

**September 1, 2016**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Don Taylor, Comms. J. MacLellan, A. Pearson, J. Langlois and K. Francis. Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton, Police Chief D. Hussher.

**AGENDA**

Comm. A. Pearson moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Comm. K. Francis.  
**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Comm. K. Francis made a motion to approve the August 4, 2016 Minutes as amended, seconded by Comm. A. Pearson. **Motion Carried.**

**CHIEF D. HUSSHER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE & JULY**

Chief D. Hussher presented the Monthly Activity Reports for June and July. The reports were reviewed.

Comm. K. Francis made motion to accept the Monthly Activity Reports for June & July 2016, seconded by Comm. A. Pearson. **Motion Carried**

**CHIEF D: HUSSHER: UPDATE POLICE VEHICLES**

Chief D. Hussher reported that the new Ford truck is now fully equipped and performing well.

Chief D. Hussher reported that since the last meeting, there was an incident where Vehicle #36, the 2011 Charger, was involved in a short chase with a vehicle that refused to stop at a stop check. The police vehicle went off road into the Westville Mine area where a short pursuit ensued. The police vehicle followed the vehicle for a bit but the road became too rough and the police vehicle bottomed out. The police vehicle received extensive damage, \$9,995.00. Chief D. Hussher said the 2011 Charger is only worth a \$3,000.00 residual.

With the lease up on the vehicle next month, Chief D. Hussher felt the best decision would be to buy the vehicle out at the end of the lease and sell it off for parts. Right now the expected loss to the Town is roughly around \$3,000.00, depending on what the Town gets for the damaged car. Chief D. Hussher believes the Town could recoup at least half of the residual back.

Chief D. Hussher said as a result of this incident, he is reviewing the process when it comes to pursuing these vehicles. He is also reviewing the incident itself to see if there is anything that can be done differently. He said there will be stricter regulations in the future for pursuing vehicles. He will have a final report for the Commission for the next meeting. The Westville Police truck also received some damage in the pursuit.

The delivery date on the new vehicle is mid-September.

At this time, it was moved by Comm. J. MacLellan to recess from the regular meeting to go In-Camera to discuss staffing, seconded by Comm. J. Langlois. **Motion Carried.**

The regular meeting reconvened on motion Comm. K. Francis seconded by Comm. J. Langlois. **Motion Carried.**

**CHIEF D. HUSSHER RECOMMENDATION: INTERVIEW COMMITTEE RE: STAFFING**

Based on the Interview Selection Committee, Chief D. Hussher recommended that the Town hire Const. Garnet MacPherson into a fulltime position with the effective date of September 2, 2016.

Moved by Comm. J. Langlois, seconded by A. Pearson to accept Chief D. Hussher's recommendation. **Motion Carried.**

It was also recommended by Chief D. Hussher, based on the Selection Committee, that the Town hire Const. Colin White to fill the term position that is vacated by Const. Garnet MacPerson.

Moved by Comm. J. MacLellan that we accept Chief D. Hussher's recommendation to hire Const. Colin White for the term position based on the results of the background check; the effective start date to be announced at a later date, seconded by A. Pearson. **Motion Carried.**

**CHIEF D. HUSSHER – UPDATE RE: DOG BY-LAW REVISION**

Chief D. Hussher reported that he has been reviewing the Town Dog Bylaw as recommended by Council. He is using the Antigonish Dog Bylaw as a template. He has also taken a section from the Westville Dog Bylaw that the Stellarton Dog Control Officer is comfortable enforcing and that is the Order to muzzle and pen dogs that are seen as fierce and dangerous without taking the owners to court.

Chief D. Hussher sent an email out to the other three (upper river) Municipalities and they all have similar concerns in their communities and are more than willing to come on board with revised Dog Bylaw. Chief D. Hussher said he will be sending a recommendation to Council once a draft Bylaw is in place but first, he would like to see the other three Municipalities agree to the Bylaw in principle.

Chief D. Hussher feels that it is a very good Dog Bylaw. He said there are some areas of the Bylaw that may be a bit too strict (restricted dogs) but this can be discussed at a later date after consideration of the Bylaw.

Once the draft copy of the Bylaw is prepared, Chief D. Hussher will send it out in an email to the other Municipalities for consideration.

Chair D. Taylor said he looks forward to the Chief's update.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was agreed that the next meeting date will be October 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:40p.m. on motion by Comm. A. Pearson seconded by Comm. K. Francis **Motion Carried.**

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**

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