

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Notes of a Police Advisory Board Meeting

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

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Dean Schmeisser, Member-at-Large, Chair
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2, Vice Chair
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar Getson
Al Cunningham, Member at Large
Samir Upadhyay, Member-at-Large
Dale Kelly, Ministerial Appointment
Staff Sergeant Victor Whalen, District Commander
Sergeant Kelly Plamodon, Operations Sergeant

Staff

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant
Syazlynia Rahim, Corporate Services Assistant

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Input (15 minutes)

A request was made by Mr. Hirtle to investigate the amount of noise and traffic generated by All-Terrain Vehicles along the Rhodenizer Road. S/Sgt. Whalen reported that the RCMP was aware of the issue, has been receiving many calls and hopes that the new trail connector will help ease ATV traffic. He advised that increased patrols could help deter calls and will recommend regular patrols for the area.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Bell that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Notes

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator, gave an update on the speed signs. The permit for the Shipyards Landing sign is approved and the permit for the Oak Hill sign is still pending.

5. New Business

5.1 Police Record Checks Presentation, Forest Green Solutions

Brandon Guilmette, Director of Operations and Jean-Michel Blais, Vice President, were in attendance and provided a presentation entitled 'Online Criminal Record Checks'. Mr. Blais explained that the objective of the presentation was to provide an option for Online Police Record Checks via new processes including police service checks and virtual front counters. The presentation included the following items:

- Just what are Criminal Record Checks (CRCs)?
 - History
 - Types of Checks
 - Types of Processes
- Forrest Green's Online Police Record Check Solution
 - User Convenience
 - No Cost to RCMP or to MODL
 - Significant Operational Efficiencies = Cost Savings
 - Free Training / Support
 - Enhanced Information Security
 - Free Open-Source Data Dashboards for RCMP and PAB
 - Canadian Servers & Canadian Development
 - Developed "By Police for Police"
 - Ease of Implementation: Off-the-shelf product
 - Sole Source
- List of Current Customers Across Canada

Mr. Guilmette and Mr. Blais left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

6. Committee Member Matters

6.1 Mass Casualty Commission report

Mr. Kelly raised that the Mass Casualty Commission Report should be known to the Board and asked what the province is planning to do with regards to the recommendations raised within. S/Sgt. Whalen stated that the Department of Justice are currently working on new policies and re-writing items that are not at the RCMP's disposal. The DOJ sets all police services criteria and will be in touch when changes are rolled out.

7. Added Items - Nil

8. In Camera

At 10:14 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Mr. Cunningham that the Board go In Camera to discuss the following item:

8.1 Public Security under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA – RCMP Reports April to June 2023

Carried.

~~The~~ Police Advisory Board In Camera in session.

At 10:57 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Police Advisory Board come out of In Camera and return to open session. ~~Motion~~ Carried.

Police Advisory Board in session.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.