

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Minutes of a Police Advisory Board Meeting

Held Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday April 28, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Councillor Reid Whynot, Chair
Councillor Leitha Haysom
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Dean Schmeisser, Member-at-Large, Vice-Chair
Michael Mason, Member-at-Large
Amanda Trethewey, Member-at-Large
Ken Zwicker, Ministerial Appointment
Sergeant Mark MacPherson

Staff

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant

Regrets

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy C.A.O.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Whynot called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Ken Zwicker that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 27th, 2021

Moved by Dean Schmeisser, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of the January 27th, 2021 Police Advisory Board meeting be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 The Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Membership

Motions from the Municipal Council meeting of February 9th were circulated with the agenda, confirming MODL's membership with the NS Association of Police Governance and that representation to this organization would be made by the Chair or the Vice Chair of the Board.

4.2 Speed Trailer

Sergeant MacPherson advised that the mobile speed trailer had been stored at the Chester Detachment all winter but will be placed in New Germany this week and then moved to different hot spots every two weeks thereafter.

4.3 Purchase of Speed Radar Signs

The Board was advised that portable speed radar signs were added to the Municipality's 2021/22 budget for approval and, if purchased, they would be portable and mounted on power poles throughout the Municipality. The proper protocol for mounting was received from Nova Scotia Power.

Sergeant MacPherson discussed how the data is collected from portable speed radar signs.

4.4 Vacancy on Police Advisory Board

Municipal Council, in session on April 27, 2021, appointed Michael Mason as a Citizen Representative to the Police Advisory Board for a 3-year term.

5. IN CAMERA

At 9:19 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Veinotte, that the Board would go *In Camera* to discuss the following item:

5.1 Public Security under Section 22(2)(h) – RCMP Reports January-March 2021. Carried.

The Police Advisory Board *In Camera* in session.

At 9:41 a.m. it was moved by Ken Zwicker, seconded by Dean Schmeisser, that the Board come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

The Police Advisory Board in session.

6. BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

6.1 Request for Increased Patrols on Trails (Cllr. Haysom)

Councillor Haysom noted that she heard from the Bull Run Trail Association and they requested there be more police visibility on the trails, checking licensing, making sure there is no damage to gates and just having a presence there.

Sergeant MacPherson advised that trails fall under the jurisdiction of the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry and suggested that the trail group contact them. The RCMP

may have a greater presence on the trails once the new Community Response Team is up and running and have had an opportunity to be trained. Sergeant MacPherson advised that they would be willing to meet with the Trail Association to discuss their options to address the matter.

6.2 Be the Peace “Pathways to Justice” presentation (Cllr. Haysom)

Councillor Haysom discussed the Be the Peace Institute, which deals with gender-based violence, formally referred to as domestic violence, and how this violence continues to be a big issue in most communities. Councillor Haysom stated that the video, “Pathways to Justice”, a 45-minute film is available, and asked if the Police Advisory Board would be interested in holding a special workshop to watch it, either in person or virtually. The general consensus of the group was that they were interested along with Sergeant MacPherson.

6.3 Bikes on Highway (D. Schmeisser)

Mr. Schmeisser discussed the safety issue around bicycles on our roads and asked if there was a way to provide more education for the riders and the public on safety. Sergeant MacPherson reported that they have not been receiving any calls regarding bicycle incidents on the roads.

There was discussion around the various ways to educate the public and any larger groups heading out to bike on municipal roads. Sergeant MacPherson encouraged the use of the trails rather than biking along the roads, as well as reaching out to Bicycle Nova Scotia to see what programs they may have available for educating the public on bicycle safety. It was suggested that the Board write a letter to the Department of Transportation asking if they could assist through whatever ways they may have available, be it signage or education pieces.

6.4 Covid Complaints (Mayor Bolivar-Getson)

Mayor Bolivar-Getson noted that there has been an increase in the number of COVID-19 related complaints coming in. Sergeant MacPherson stated that they are still waiting for direction on the latest restrictions but, since last year, they have a designated COVID Response Team that creates a file on anyone coming from out of province. This team contacts the appropriate detachment and they, in turn, check on them to ensure they are self-isolating as required.

Sergeant MacPherson left the meeting.

7. ADDED ITEMS

8. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 10:26 a.m., it was moved by Dean Schmeisser, seconded by Ken Zwicker that the meeting adjourn. Carried Unanimously.