

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

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

### **Attendance**

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5, Chair  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2, Vice Chair (arrived at 9:13 a.m.)  
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4  
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
E. Joseph Boutilier, Member-at-Large  
Allan Cunningham, Member-at-Large  
Samir Upadhyay, Member-at-Large  
Dale Kelly, Ministerial Appointment  
Staff Sergeant Victor Whalen, District Commander  
Sergeant Kelly Plamondon, Operations Sergeant

### **Staff**

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator  
Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator  
Jennifer Harrietha, Administrative Assistant

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

Mr. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Board Members were introduced.

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

Councillor Bell, Hubley and Moore and member-at-large Mr. Upadhyay and Mr. Cunningham were nominated for the Chair of the Police Advisory Board. Councillor Bell was absent and removed. Councillor Hubley and Mr. Cunningham declined. Councillor Moore was elected as the Chair to the Police Advisory Board.

Councillor Bell and Hubley and member-at-large Mr. Kelly were nominated for the Vice Chair. Councillor Hubley declined the nomination. Councillor Bell was elected as the Vice Chair.

**Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the ballots for both the nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Police Advisory Board be destroyed.  
Carried unanimously.**

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.**

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

#### **4.1 Speed Radar Signs Update – Provincial Letter**

Mr. Kennedy provided an update on the letter dated December 13, 2023 that was received from the Public Works Office of the Minister regarding the application process for speed display devices on provincial highways.

This letter was a follow-up to the discussion at the last meeting in October 2023 of the Police Advisory Board.

All the signs will be placed in the approved location sites.

The Board discussed the following:

- Radar signs with cameras (not permitted in the province of Nova Scotia)
- School zones

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.1 Joint Police Advisory Board for Lunenburg County**

Mr. Dumaresq presented the report titled “Proposed Joint Police Advisory Board for Lunenburg County”; circulated with the agenda.

Under the **Police Act**, all municipalities contracting with the RCMP must have a Police Advisory Board that meets every quarter and is made up of two (2) members from each partner council, two (2) resident members from each partner unit, and one (1) member appointed by the Minister.

The following municipalities have expressed interest in creating a joint board:

- Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL)
- Town of Lunenburg (TOL)
- Town of Mahone Bay (TOM)

The Board discussed the following:

- The proposed board's member structure
- Municipality/Town concerns

It was clarified that any item of interest could be added to the agenda(s) by the board members as per the normal practice.

**Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Police Advisory Board recommend that Council support the creation of a Joint Police Advisory Board comprising of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Town of Mahone Bay and the Town of Lunenburg and authorize the mayors to write a joint letter to the provincial Department of Justice requesting Ministerial Approval for a joint board. Carried unanimously.**

## **5.2 Neighbourhood Nuisance Bylaw**

Mr. MacEwan presented a report titled "Neighbourhood Nuisance Bylaw"; circulated with the agenda.

The proposed draft bylaw prohibits people from engaging in activities that disturbs the peace of the neighbourhood and makes it an offence to engage in an activity that unreasonably disturbs that peace. To consider if the peace has been disturbed, two (2) or more residents occupying at least two (2) different properties must report the disruptive activity. Residents will file their complaints with the RCMP and the residents will be responsible for attending and providing evidence to the court.

The Board discussed the following:

- RCMP involvement
- Enforcement
- Criminal Code versus the proposed bylaw
- Summary Offence tickets
- Venues versus residential properties
- Peace Bonds

The Municipality of Colchester has implanted a similar bylaw. Staff Sergeant Whalen will connect with Colchester RCMP and get the details on how they are enforcing the bylaw.

## **5.3 Electronic Speed Sign – Pentz School Zone**

Mr. Ken Zwicker, Pentz, submitted a letter to the Board regarding the speed limit setting of the electronic speed sign and the varied speeds in the school zone at Pentz Elementary School;

circulated with the agenda. The posted speed limit is 50kms and 30kms when children are present. The motoring public may be confused if the sign is set to 30kms and speeding may be over reported.

The Board discussed the following:

- Tracking tool versus enforcement
  - Reminder to slowdown
- An alternative location – 70 km zone (require approval from the Minister)
- School/parents grateful for this screening tool

#### **6. Committee Member Matters**

There were no Committee Member Matters added to the agenda to discuss.

#### **7. In Camera**

**At 10:14 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Mr. Boutilier 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 2023 and January to March 2024. Carried unanimously.**

**At 10:46 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Police Advisory Board come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried unanimously.**

The Police Advisory Board in session.

#### **8. Added Items**

There were no Added Items to the agenda.

#### **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business at 10:46 a.m., the meeting adjourned.