

**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
Notes of a Police Advisory Board Meeting**

Held in Council Chambers, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS
Wednesday April 27, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Councillor Martin Bell, Vice Chair
Councillor Reid Whynot
Councillor Kacy DeLong
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Dean Schmeisser, Member-at-Large, Chair
Michael Mason, Member-at-Large
Al Cunningham, Member-at-Large
Ken Zwicker, Ministerial Appointment
Staff Sergeant Victor Whalen, RCMP

Staff

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
Sandra Challis, Administrative Assistant

Regrets

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy C.A.O.
Sergeant Mark MacPherson
Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mr. Schmeisser called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of Ministerial Appointment Status, Crime Prevention Initiative news article and Board Membership Promotion under added items.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the agenda be approved with Ministerial Appointment Status, Crime Prevention Initiative news article and Board Membership Promotion to be added under Added Items. Carried Unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2022

Moved by Mr. Zwicker, seconded by Mr. Morrison that the Minutes of the January 26, 2022 Police Advisory Board meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Speed Trailer

The speed trailer had recently been relocated from Highway 210 in Chelsea to Highway 3 in Hebbville. It was noted that safely deploying the equipment required two members and responsibility for the trailer had been transferred to Community Policing.

4.2 Budget for Speed Radar Signs

Mr. Kennedy reported that the budget for four additional speed radar signs was pending final Council approval. It was noted, that updated prices would be required before any purchases made. Mr. Kennedy had circulated the statistics from the Dayspring and Oakhill radar signs to the Board.

4.3 RCMP Satellite Office, New Germany

Staff Sergeant Whalen would follow up with the Chief of New Germany Fire Department on their intended use for the office.

6. Board Member Matters

6.1 Citizen Appointment on Police Advisory Board

Mr. Allan Cunningham was introduced to the Board as the new member at large. His appointment is for a 3-year term.

7. Added Items

7.1 Ministerial Appointment

Mr. Zwicker reported that he had received the Ministerial Appointment in 2012 and had been appointed for three years, in 2016 he had been given a three-year extension to the position. No further communication had been received since this date, despite Mr. Zwicker's attempts. It was reported that this problem was not unique across the Province and had been highlighted by the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance at their recent AGM. Mr. Zwicker explained that he enjoyed participating on the Police Advisory Board but felt that as he had no official authority, that he should offer his resignation, and for MODL to either await communication from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice (DoJ) on his re-appointment or request a new representative to be appointed to the Board.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Zwicker should remain on the Board and both the Police Advisory Board and Mayor Bolivar-Getson would write to DoJ requesting action on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham that Mr. Zwicker remain on the Police Advisory Board, and that the Board and Mayor Bolivar-Getson write to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice requesting immediate action on re-appointing current member Ken Zwicker, or having a new Ministerial Appointment to the Police Advisory Board. CARRIED.

7.2 Crime Prevention Initiative Seeks Volunteers Article

Mr. Cunningham referenced an article from CKBW News from February 19th detailing that Nova Scotia Citizen's on Patrol group had fundraised to purchase a speed radar. The following was noted from Mr. Cunningham's research:

- Training was required prior to equipment operation.
- Written permission was required from RCMP for citizens to use this equipment.
- Equipment must be calibrated and certified to be working currently.
- Without training or permission there could be a liability issue.

Staff Sergeant Whalen advised he would investigate the matter and report back.

7.3 Board Membership Communication to the Public

Mr. Mason requested if details of Board membership could be made public, perhaps listed in the Municipal Matters publication. It was noted that the Public should refer their concerns to their local Councillor. Mr. Kennedy would investigate to see if Mr. Mason's suggestion was appropriate, as per the by-law legitimizing the Board.

5. In Camera

At 9:20 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Board go *In Camera* to discuss the following item:

**Public Security under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA – RCMP Reports January-March 2022.
Carried.**

The Police Advisory Board *In Camera* in session.

At 10:05 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Mr. Zwicker that the Board come out of *In Camera* and return to open session. Carried.

The Police Advisory Board in session.

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the Police Advisory Board write a letter to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, with copies to Department of Natural

Resources and Renewables, Nova Scotia Environment, Office of the Premier and to local MLAs, requesting support for enforcement of the *Off-Highway Vehicles Act*. CARRIED.

8. Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business at 10:07 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot that the meeting adjourn. Carried Unanimously.