

May 12, 2016
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Chairman Don Taylor, Comms. K. Francis, J. MacLellan, A. Pearson and S. Lawand. Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton. J. Langlois sends his regrets.

AGENDA

Comm. J. MacLellan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm. S. Lawand.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes available.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief D. Hussher presented the Monthly Activity Report. (see copy attached)

Questions/Comments

Chair Don Taylor asked for an update on the new police vehicle to be leased. Chief D. Hussher reported the only timeframe we have is that the new vehicle be delivered by June 5th. He will check with Ford this week to see if everything is on schedule. Chair Don Taylor asked who would be customizing the new vehicle. Chief D. Hussher stated that the Public Works Department has customized the vehicles in the past and he has no problem with them continuing to do the work.

Comm. S. Lawand made motion to accept the Monthly Activity Report for April 2016 as written seconded by Comm. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

CITIZEN COMPLAINT: SPEEDING ON ACADIA AVENUE

Chair Don Taylor reported on an item that was not on the agenda: a complaint received from a concerned citizen regarding speeding on Acadia Avenue. Town Clerk J. Eaton reported that she did not put this item on the agenda as she felt it was an operational matter and not an administrative matter for the Commission to deal with.

Chief D. Hussher updated the Commission members on this matter. A complaint was received on May 5th from a concerned citizen regarding speeding on Acadia Avenue. Chief D. Hussher said there are indications from the signs posted that the speed is up a bit in the area but not enough for infractions. Officers are monitoring the area with the patrol cars and if a complaint comes in, Officers will go to the area and do checks. Two different types of checks are conducted: 1. stationary, where Officers watch the traffic moving with the radar and 2. Officers will set up a full radar check ready to apprehend any offenders. Chief D. Hussher will contact the concerned citizen that made the complaint to discuss the findings by the Police Department and explain to the individual that Police Officers do patrol the area but to try to curb a small amount of speeding is difficult in any area. S. Lawand noted that he travels on Acadia Avenue daily and he does not see many speeders, but on one occasion he has heard tire squealing.

N.S COMMISSIONAIRES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Discussion took place on the proposed contract agreement for the N. S. Commissionaires. Chair Don Taylor reported that Commission Members had requested Town Solicitor, Craig Clark look at the agreement and report back to the Commission any areas of concern. At this time Town Clerk, J. Eaton read the email from the Solicitor, C. Clark for the record. The email read:

I have received the proposed agreement, assuming the agreement mirrors the status quo and the town is satisfied with the service, I do not see any areas of concern. The contract is pretty straight forward and provides the Town with the 60 day termination window. This allows the Town a straight forward exit if the services are no longer needed or the relationship breaks down.

Town Clerk, Eaton reported that C. Clark is out of Town but if any questions arise, she can forward them to him for him to address.

Chair Don Taylor asked if there was any discussion on the issue before making a recommendation to send the contract agreement to Council for consideration and acceptance. The question was asked how long the contract agreement was. Chair Don Taylor said three years. In response, Town Clerk, J. Eaton said regardless of the length of the contract, if the MOU goes forward, the Police Department will not change for five years while new unit does their study. In the meantime, the Department still needs the communication dispatch system.

Comm. J. MacLellan made the motion to make recommendation to Council to accept the N. S. Commissionaires contract agreement as proposed, seconded by Comm. A. Pearson. **Motion Carried.**

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission would be held on June 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m. on motion by Comm. S. Lawand, seconded by Comm. A. Pearson **Motion Carried.**

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK