

APRIL 7, 2016
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

AGENDA

Comm. K. Francis moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm. A. Pearson.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 3, 2016 Minutes approved on motion by Comm. J. Langlois, seconded by Comm. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

POLICE CHIEF D. HUSSHER: INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

Chief D. Hussher officially introduced three new police constables on the Stellarton Police Force giving a brief history on each. The first officer introduced was Const. Steve Maddison who is currently serving on the Street Crime Unit. Const. S. Maddison came from Spring Hill with 20 years police experience and has been with the force for approximately one year. Chief D. Hussher informed the Commission that Const. S. Maddison received notification two weeks ago that he has been accepted into the RCMP. The second officer introduced was Const. Garnett MacPherson who joined the force approximately six or seven months ago and is currently part-time at the Sheriff's Department working at the court system and working with the Stellarton force as a term position. The third and final officer to be introduced was Const. Adam Syer. Const. A. Syer is originally from England. Const. A. Syer had a career in the British Armed Forces where he was a sniper. He also did one tour in Afghanistan. He has been with the force for approximately three to four months.

Chief D. Hussher said all three constables are excellent officers and the Stellarton Police Force is very fortunate to have all of them.

Const. S. Maddison's departure will leave a vacancy on the force.

POLICE CHIEF – MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Police Chief D. Hussher presented the Monthly Activity Report, with one additional item: parking signage on the corner of Jubilee Avenue and Foord Street. (see copy attached)

Questions or Comments

At this time, Chief D. Hussher spoke on parking signage on the corner of Jubilee Avenue and Foord Street. He reported that he visited the site with Public Works Foreman E. Stewart and the parking sign is at the proper distance from intersection. Chief D. Hussher said another sign will be installed to increase the distance another 20 to 30 ft. Chief D. Hussher said he is not sure if the sign has been installed as of yet as public works' staff have been busy with other business.

Comm. S. Lawand stated that it has been brought to his attention that a street sign located at the bottom of Acadia Avenue and Foord Street is spelled incorrectly. The

Foord Street sign is supposedly spelled with one "o". He said that he has not seen the sign himself, but felt it should be replaced if it is spelled incorrectly. Chief. D. Hussher will take a look at the sign.

Chair Don Taylor asked if there was any word on the replacement of the street light on the corner of Foord Street and Bridge Avenue that was damaged as a result of a hit and run. J. MacLellan stated this item was discussed at Council 1 and the Town Engineer, Bob Funke said the light should be up and running in approximately two weeks, and that it would be placed further back from where it had been situated before the accident.

Chief D. Hussher reported that the day following the accident, officers were able to track down the vehicle and the driver to Brookfield, NS. The driver will be charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

It was noted that the existing lights are doing the job until the new light structure is replaced. There is no impeding traffic flow because of the missing light.

Comm. K. Francis made motion to accept the Monthly Activity Report for March 2016, seconded by Comm. J. Langlois. **Motion Carried**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS

Chief D. Hussher gave an update on the department renovations stating that overall the renovations are going well. Some trim work is still needed on the new washroom in the police department; wire connection work in the new dispatch area and renovations are still ongoing in the former dispatch area. Chief D. Hussher stated the Police Department has a nice working atmosphere now.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: VEHICLE LEASE TENDERS

Chief D. Hussher presented three vehicle lease tenders to the Commission for a 2016 Crew Cab Police Package Truck. He noted that all vehicles met the tender requirements and are listed below:

1. Dartmouth Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Dodge Ram, selling price: \$32,090.00. Lease is \$822.90/mth. The residual at the end is a guarantee of \$3000.00.
2. Atlantic Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Dodge Ram, selling price \$32,750.00. Lease \$856.14/mth. The residual at the end of the term is \$3000.00.
3. Highland Ford Sales Limited, Ford F150, selling price \$34,000.00 Ford F150, Lease \$864.48/mth. Residual is \$3060.00.

Chief D. Hussher said, from his research, his recommendation to the Commission was to go with the higher tender from Highland Ford Sales Limited for the Ford F150. Some discussion took place.

Comm. J. Langlois moved the recommendation of Chief D. Hussher, that we accept the tender bid from Highland Ford Sales Limited for the F150, seconded by F. Francis.
Motion Carried.

The current lease for the vehicle that the new truck is replacing is up the end of June 2016. The delivery date for the new truck is June 5th, 2016.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: UPDATE – YOUTH CORP.

Chief D. Hussher gave an update on the Youth Corp. program stating that it is going great. There are six members to date. Chief D. Hussher said that for the past four or

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five week the group has been working on their policy manual, uniforms and getting the leaders in place. The group has been able to secure the former Westville uniforms and the uniform by an RCMP group from the Valley that folded. Six leaders are in place between Westville and Stellarton. The group will meet once a week; two meetings a month will be held upstairs in the Stellarton Town Hall back room, while the other two monthly meetings will be held in the Westville Civic Centre gym.

Once their policy manual is finalized, Chief D. Hussher will forward a copy to Commission members.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 12, 2016 AT 5:00 p.m.

May 12, 2016 is confirmed for the next meeting date.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. on motion by Comm. K. Francis, seconded by Comm. S. Lawand **Motion Carried.**

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK