

January 7, 2016

REGULAR

The regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on January 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Present were Chairman Don Taylor and Comms. E. Cormier, J. MacLellan, K. Francis, J. Langlois and S. Lawand.

Also present Town Clerk, J. Eaton, Police Chief, D. Hussher, Town Solicitor, C. Clarke and Mayor J. Gennoe.

CHAIRPERSON

The Town Clerk took the chair and called for nominations for the position of Chairman. On motion Comms. K. Francis and J. Langlois – Don Taylor was nominated to the position of Chairperson of the Stellarton Police Commission for the upcoming year 2016 – call for nominations was made three times. Motion passed.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Don Taylor called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson. On motion E. Cormier and L. Lawand – J. Langlois was nominated to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Stellarton Police Commission for the upcoming year 2016 – call for nominations was made three times. Motion passed.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved as received on motion Comms. K. Francis and S. Lawand.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 22, 2015 meeting were approved as received on motion Comms. J. Langlois and E. Cormier.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief D. Hussher noted that the Commission had the report for review and was open for any discussion. Question and answer period followed.

Topics discussed – low activity during the month of December; explanation of procedure for an Officer stopping a vehicle for regular checks; letter from Pat Dunn regarding the Bicycle Safety Program.

On motion Comms. J. MacLellan and K. Francis the monthly activity report was approved as received.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER – UPDATE ON TASER

Chief Hussher informed the Commission that the tasers were included in the 2015-2016 budget and is an operational item – He noted that training would be in place following the policy with Provincial Standards – deployment on the streets is expected early in February 2016.

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A lengthy discussion was held pertaining to the use of body cameras and the privacy aspect of the public. It was agreed additional research is needed prior to action of body cameras for the Department.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER – UPDATE ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Hussher gave update information on the recent Occupational Health and Safety Inspection that noted the hazard situation in the Dispatch area and the problem of equipment that needs to be re-organized for safety. He noted that this is for information only and a few photos were also included.

He suggested that a solution would be to switch work areas between the existing Chief's Office and the current Dispatch Office. Chief Hussher stated this was for information only at this time and he would bring an update to the next meeting.

Comm. S. Lawand suggested that the Chief communicate for an update from the Town Engineer regarding the Police Department bathroom.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission would be held on February 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

On motion Comms. E. Cormier and K. Francis the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK