

## **Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**

### **Notes of a Police Advisory Board Meeting**

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

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

#### **Attendance:**

Councillor Martin Bell, District 2, Vice Chair (Acting Chair)

Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Al Cunningham, Member-at-Large

Dale Kelly, Ministerial Appointment

Staff Sergeant Victor Whalen, District Commander

Sergeant Kelly Plamondon, Operations Sergeant

#### **Regrets:**

Dean Schmeisser, Member-at-Large, Chair

Samir Upadhyay, Member-at-Large

Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6

#### **Staff**

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator

Sandra Challis, Administrative Assistant

#### **1. Call to Order**

Councillor Bell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Dale Kelly that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.**

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

##### **3.1 Speed Radar Signs Update**

- Speed radar sign in Dayspring is now functioning and collecting data.
- Request for sign to be located on Highway #325 was denied by Public Works, due to not meeting criteria.
- Public Works permission process is arduous, with an application submission, traffic study, and data analysis, all before permission is granted or denied, which can take up to 12 weeks.
- MODL currently have five speed radar signs waiting to be situated and the application process started.
- It was noted that applications should be made before speed signs are purchased.
- Possible locations suggested were:
  - School Zone, Newcombville

- School Zone, Pentz
- School Zone, New Germany
- Auto Row or Tastee Freeze, Hebbville

The Board agreed that the Public Works process was challenging, and the locations were determined strategically, by the Board and the RCMP, where volume of traffic and speed is an issue. It was suggested that perhaps approval could be given following consultation with Public Works, rather than strictly adhering to their policy.

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Mayor Bolivar-Getson that the Police Advisory Board request Council to write to the Provincial Minister, responsible for Public Works, Kim MasLand, and (copy the local MLAs and Public Works office), requesting they revisit, loosen, or remove the process for installation of speed radar signs in the interest of public safety. Motion Carried.**

#### **4. Committee Member Matters**

**The following three items were discussed prior to item 4.1 Member Term Expiry.**

##### **Speeding approaching/at Highway #103 Overpass, Wileville (Councillor Oickle)**

Councillor Oickle reported on speeding concerns at the above location. Sgt. Plamondon suggested that the mobile speed trailer could be deployed.

##### **Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association/NSAPG September Conference Update (Mr. Cunningham/Councillor Bell)**

Mr. Cunningham provided an update to the Board on the recent conference attended which covered:

- Mass Casualty Report.
- Police Identity Management Act.
- Alert Ready.
- Mental Health Support.
- Progress Monitoring Committee.
- Atlantic Police Academy Training – increasing cadet classes.
- Stopping Distances for CN Trains in an emergency.
- Integrated enforcement in New Brunswick successes.
- OnStar Emergency Services.

Councillor Bell had provided a report to Council on the conference, and commented further to the Board on:

- The negative consequences suffered in New Brunswick from defunding the RCMP.
- The possible need for Council to revisit the RCMP agreement due to the increasing number of residents in MODL.

##### **Speeding in Pentz, West LaHave and LaHave areas (Councillor Bell)**

Councillor Bell reported on a recent Facebook post regarding the need for a greater police presence in the areas above, to address speeding.

It was acknowledged that it is sometimes difficult for the RCMP to safely turn around on secondary roads due to the state of the road shoulders and types of police vehicles, but urged the Public to report specific incidents to the RCMP if they can provide vehicle and driver details and are prepared to make a statement.

#### **4.1 Member Term Expiry**

Mr. Kennedy advised that Dean Schmeisser's citizen appointment term will end as of October 31, 2023. An advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper looking for a new member.

#### **5. In Camera**

**At 9:47 a.m., it was moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Dale Kelly 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 2023.**

**At 10:16 a.m., it was moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, 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.

#### **6. Added Items – None**

#### **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business at 10:16 a.m., the meeting adjourned.