

MINUTES
BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
April 5th , 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners held on Thursday April 5th 2018, in the Community Room of the Police Service Building, 45 Exhibition Drive, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia commencing at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson David Mitchell presiding. Those in attendance: Commissioners, Virginia Oickle, Jennifer McDonald, Wayne Thorburne and Pat Cappello.

Also present: Acting Chief Scott Feener, A/Deputy Chief Danny MacPhee and Commission Recording Secretary Patty Sleep.

Regrets: Richard MacLellan, CAO.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

18-012 Moved by Commissioner Cappello and seconded by Commissioner Thorburne to approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Technology Demonstration

A/Chief Feener gave a short technology video demonstrating the use of a drone as investigative tool.

The drone captured video footage of the recent fire on King Street, which was a total loss. The building was unsafe to enter do to extensive fire damage, so a local drone company was contacted. This device was used to capture the 'hot spots' which allows investigators to determine where the fire started.

The cameras on King Street were also viewed to give members an idea of the various angles captured as well as zoom capabilities.

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18-013 Moved by Commissioner Cappello and seconded by Commissioner McDonald, the Minutes of the March 1st, 2018 regular meeting be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

CCORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

CAPG Update

Commissioner Pat Cappello reminded the group, the annual CAPG conference will be held in Winnipeg this year. Documentation with particulars will be sent out this week.

It is a two-part conference; the first part designated a First Nations piece and the remainder is CAPG.

NSAPG Update

The NSAPG is still working on the board education/training component and are hoping to make headway on this soon.

Commissioner Cappello will be attending Lobby Days in Ottawa this year.

Stats Canada – Municipal Police Service # 18-013

The Statistics Canada document was circulated recently to municipal police agencies. The document provides information on population, number of police officers, crimes stats and solve rates.

It is provided to the Board as means to compare BPS stats to other agencies as means to gauge where we stand for 2017.

Board impressed with numbers and clearance rates.

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Letter from DOJ – Additional Officer Program

#18-014

A letter was received from the Department of Justice in regards to the Boots to the Street program. A review was completed by a consultant company last year and a letter as sent to all CAO's giving a one year notice on upcoming changes.

Although the changes are unknown at this time, updates will be provided at the NS Chiefs of Police spring conference being held in Cape Breton this month.

Letter from Commissioner Champoux

18-015

A letter received from Commissioner Palma Champoux indicating he will not be re-offering for a second term.

BUSINESS ARISING & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Shelburne

Policing the Town of Shelburne discussions are not over yet. There are many options to be considered before a decision is made.

Board Chair David Mitchell encourages discussions with Shelburne Municipality to reiterate the fact that Bridgewater is interested in regionalization.

Capital Budget – update on Firewall

A new firewall is no longer a 2018/19 Capital Budget item due to the uncertainty of uncertainty. It can be revisited at a later time, if necessary.

Board applicants

The selection committee has had a meeting and ranked three applicants. Details to be discussed In-Camera.

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NEW BUSINESS

March Month End Report

doc # 18-012

The Bridgewater Police Service March month End Report was circulated to members.
Two notes of interest:

- Tickets issued in the school zone near the stop sign – good to see enforcement.
- The K-9 Unit has a great impact on society.

Used needle drop off stations - Jennifer McDonald

The topic of used needle drop off stations was raised, due to recent social media posts. Comments on facebook were posted stating used needles had been littered and police would not assist in collection. Social media sites can be problematic and often embellished.

After discussing the problem with the A/Chief, Board members agreed, the used needle situation is not a big problem in the Town of Bridgewater. If additional complaints are made and the problem grows, the topic may come up again.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 3rd , 2018 in the Community Room of the Police Service Building.

SUNDRY

Is there a need for a gun amnesty for drop off?

A/Chief explained, we do not have an official, organized day for drop off, however, BPS pick up guns on a regular basis from residents who are unsure of what to do with unwanted guns.

An article will be placed in *The Bridge* informing locals of this service provided by BPS.

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ADJOURNMENT

18-013 Moved by Commissioner Oickle and seconded by Commissioner Cappello the April 5th 2018 Regular meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners be hereby adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Return to regular meeting, from In Camera at 6:32 PM.

18-014 Moved by Commissioner Cappello and seconded by Commissioner Oickle, to make recommendation to Bridgewater Town Council for David Walker to fill Palma Champoux’s vacancy immediately. MOTION CARRIED.

18-015 Moved by Commissioner Oickle the April 5th 2018 Regular meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners be hereby adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Patty Sleep
Commission Recording Secretary

David Mitchell
Chairperson