

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

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS
Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile (arrived at 9:33 a.m.)
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5, Chair
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2, Vice Chair
Councillor Edgar Burns, District 7
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 Patrick Frenette, Operations Sergeant

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator (arrived at 9:13 a.m.)
Jennifer Harrietha, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Councillor Moore called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

The board members introduced themselves.

2. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Councillors Bell, Moore, and Mr. Cunningham were nominated for the position of Chair. Mr. Cunningham declined the nomination. Councillor Moore was elected as Chair.

Councillor Bell, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Upadhyay were nominated for the position of Vice Chair. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Upadhyay declined the nomination. Councillor Bell was elected as Vice Chair.

**Moved by Councillor Burns, seconded by Mr. Cunningham that the ballots for the nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Advisory Board be destroyed.
Carried unanimously.**

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the agenda of January 22, 2025 be approved as circulated.
Carried unanimously.**

4. Approval of Notes – July 24, 2024

The notes of July 24, 2024 were approved as circulated.

5. Business Arising from the Notes

5.1 Joint Police Advisory Board for Lunenburg County Update

Mr. Dumaresq provided an update to the Board. The Municipality is waiting for the signed letter of agreement from the Town of Lunenburg to be sent to Department of Justice for approval to create the Joint Police Advisory Board.

This Police Advisory Board will review the draft By-law and Terms of Reference and make recommendation to Council to form the Joint Board.

5.2 Neighbourhood Nuisance Bylaw Update

Mr. Dumaresq noted that the new municipal council has not yet reviewed the “Neighbourhood Nuisance Bylaw”; that was circulated with the April 2024 Police Advisory Board agenda.

6. Consideration of Correspondence

6.1 Parking Issues - Sand Dollar Beach and Surrounding Areas

Ms. Annette Conrad, Rose Bay was present and was permitted to address the Board. She outlined the community’s concerns regarding parking around Sand Dollar Beach, emergency access of Hirtle Beach and areas near the Rose Bay Store and Bistro.

She indicated that community members have approached multiple levels of government in attempts to improve the signage and communication to the public with little results.

The following were discussed:

- Emergency access to the beach
- Blocked driveway(s)
- Bike lane unavailable
- Pedestrian safety
- Signage (lack of)
- Visibility on the blind corner
- Need for public education

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to refer the matter (of illegal parking at Sand Dollar beach and surrounding area) to municipal staff for investigation and to report back to Police Advisory Board.

Carried unanimously.

7. New Business

7.1 RCMP 2023 Year in Review

The Municipality received a letter dated July 23, 2024, from the RCMP regarding their published web-based annual review. The online report provides a snapshot of the RCMP's day-to-day policing in 2023.

7.2 Speed Radar Sign Update

Mr. Kennedy provided an update on the speed radar signs located throughout the municipality. He indicated that the radar sign located in Dayspring is not working and is being replaced under warranty.

8. Board Member Matters

8.1 Traffic Authority

Mr. Cunningham would like the municipality through the Board to contact the Nova Scotia Traffic Authority for Lunenburg County to review the traffic lights in Pine Grove (specifically the lights located at the Boston Pizza intersection), as the lights do not turn or hold their color for an appropriate amount of time.

Moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Kelly to request Municipal Council direct staff to write a letter of request to the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works Traffic Authority requesting a review of the operation of the traffic lights located at the Pine Grove intersection (Boston Pizza) and the possible implantation of a new policy.

Carried unanimously.

8.2 Senior Fraud

Mr. Upadhyay would like more information and education provided to seniors regarding gift card scams. Many seniors are exposed to this fraud through social media and phone scams.

The Board discussed:

- The Senior Safety program:
 - Provides home visits
 - Information sessions
 - MODL helps fund the program

- Retailer's and bank's response to the problem
- Additional communication to the public:
 - Article in Municipal Matters
 - Information posted on the MODL website
 - Posters
 - Advertising

9. Added Items

There were no Added Items.

10. In Camera

At 10:02 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Burns that the Board go In Camera to discuss the following item: Public Security under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA – RCMP Report July to September 2024 and October to December 2024. Carried unanimously.

At 10:28 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Burns, 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.

11. Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business at 10:28 a.m., the meeting adjourned.