

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

Held in Council Chambers, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

Councillor Martin Bell  
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson (left meeting at 10.01 a.m.)  
Councillor Wendy Oickle  
Councillor Sandra Statton  
Dean Schmeisser, Member-at-Large  
Al Cunningham, Member-at-Large  
Dale Kelly, Ministerial Appointment  
Staff Sergeant Victor Whalen, RCMP  
Sergeant Kelly Plamondon, RCMP

**Staff:**

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO  
Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator  
Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator  
Sandra Challis, Administrative Assistant

**Regrets:**

Michael Mason, Member-at-Large

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The members introduced themselves to Sgt. Kelly Plamondon.

**2. Nomination of Chair & Vice Chair**

In accordance with the By-Law Respecting the Membership and Responsibilities of the Police Advisory Board, Section 3.3, Mr. Kennedy called for nominations, by ballot, for the position of Chair. Those nominated were:

- Councillor Bell
- Councillor Statton
- Dean Schmeisser
- Dale Kelly

Councillor Statton declined the nomination, and on second ballot, by majority, Dean Schmeisser was appointed to the position of Chair.

Dean Schmeisser called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Those nominated were:

- Councillor Bell
- Councillor Statton

On the second ballot, with a tied vote, Councillor Statton respectfully declined the nomination thus, Councillor Bell was appointed to the position of Vice Chair.

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Statton that all ballots be destroyed. Carried unanimously.**

### **3. Approval of Agenda (as circulated)**

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Bell that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

### **4. Approval of Notes – October 26, 2022**

**Moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Notes of the October 26, 2022 Police Advisory Board meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

### **5. Business Arising from the Notes**

#### **5.1 Speed Radar Signs Update**

Mr. Kennedy advised four permanent speed radar signs were waiting to be located in MODL, locations would be suggested by RCMP, but it is hoped they will cover the main district arteries.

The mobile speed radar sign had recently been removed from Blockhouse and would be re-located elsewhere once the threat of snow has gone. It was suggested Northfield Road (somewhere between Highway 325 and Pine Grove Road) might be a location for consideration.

It was noted that Nova Scotia legislation does not permit photo radar, and the only data collected by the signs is time and speed of vehicle. RCMP are provided with the sign data and use this to determine if increased patrols are necessary.

### **6. New Business**

#### **6.1 Member Term Expiry**

Mr. Kennedy reported that Mr. Mason's term on the Board was due to expire April 30, 2023, noting that "members may be reappointed after an absence of at least one year, or where no

other interest has been received for the same position". Advertisements for the Board vacancy would be placed in April 2023.

**7. Committee Member Matters – Nil**

**8. In Camera**

**At 9.25 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Board go In Camera to discuss the following item: Public Security under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA – RCMP Reports October to December 2022.**

The Police Advisory Board In Camera in session.

**At 10.08 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Kelley that the Police Advisory Board come out of In Camera and return to open session. Motion carried.**

The Police Advisory Board in session.

**Moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Bell that an item relating to Mental Health be added to the agenda. Carried unanimously**

**9. Added Items**

**9.1 Mental Health**

RCMP were asked how they deal with individuals with mental health issues. The RCMP were not permitted to comment on individual cases, but stated that if no charges were laid they are unable to proceed further.

**9.2 Damage Hebbville Academy**

S/Sgt Whalen requested that should members of the public have any information on suspected perpetrators of recent damage to the playing field at Hebbville Academy, to reach out the RCMP or contact Crimestoppers.

**10. Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**

**11. Adjournment**

**There being no further business at 10:18 a.m., it was it was moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Bell that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.**