

JOINT POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 10, 2019 @ 5:15 pm

**Municipal Administration Centre, 285 Beech Hill Rd
Board Room**

- 1) Call to Order – Chair, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of September 6, 2018, Police Advisory Committee Minutes
- 4) Business Arising from the Minutes
- 5) Presentation from Cst. Cavanaugh re: Cannabis Legislation & Enforcement
- 6) RCMP Quarterly Report
- 7) Additions to the Agenda
- 8) Roundtable
- 9) Adjournment

RCMP Advisory Board – Meeting Minutes

Date: September 6, 2018

Time: 5:15 PM

Location: Town of Antigonish Council Chamber

Present

Chair, Town Councillor Jack MacPherson
Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
Deputy Mayor Diane Roberts
Municipal Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Glenn Horne (Municipal Clerk Treasurer)
Paul Landry (SRCE)

Municipal Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Matt Whitehead (Provincial Appointee)
Fred Bell (Member at Large)
Sgt. Warren McBeath (RCMP)
Ford Rice (SRCE)

Regrets

Mayor Laurie Boucher
Jeff Lawrence, Town CAO
Matt Whitehead (Provincial Representative)
Russel Nicols (Member at Large)
Bill Gottschall (Member at Large)
Carroll MacAdam (Member at Large)

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Councillor MacPherson called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Chisholm asked that Engine Braking be added to the agenda. Moved by D. Roberts, seconded by V. Chisholm that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by H. Stewart, seconded by D. Roberts that the March 1, 2018 minutes be approved. Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

An item related to school bus red light violations was deferred to later in the meeting because the delegation from the Strait Regional Centre for Education had not yet arrived.

6. Presentation on Cannabis

Cst. Cavanaugh was not available to present to the Board, but is being rescheduled to the next meeting. The Board further discussed the impending legalization of recreational cannabis and how a municipality might regulate the use of cannabis, if they were so inclined.

7. Discussion of Red Light Violations

A presentation was received from officials with the Strait Regional Centre for Education concerning red light violations (cars passing stopped school buses). This is a known problem around the province and the SRCE has plans to continue to mitigate this problem, which includes installing cameras and strobe lights on buses. The presenters discussed the ongoing issues with the Board and how municipalities might be able to assist in procuring additional resources to expedite local initiatives. This was identified as an issue the Board may wish to revisit in the future.

8. Enforcing Bylaws between 8:30 pm & 8:30 am

Councillor MacPherson asked about the RCMPs ability to enforce the Town's noise bylaw between these hours. Sgt. McBeath described the efforts being taken by the RCMP to crack down on excessive noise and partying in the first few weeks since StFX students have returned to the community. Efforts seem to be paying off.

9. Church Street Ext. Resident's Concerns

On behalf of Warden McCarron, Mr. Horne raised concerns received from a resident at Church Street Extension regarding speeding, litter and graffiti at this location. Sgt. McBeath reported that they have been in contact with the resident and are doing what they can to address the concerns raised.

10. Speeding on Hwy 337 at Mount Cameron

Councillor MacDonald was given permission by the chair to address the Board regarding resident concerns with speeding on Hwy 337 at Mount Cameron. Councillor MacDonald acknowledged the RCMPs efforts in the past to address this concern and wanted to know what could be done to verify if and when speeding occurs. The Board discussed usage of a variable speed sign that records data such as time, date and speed of individual vehicles that can be shared with the RCMP for enforcement and TIR for setting of speed limits. The Municipality will look into such a sign.

11. RCMP Quarterly Report

Sgt. McBeath provided a quarterly report. Trends viewed in the statistics dovetail with RCMP priorities. The committee had a number of questions. The Committee was pleased with the trends and the report.

12. Additions to the Agenda

Councillor Chisholm spoke to complaints he has received concerning the excessive use of engine brakes. The complaints are coming from areas in proximity to quarries and similar operations. There was a brief discussion of what options are available to reduce the use of engine braking. The Municipality has received advice that it does not have the authority to regulate engine brakes, and the Motor Vehicle Act prohibits them below a posted speed limit of 50km/hr. The areas where this has been raised have higher speed limits. Also, engine brakes are viewed as a safety feature of the vehicle. Mr. Horne volunteered to contact the owner of a local quarry to request consideration be given by the drivers to use engine brakes sparingly.

13. Adjournment

On motion of F. Bell and V. Chisholm the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the Municipal Office, chaired by Deputy Warden Stewart.