

MARCH 3, 2016
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Chairman Don Taylor, Comms. E. Cormier, J. Langlois, K. Francis, J. MacLellan, and S. Lawand. Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton, Police Chief D. Hussher, and Mayor J. Gennoe.

AGENDA

Comm. J. Langlois moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm. S. Lawand.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 4, 2016 minutes approved on motion by Comm. K. Francis, seconded by Comm. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

POLICE CHIEF – MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Police Chief D. Hussher presented Activity report (attached), adding:

- Police Youth Corps, both Westville and Stellarton
- Meeting with youth leaders next week
- Very active Youth Program

Questions or comments:

Comm. J. MacLellan re corner of Jubilee and Foord parking signage. Chief D. Hussher will double check to ensure the sign is installed.

Comm. A. Pearson made motion to accept the Monthly Activity Report for February 2016, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT

Chief Hussher informed Commission that department renovations are progressing well; including electrician work, communication lines, painting, new counter; Washroom near complete.

Chair D. Taylor commented that he and J. Langlois toured the area; better layout for the dispatchers.

Chair D. Taylor reported that he (and Chief Hussher) received note from Stg. Crane stating favorable feedback from a citizen regarding officer's (Cst. Adam Syer) assistance during a recent snow storm; very appreciative; he went above and beyond the call of duty. Chair D. Taylor reported that Cst. Garnet MacPherson also received praise for his professionalism; and Cst. P. Veenhuis received 23 letters of appreciation from students for putting on the DARE Program and "Cyber Security" course. He stated that both officers P. Veenhuis and Terry Cornett are working with NSCC students re drug awareness; they are initiating this on their own. Chair Taylor commended their positive public relations and community involvement.

Comm. J. Langlois recommended that officers be officially introduced to the Commission, providing them an opportunity to pass on these favorable comments, and to get to know them. Chief D. Hussher suggested having officers (3 newer ones) attend next Commission meeting; he will make the arrangements.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: VEHICLE LEASE TENDERS

Chief D. Husscher gave update on the police vehicles; two-wheeled drives used in the past; recommended four-wheeled drives. Chief D. Husscher looked at the various options, he stated that the Ford F150 stood out as well as the Ford Explorer; more expensive than a sedan up front, but over the four year lease, the cost is actually cheaper. Chief D. Husscher recommends having a truck in the Town, preferably the Ford 150 with the "Police Package". He informed the Commission when the current leases are up; one the end of June and the other is done the end of October. Chief Husscher proposed putting out the first tender for a truck now with a deadline of April 7, 2016; in order to get the new vehicle outfitted by the end of June.

Chair D. Taylor asked about the second vehicle. Chief Husscher will look into options; the Explorer is not recommended for four years; he recommended that a sedan should be four-wheeled drive as well – Dodge Charger or Ford Taurus.

Discussion commenced re pros and cons of vehicles suitable for policing.

Commission agreed to Chief Husscher's recommendation to put tender out for new police truck; closing date April 7, 2016, for discussion at next Commission meeting.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 7, 2016 AT 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on motion by Comm. S. Lawand, seconded by Comm. J. Langlois. **Motion Carried.**

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK