

**Joint Police Advisory Board
MINUTES**

June 18, 2020 @ 5:15pm
Teleconference

Attendance

Chair, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart (County)
Councillor Jack MacPherson (Town)
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm (County)
Councillor Diane Roberts (Town)
Mayor Laurie Boucher (Town)
Chief PJ Prosper (Paqtnkek)
Mr. Vern Barnett (Member at Large)
Mr. Fred Bell (Member at Large)
Mr. Carroll MacAdam (Member at Large)
Mr. Matt Whitehead (Provincial Representative)
S/Sgt. Bill Mooney, RCMP
Sgt. Warren MacBeath, RCMP

Also Present

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk Treasurer
Steve Scannell, Director of Community Development

Call to Order

Called to order in 5:16pm

Approval of the agenda

The following additions to the agenda were requested:

- 5a) Modified Mufflers
- b) Taxis & Stop Signs
- c) Safety Issues at Church Street Extension
- d) Speeding on Ohio East Road
- e) Running Stop Signs at Night

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried

Approval of the Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried

Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes

Additions to the Agenda

a) Modified Mufflers

Councillor Roberts spoke to the nuisance of loud modified mufflers on Hawthorne Street. She understands that there are regulations that do not permit these modifications. Councillor Roberts asked if the RCMP can monitor this situation. Sgt, MacBeath confirmed members will include this in their rounds. Conversation ensued concerning the need to record a specific decibel level in order to enforce bylaw.

Sgt. MacBeath further asked the members of the Board to direct public complaints and concerns directly to the RCMP at the time of occurrence.

b) Taxis & Stop Signs

Mr. MacAdam noted that taxis are noticed more than other vehicles if running a stop sign.

c) Safety Issues at Church Street Extension

Correspondence was received and reviewed by the Board concerning ongoing safety issues at Church Street Extension. S/Sgt. Mooney reported that monitoring this situation is part of the RCMPs Annual Performance Plan. There has been an increased police presence over the past three days since correspondence was received with no incidents. As with the previous items, the RCMP need residents who see an issue to report it directly to the RCMP immediately and with as much detail as possible. The RCMP has reached out to the NS Department of Lands & Forestry to partner on the use of ATVs for further monitoring.

d) Speeding on Ohio East Road

Deputy Warden Stewart noted the continuing issue of speeding on Ohio East Road. The Municipality has posted a speed monitor on the road to collect data that may assist with traffic enforcement. Once the collection period has ended the data will be shared with the RCMP.

e) Running Stop Signs at Night

Mr. Barnet spoke of the persistent running of the stop sign at Arbor Drive & Dolorosa Avenue. The RCMP will look into the situation.

RCMP Update

S./Sgt. Mooney presented his report, as included in the package.

S./Sgt. Mooney also informed the Board that he is retiring and Wednesday, June 24 will be his last day. S/Sgt. Dave Comdon will be the new Antigonish RCMP S/Sgt. On July 2, 2020. The Board and its members expressed their appreciation and best wishes in retirement.

COVID 19 / Pandemic Response

Sgt. MacBeath noted that front counter service will remain closed and other COVID 19 protocols will remain in place for the time being. These decisions are made nationally. The RCMP have been stretched to enforce COVID 19 regulations, which has an impact on the ability to respond. Examples were cited such as the RCMPs requirement to do check-ins on people returning from outside the province and follow up on public complaints. The added responsibilities eat into time and resources.

Sgt. MacBeath also noted the RCMPs appreciation for the support from the community in challenging times.

Annual Performance Plan

S./Sgt. Mooney shared that Annual Performance Plan Initiatives:

- Road Safety (impaired driving & other problem areas)
- Relationships with Indigenous Communities;
- Crime Reduction
- Health & Maintenance of Emergency Services.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2020.

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm