

RCMP Advisory Board – Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Antigonish RCMP Detachment

Present

Chair, Jack MacPherson (Councillor, Town)

Hughie Stewart (Deputy Warden, County)

Sgt. Warren McBeath (RCMP)

Laurie Boucher (Mayor, Town)

Vaughan Chisholm (Councillor, County)

Diane Roberts (Councillor, Town)

Cst. Morgan MacPherson (RCMP)

Carrol MacAdam (Member at Large)

Russel Nicols (Member at Large)

Matt Whitehead (Provincial Representative)

Fred Bell (Member at Large)

Jeff Lawrence (Town Chief Administrative Officer)

Glenn Horne (Municipal Clerk Treasurer)

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Councillor Jack MacPherson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. Additions to the Agenda

The Committee agreed by consensus to add the following items to the agenda:

- Illegal Parking at Beaton Court
- School Crossing Guards

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by F. Bell, seconded by C. MacAdam that the amended agenda be approved. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Roberts, seconded by H. Stewart that the June 8, 2017 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Cannabis Legalization Committee

There was a discussion and consensus on forming a working group; including officials from the Health Authority, RCMP, Municipality and Town. The mandate of the group was determined to include investigating the local and organizational implications of the legalization of recreational cannabis and report back to the Committee. Committee membership was determined to include the following:

<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>RCMP</u>	<u>Dept. of Health</u>
Mayor. L. Boucher	Dep. Warden H. Stewart	Sgt. W. McBeath	A. Donovan
Councillor D. Roberts	Councillor V. Chisholm		B. Gillies
CAO or Designate	Clerk/ Treas. Or Designate		

7. Foot Patrols

As Councillor A. Murray had asked to address the Committee regarding a robbery that occurred in June at Haliburton's PharmaChoice, and as this item was related to a discussion on foot patrol, the topic of foot patrols was moved forward on the agenda.

Councillor Murray detailed the events of the robbery and read from a letter from the store owner requesting consideration of foot and/ or bicycle patrols in the downtown area.

Sgt. W. McBeath commented that that particular event was one of the higher profile crimes in the area, and that charges had been laid in the case. Sgt. McBeath further indicated that regular scheduling of foot patrols would be very difficult due to manpower concerns, but that he would, where possible, accommodate unscheduled foot patrols in the summer.

8. Nova Scotia Police Governance Board Membership

Councillor MacPherson spoke to the benefits of the Town and County Councils joining the Nova Scotia Police Governance Board, including the information communicated at Board meetings, and the presence of the Minister/ Deputy Minister of Justice at the meetings. Councillor MacPherson further communicated that the cost to join the Board was \$400 per year, and that this area of the Province was not well represented on the Board.

Moved by H. Stewart, seconded by L. Boucher that the Town and County Committee representatives recommend to their respective Councils that the municipalities seek membership on the Nova Scotia Police Governance Board. Motion carried.

9. RCMP Advisory Board Training; Pictou Lodge

Councillor MacPherson indicated that he was registered to attend the upcoming RCMP Advisory Board Training at the Pictou County Lodge, and that had booked a room. Councillor MacPherson indicated that he could no longer attend the session. After a discussion, it was determined that this should go back to Town Council for discussion and that should the Town not send a Councillor, the room be made available to the RCMP through Sgt. McBeath.

10. Consideration of Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference for the Committee were circulated to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

11. Information on the Annual Performance Plan (APP) initiatives (RCMP)

Sgt. McBeath spoke to the RCMP Annual Performance Plan Report Card and listed the four main objectives for the upcoming year.

The broad level objectives included the following:

- Enhance Road Safety
- Crime Prevention
- Enhance Relationships with First Nations Communities
- Contribute to Employee Wellness

A general discussion ensued during which Sgt. McBeath indicated that Staff Sergeant H. Glassford was on a three-month secondment leave, and that he would be Acting Staff Sergeant during this period

12. Illegal Parking at Beaton Court

Councillor V. Chisholm spoke to a concern with a large truck parking on Beaton Court and creating a bottleneck for street traffic. During the discussion, concerns were raised around the fumes emanating from the vehicle during idling, and potential impacts on a child on the street facing health challenges.

G. Horne indicated that the issue had been referred to the RCMP previously.

Through the discussion it was determined that the officer handling the inquiry had since taken a transfer.

Sgt. McBeath indicated he will request that the traffic authority with the detachment look into the concern.

13. School Crossing Guards

C. MacAdam commented on the good work being done by the crosswalk guards.

F. Bell provided positive feedback on the sidewalk flag program.

Councillor Roberts spoke to the positive feedback received regarding the program and the possibility of expanding the program in the future.

14. Tour of RCMP Detachment and meet and greet with on duty RCMP members

Committee members were invited to tour the RCMP station and meet the members on location following adjournment.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled in December. The County will chair the meeting.

16. Adjournment

On motion of F. Bell and C. MacAdam the meeting was adjourned.