIS and Crime Prevention (JFO). They are only providing patrol service. Their argument is that they have a low crime rate. Chief Mander feels that at this point, we should continue to explore it and see what the Province says. He would then do a report for the Commission and forward same to Council to see if they are interested. This is a different scenario than providing a long term service.

PARKING

Chief Mander advised that he is hearing favorable feedback/comments downtown. Most of the offenders are businesses affecting other businesses. Our ticket and tow strategy has had positive results. Commissioner Cooper, who is Chair of the Parking Committee advised that the Parking Committee is impressed with the results and thanked the Chief stating there has been quite a difference. He also advised that at least 4 businesses have contacted him advising they have noticed the improved enforcement. Enforcement will be curtailed some in December for Christmas shopping. This process will continue. Report attached.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

The report (October) was highlighted by Chief Mander; parking, new hires, Halloween. Reports attached.

FINANCIAL REPORT PROJECTIONS

These are projections to year end. Also included is the normal financial statement. We will be over budget by the amount billed to Annapolis Royal, the \$22, 200. This was billed and the amount received by the Town so the impact to the Town is 0. The revenue is not seen in our budget, just the expenditures. Chief Mander suggested that he bring the Projections and the Actuals to the Board for budget purposes.

Motion by Commissioner King to receive the Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Suffron.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW HIRES

Chief Mander advised that we are now back up to strength with 2 persons being hired in November. One person we stole from Halifax Regional

Police Service, Kevin Pick, who is a local tired of travelling back and forth. The other person hired, Chris Burke, has been interested for quite some time. This is a term position replacing Angie McWaid. He is a former member of the Military Police. It was requested that the new members be introduced to Council.

TRAFFIC SECONDMENT

Chief Mander advised that the Province will be announcing that they are going to start a pilot project of an integrated traffic Unit in this area. It is between the RCMP, Kentville Police Service and Bridgewater Police Service. This will be a one year secondment from December 15 of this year to December 15 of next year. They will be driving an RCMP car and will be managed by the RCMP. It is a great opportunity for us. There is 1 member from Kentville, 1 from Bridgewater and 4 RCMP. We would like a replacement for that person. The area covered is the South Shore, Valley area, (SW Nova) Chester, Yarmouth, and Digby. The home base will be Chester Detachment but our officer will report to us on a daily basis and that is where the vehicle will be parked. The Unit's focus is on provincial priorities such as seatbelts, impaired driving, speeding, etc. on the highway mostly. They will go to a different place everyday as a group. That person's salary will be paid by the Province plus 19% so we can then replace that person. Chief Mander advised that in his January annual report, he will give some feedback on all the secondment positions. This position is for 1 person for the year to maintain consistency. There may be a term position after that. Chief Mander advised that he has someone in mind to fill this temporary position.

Mayor Corkum advised he was proud of our Chief of Police at the Kinsman Christmas Miracle where Mark Parent came up with the idea of the Chief shaving his mustache. Chief Mander did so and over \$500 was raised for a good cause.

Chief Crowhurst explained why he and Deputy Chief Collier were present. They are going around the Province to different Boards to see how they are run as their Board is looking at ways to improve. They are focused on how much information a Chief can relay to the Board, how the Board and the Chief relate to one another, etc. He noted that it is an exciting time now with respect to how policing is going to look in the future. There will be a report by the N.S.C.P.A. as to what we, as police officers, feel policing should look like in 2012. This would include viable options in case the RCMP choose not to be the provincial police service in the future. This will be presented to the Province in January. Policing has changed drastically in the last 5 years.

Commissioner King inquired if a report was back from Council regarding

the maternity policy. Chairman Kehoe advised that it is being further reviewed by staff.

Commissioner Aucoin resigned as he has moved to Halifax.

ADJOURNMENT **Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Bolland at. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

APPROVED