

JOINT POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 9, 2020 @ 5:15 pm

Municipal Administration Centre, 285 Beech Hill Rd
Multi-Purpose Room

- 1) Call to Order – Chair, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of September 5, 2019 Police Advisory Committee Minutes
- 4) Business Arising from the Minutes
- 5) RCMP Quarterly Report
- 6) Additions to the Agenda
- 7) Cst Morgan MacPherson, Community Policing/Crime Prevention/School Resource Officer
- Present and field questions on his role and programs he is administering in the Town & County.
- 8) Trunk 4 / Beech Hill Road Intersection Update
- 9) Red-Light Violations - passing the school bus while engaged in either pickup or drop of children – Highway 245, North Grant and throughout the County. Paul Landry, SRCE.
- 10) Roundtable
- 11) Adjournment

RCMP Advisory Board – Meeting Minutes

Date: September 5, 2019
Time: 5:30PM
Location: Paqtnkek Health Centre

Present

Also Present

James Jessome, Street Crime Unit
Lindsay Basinger, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Glenn Horne, Clerk/Treasurer
Steve Scannell, Director of Community Development

Regrets

Minutes

Call to Order

Councillor MacPherson called the meeting to order at 5:33pm. All present then introduced.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by HS, Fred bell seconded. Approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by HS, Russ Nichols seconded approved as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Updated Terms of Reference

A summary of the updated Terms of Reference for the Committee was presented. It was noted that the Terms would be sent to Joint Council for endorsement. Appendix C was the primary area of change, regarding the process for removing members from the Committee.

New Business

a. Introduction of new Staff Sergeant

Introduction of the new staff S/Sgt. Mooney. He provided a summary of his service, noting that much of the experience is in north and indigenous communities. The Chair noted that we look forward to working with the

b. Street Crime Unit

Provided a summary of the Street Crime program, and the focus is Antigonish/Guysborough. It is a provincially funded program. They focus on repeat offenders and drug enforcement, working through confidential informants. They do not drive marked cars or wear uniforms. They work through the detachment. A question was raised regarding carrying fire arms, and it was noted that it is concealed. A question was raised regarding the amount of street crime that occurs in the area. It was noted that it can be challenging to address issues outside of urban areas given a reluctance to provide information. Activity of the unit is more prevalent in more populated areas. The question was raised regarding use of the vehicle. It was noted that it is unmarked but equipped with flashers. With no other question, the Chair thanked Cpl. Jessome for his work and attendance. A question was raised regarding the impact on his work with legalization. It was noted that it has not been an issue, and a discussion ensued on issues associated with legalization of cannabis.

RCMP Quarterly Report

Sgt. MacBeath distributed a report for August, and noted that it was a busy summer. A discussion was held on the events that occurred during the summer and the impact of those events on the RCMP. It was noted that the students returning this month has been busy, and noted that Frosh Week will be monitored with regards to zero tolerance for noise and open liquor, with a focus on the Town's noise by-law and legislation (e.g. Criminal Code, Liquor Control Act). Sgt. MacBeath noted that this is the busiest time of the year for the RCMP, with planning already beginning for homecoming. A question was asked regarding "other provincial" issues. It was noted that those are mainly related to mental health issues, but also the Wildlife Act and other pieces of legislation. Discussion ensued to receive clarification on the Types of File portion of the report.

It was noted that Paqtnkek has been working on a community safety plan, and is seeking suggestions for developing such a plan. It was clarified that a plan would involve preparing a safety plan for the community to protect public safety and community wellness, in partnership with the RCMP.

Summer Fest was raised, and it was noted that there was only one arrest and one reported missing person but there were no significant issues.

Roundtable Discussion

The Chair raised the issue of a party on St. Mary's Street, where there was a large party but considered a success because students were proactive in alerting neighboring residents. It was noted by the RCMP that parties can quickly get out of hand due to social media.

Councillor Roberts questioned whether anyone checks on the volume of plants that is restricted. The RCMP noted that there has not been any complaints regarding abuse of the grow limit.

Glenn Horne noted speeding on Highway 337, and requested further information. The average speed limit for the shift from the 80km to 50km zone is 72km. While the speeds are higher there has not been any collisions or issues caused by speeding. It is being incorporated into a work plan to address.

Sgt. MacBeath raised the issue of the opening of the Mulroney Centre, which will be a significant resource ask for the detachment.

Sgt. MacBeath shared information regarding new, proactive initiatives of the detachment, such as school programs and member-initiated work plans. It was noted that this is able to happen because we are at a full staff compliment.

Sgt. MacBeath also shared information regarding interior renovations for the detachment, which will start in September and run until January. There will be a temporary closure at the counter, but efforts are being made to prevent reduction of service.

Verne raised the matter of the RCMP assisting the Lions Club

Next Meeting

December 5, 2019, at the County Office.

Sgt. MacBeath suggested that the Community Policing Officer deliver a presentation at the next meeting. The dog, Sherlock, will be in attendance.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

Antigonish RCMP Monthly Report – 2019/12/01-2019/12/31

Submitted by S/Sgt. Bill Mooney – 2020/01/08

Occurrence and Crime Reporting – Calls for Service

Type of File	Town	County	Paqtnkek	Totals
Crime against Person	19	16	0	35
Crime against Property	41	30	3	75
Impaired Driving	1	12	1	14
Traffic Collisions	15	20	0	35
Traffic Offences	20	48	0	68
Checkpoints	2	0	0	2
911 Act-Offences Only	12	14	1	27
Other Municipal	5	0	0	5
Other Provincial	16	9	2	27
Other Criminal Code	2	6	1	9
Assist Other Gov't Agency	7	7	0	14
Assist GP/Crime Prevention	14	18	0	32
Total Calls for Service	152	180	8	340

Notable Events

Fatal motor vehicle collision occurred at Hwy 4 and Beech Hill intersection along with a serious injury collision at the same intersection five days later. An emergency meeting was called by council to discuss efforts moving forward to improve the safety at the intersection.

Detachment and SCUE members were involved with a theft of motor vehicle, pursuit and arrest of two subjects who had been on a crime spree from Grande Prairie Alberta to Antigonish. They are facing 40 charges and presently on remand.

The Community Policing/School Resource officer, Cst MacPherson completed the Kids in the Know program along with celebration for completion. He continues with his other regular programming .

Human Resources:

All positions at the detachment are presently full however, one detachment member has been seconded temporarily to Sherbrooke and one SCEU member has been seconded temporarily to Bible Hill to assist with a project.

As always, myself and Sgt. McBeath are available at any time to meet or make presentations to your respective Councils.

Regards,

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