

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

Held in Council Chambers, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Councillor Martin Bell, Vice Chair
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson (arrived at 9:31 a.m.)
Councillor Kacy DeLong (via Teams)
Councillor Reid Whynot
Dean Schmeisser, Member-at-Large, Chair
Michael Mason, Member-at-Large
Al Cunningham, Member-at-Large
Dale Kelly, Ministerial Appointment
Staff Sergeant Victor Whalen, RCMP
Corporal Dan Smith, RCMP

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator (via Teams)
Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda (as circulated)

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Mr. Cunningham that the agenda be approved as amended, with the deferral of Item 5.4 to the January 2023 meeting. Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Notes – July 27, 2022

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Notes of the July 27, 2022 Police Advisory Board meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. Business Arising from the Notes

5.1 Ministerial Appointment to the Board – Dale Kelly

Mr. Dale Kelly was introduced as the new Ministerial Appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for a term of three (3) years commencing June 28, 2022.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the motion made at the July 27, 2022, Police Advisory Board meeting which stated, “that a letter be sent to the Minister of Justice requesting that Mr. Zwicker remain on the Board until a new appointment is made” be rescinded as a new Ministerial Appointment was made effective June 28, 2022, therefore, making the motion unnecessary. Carried unanimously.

4. Presentations

4.1 Police Advisory Board Training, NS Department of Justice

Charcy Marchand, Acting Director, Public Safety & Investigations, and Tim Mills, Government Enforcement Agent, with Public Safety and Security, Nova Scotia Department of Justice, were in attendance and provided training through a presentation entitled, “Police Advisory Boards’”. Also, in attendance were Danielle Desjardins, RCMP Liaison, and Michele Matthews, Contract Administrator.

Ms. Marchand explained that the goals and objectives of the presentation were to provide a general introduction to the roles and responsibilities of members of a Police Advisory Board. The presentation included the following items:

- Overview – Department of Justice, Public Safety
 - Our Organization
 - Public Safety Mission Statement
 - Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN)
 - Policing & Public Safety Section

- Police Board Governance
 - Effective Governance...is about
 - Governance
 - Legislative Authority, Province of Nova Scotia

- Advisory Board Functions
 - Police Act, Province of Nova Scotia
 - Ministerial Appointee
 - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion on the Board (it was suggested that the Police Advisory Board might want to consider having a high school student sit on the Board in a non-voting position)

- Advisory Board Details
- Advisory Board Functions
- Accountability & Working Relationships
 - Consultation
 - Knowledge Exchange
 - Understanding Roles
- Overview RCMP Accountability
 - Nova Scotia RCMP Detachments – “H” Division
 - RCMP Accountability Mechanisms
 - External RCMP Accountability Mechanisms – Dealing with Complaints
 - Internal RCMP Accountability Mechanisms – Annual Performance Plan Process

Ms. Marchand, Mr. Mills, Ms. Desjardins, and Ms. Matthews, left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

The Board took a recess from 10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

5.2 Speed Trailer (verbal update)

Mr. Kennedy reported a speed radar sign located in Dayspring was destroyed in a vehicle accident and a cheque was received from the insurance company to cover the cost of a replacement.

A Request for Quotations was issued for four new signs, and it ends on November 2, 2022.

5.3 Speed Radar Signs Data Update

Mr. Kennedy referred to the speed radar signs data for the period of July to October 2022.

5.4 Discussion – Human Trafficking/Follow-up to the Peace Institute’s Video (Councillor DeLong)

This item was deferred to the January meeting.

6. New Business - Nil

7. Committee Member Matters

7.1 Noise Complaints Discussion (Al Cunningham)

Mr. Cunningham suggested that the *Protection of Property Act* be used to provide authority to the RCMP when dealing with noise complaints. Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that Council directed staff to look into developing a Noise By-law for MODL and the costs associated with enforcing that type of by-law.

Staff Sergeant Whalen stated that he did some research regarding the *Protection of Property Act* in relation to noise complaints and explained that it does not deal with loud music and, therefore, could not prosecute. He also spoke with the Department of Alcohol and Gaming and the public can use the following email address to direct complaints: agdinvest@novascotia.ca.

8. In Camera

At 10:39 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Mayor Bolivar-Getson that the Board go In Camera to discuss the following item: Public Security under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA – RCMP Reports July to September 2022.

The Police Advisory Board *In Camera* in session.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

At 11:10 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Mr. Cunningham that the Police Advisory Board come out of *In Camera* and return to open session. Motion carried.

The Police Advisory Board in session.

9. Added Items

10. Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business at 11:10 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Mr. Mason that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.