

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

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS

**Wednesday October 27, 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

Staff Sergeant Victor Whalen, RCMP

### **Staff**

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator

Sandra Challis, Administrative Assistant

### **Regrets**

Ken Zwicker, Ministerial Appointment

Sergeant Mark MacPherson

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy C.A.O.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Whynot called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and began by acknowledging that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was requested that an item be added to the agenda as 7.1 Noise Bylaw.

**Moved by Dean Schmeisser seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the agenda be approved as amended, with the addition of 7.1 Noise Bylaw. Carried unanimously.**

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 28, 2021**

**Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Michael Mason that the Minutes of the July 28, 2021 Police Advisory Board meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **4.1 Speed Trailer**

It was reported that the speed trailer was still being used and had been successfully located in the Crescent Beach/Rissers Beach area during the summer.

#### **4.2 Purchase of Speed Radar Sign**

Mr. Kennedy advised that the two pole-mounted speed radar signs, costing approximately \$3,300 plus HST each, had arrived and were in the process of being assembled. Following discussion with the RCMP, it had been agreed to install the signs on Highway 3 in Dayspring and on Highway 325 in Oakhill, both locations being speeding hotspots. Mr. Kennedy had hired contractors for the installation. Once installed, data was free to download from the equipment for the first year, after which, data was provided at a cost of approximately \$300 per unit per year. S/Sgt. Whalen confirmed that the collected data would provide insight into when RCMP presence/enforcement would be best deployed.

A discussion followed regarding obtaining more speed radar signs to cover other arteries in the municipality. It was suggested that between six and eight units could achieve the objective. It was agreed to request Council consider this as an ongoing budget item. Mr. Kennedy could provide better costs for this closer to budget time, noting that costs were likely to increase although bulk purchasing may reduce the overall costs and installation costs of the units. It was noted that the time required to translate the data was at this time unknown, as was the ongoing repair and maintenance cost of the units.

**Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Dean Schmeisser that the Police Advisory Board recommend that Council budget for the purchase of an additional four pole-mounted speed radar signs in 2022/2023. Carried unanimously.**

#### **4.3 Be the Peace “Pathways to Justice”**

Councillor Haysom confirmed the presentation would take place on Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Lee Nauss room. An invitation would be sent to the Board.

#### **4.4 Bikes of Highway (Letter to DoT)**

A letter, circulated with the agenda, had been sent (to the Minister of Public Works) regarding bicycle safety. To date, no reply had been received. It was noted that the Municipality works with TAT in installing shared shoulders when a road is being taken down to a base level, although there were some restrictions on which roads were eligible. It was agreed that raising safety and awareness of cyclists to all road users would be beneficial.

#### **4.5 RCMP Satellite Office, New Germany**

S/Sgt. Whalen reported he would investigate this matter with his predecessor and report back to the Board at the next meeting. It was believed New Germany Fire Department had repurposed the space and it was unclear if the office had the necessary IT and security requirements for it to be a functional RCMP satellite office.

#### **4.6 Member-at-Large term expiration**

It was reported Ms. Trethewey's term on the Board was to expire at the end of October 2021. Advertisements of the vacancy were placed in the Progress Bulletin, on the municipal website and through municipal social media channels. The closing date for applications was 29<sup>th</sup> October. As per the Board's bylaw, members may be reappointed after the absence of at least one year or where no other interest have been received for the same position.

### **7. ADDED ITEMS**

#### **7.1 Noise Bylaw**

Council requested that noise complaints be discussed by the Police Advisory Board as it appeared these complaints were on the rise due, in part, to an increase in short-term rentals in the district. S/Sgt. Whalen advised the current RCMP Memorandum of Understanding did not cover bylaw enforcement, but this could be included at an additional cost. It was discussed that RCMP would visit noise complaints, dependant on caseloads and priorities, and a repetitive complaint or complete disregard of a person's right to enjoy their property would be followed up. Municipal bylaw enforcement officers were discussed. It was agreed that too many staff would be needed to enforce a noise bylaw due to the times of the complaints (late at night) and the potential unknowns of a situation that a person could be walking into. Councillor Haysom agreed to report back to Council.

### **5. IN CAMERA**

**At 9:38 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Haysom, that the Board go *In Camera* to discuss the following item:**

**5.1 Public Security under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA – RCMP Reports July-September 2021. Carried.**

The Police Advisory Board *In Camera* in session.

**At 10:03 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Michael Mason, that the Board come out of *In Camera* and return to open session. Carried.**

The Police Advisory Board in session.

**Moved by Dean Schmeisser, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Municipality write a letter of support to the RCMP regarding the revitalization of the Auxiliary Officer Program (with copies local MLAs, Premier of NS and the Minister of Justice). Carried.**

**6. BOARD MEMBER MATTERS**

None.

**8. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business at 10:04 a.m., it was moved by Dean Schmeisser, that the meeting adjourn. Carried Unanimously.**