

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

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

Attendance:

Councillor Martin Bell, Vice Chair
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
Corporal Dan Smith, RCMP

Staff

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

Regrets

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Councillor Reid Whynot

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda (as circulated)

It was requested that Item 6.1 be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

The agenda was approved with the addition of Speeds and Road Conditions of Highway 3, under added items.

Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Mr. Cunningham that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Notes – April 27, 2022

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

4. Business Arising from the Notes

4.1 Speed Trailer (verbal update)

S/Sgt. Whalen reported the portable speed trailer is located in Pleasantville and there was a request to move it to the Oakland area if a suitable location could be found. A further request for the Pine Grove Road was made.

4.2 Budget for Speed Radar Signs (verbal update)

Mr. Kennedy reported that the budget was approved by Council to purchase four additional mountable speed radar signs.

4.3 RCMP Satellite Office, New Germany (verbal update)

S/Sgt. Whalen advised he will follow-up with the New Germany Fire Chief to see if there will be an area made available for a satellite office and will report back to the Board.

6. Committee Member Matters

6.1 Request Increased Police Presence in New Germany – Deputy Mayor Moore/Mayor Bolivar-Getson

Mayor Bolivar-Getson and Deputy Mayor Moore requested there be an increased police presence in New Germany core area, with a focus on speeding vehicles, ATV's and dirt bikes on public roads.

S/Sgt. Whalen stated that he will ensure there is an increased police presence in that area, and that the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables is overseeing ATV usage and enforcement.

4.4 Speed Radar Sign Data

This agenda item will be included on future agendas for information purposes, where ~~certain~~ areas can be requested for the mobile speed radar signs, or updates on placements.

4.5 Ministerial Appointment to the Board

The ministerial appointment was discussed, and it was noted that correspondence was received from the Minister of Justice stating that a new appointment would be named soon.

It was suggested a letter be sent to the Minister of Justice requesting that Mr. Zwicker remain on the Board until such time as a new appointment is announced.

Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Mr. Zwicker that a letter be sent to the Minister of Justice requesting that Mr. Zwicker remain on the Board until a new appointment is made. Carried unanimously.

4.7 Support Request for Enforcement of *Off-Highway Vehicle Act*

An email was received from the Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables in response to the Board's correspondence regarding the enforcement of off-highway vehicles.

The email stated that provincial conservation officers were transferred back to the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables and their mandate will include a shared responsibility with policing agencies to enforce the *Off-Highway Vehicles Act*.

4.6 Board Membership Communication to the Public (verbal update)

At the last meeting, a request to have members contact information made available to the public was made. The Police Advisory Board is an advisory board to Council and any questions or concerns should be directed to the Councillor for the area.

4.8 Municipal Matters

Councillors' contact information is included in the Municipal Matters publications. But if a topic discussed at a Board meeting is something the public should be aware of, then an article would be included in the Municipal Matters.

4.9 Discussion – Human Trafficking/Follow-up to Be the Peace Institute's Video – Councillor DeLong

Councillor DeLong deferred this item to a future agenda.

5. New Business

5.1 Request for Agenda Items

A sample "Request for Agenda Items" form (included in the agenda package) is currently used by other committees of Council, and it was suggested that the Board implement it as well. The form will be amended to meet the needs of the Board and will be made available to all members of the Board.

6. Committee Member Matters

6.2 RCMP Night Patrols Lunenburg County – Al Cunningham

There was an inquiry about the number of officers on night patrols in Lunenburg County. S/Sgt. Whalen stated that the number varies due to many factors like sick leave, vacations, training,

etc. There was a concern that not all residents know how to defend themselves in the case of a home invasion and there was concern about the number of available officers in the night. This is also a concern for police officer safety as well.

6.3 Radar Speed Trailers Signs on Locations Current & Planned – Councillor Bell

Councillor Bell requested that the radar speed trailers be equally distributed among all the districts.

6.4 ATV's – Mayor Bolivar Getson

Concern was raised with the number of fatalities over the last few months and the Board agreed that ATV training should be made mandatory.

6.5 Ongoing Mass Causality Commission & How it Relates to Rural Policing & Intimate Partner Violence – Councillor DeLong

Councillor DeLong questioned how the ongoing Mass Casualty Commission might affect the local area.

S/Sgt. Whalen and Cpl. Smith discussed partner violence files and advised that there are three domestic violence coordinators in the province and women and/or their residences can be equipped with an alarm.

Cpl Smith advised that the NS Department of Justice has a program available for police officers which includes some high-level experts in domestic partnership violence relationships.

8. Added Items

8.1 Speeds and Road Conditions of Highway 3

The poor visibility due to overgrown bushes on the shoulders of the roads was discussed on Highway 3 and on roads in general throughout the Municipality. RCMP have seen an increase in the number of deer strikes and have spoken with the Department of Labour. Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she met with the Area Supervisor and was told that the piece of equipment used to cut back the shoulders is broken, and they are waiting for a part.

8.2 Excessive Speeds in Dayspring

It was reported that excessive speeds are being observed in Dayspring on the stretch by the Dayspring Fire Department. An increased RCMP presence will be put in place to help deter this problem.

7. In Camera

At 10:14 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Zwicker, 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 April to June 2022

The Police Advisory Board *n Camera* in session.

At 10:31 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mayor Bolivar-Getson that the Police Advisory Board come out of *In Camera* and return to open session. Motion carried.

The Police Advisory Board in session.

9. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

S/Sgt. Whalen advised that he will be off for the next two months and Brent Johnston will be acting in his place.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business at 10:32 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Mayor Bolivar-Getson that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.