

September 14, 2017
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Chair D. Taylor welcomed the new Inspector Chris Pond to the meeting.

PRESENT

Chairman D. Taylor, Comms. B. Knight, J. Langlois, E. Cormier, D. MacGillivray. Also present, Chief D. Hussher and Town Clerk J. Eaton and Inspector C. Pond

AGENDA

Comm. S. Lawand approved the Agenda as read, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. J. Langlois made a motion to Approve the June 1, 2017 Minutes as amended, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS: JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Chief D. Hussher presented the Activity Reports for the months of June, July and August 2017. Copies of the reports are attached to form part of the Minutes.

Chief D. Hussher reported a very busy summer. A number of thefts reported within the Town. Some discussion took place on the closure of a local dispensary within the Town and another one that was shut down in the Town of Westville with the cooperation of both police departments and Street Crime Unit. Chief D. Hussher reported that dispensaries are getting out of control. He reported there is a lot of criminal activity involved with these dispensaries. He said a hard line has to be taken with these dispensaries.

Chief D. Hussher has been advised by the Attorney General, Justice Minister for the Province of Nova Scotia that the second stage of audits will be taking place in October of this year; the latter part of November for the Town of Stellarton. Inspector C. Pond has taken on the role as Case Manager. Chief D. Hussher reported that we haven't received a written report from the Justice Minister from the first stage of audits; once received we will act on recommendations.

The Youth Corp. program will be starting up in another week.

Comm. B. Knight reported that the Municipal Alcohol Project (MAP) group is looking at putting an information session together and will be approaching the Towns for input; as well as Police Departments.

Comm. B. Knight asked about Auxiliary Police program. Chief D. Hussher reported that when he first came to the Stellarton force in 2011 there was a lot of problems with the Auxiliary Program. The program was suspended a number of years ago and has not

been looked at since. Chief D. Hussher said if the interest is there he would certainly take a look at the program again.

Comm. E. Cormier asked about the cost factor to the Town in relation to shutting down the two dispensaries. Chief D. Hussher stated that prosecution services are paid by the Federal Government. The majority of manpower came from the Street Crime Unit and between the two departments working together, there was money saved. Comm. E. Cormier also had a concern with fencing around the property located on the corner of Bridge Avenue and Foord Street and deer being trapped inside. Inspector C. Pond confirmed that the fencing is not a concern for the deer; deer can jump in and out without issue.

Comm. J. Langlois asked if there have been any arrests in relation to the thefts over the summer, and are thefts still occurring. Chief D. Hussher reported thefts are down. Extra patrols were put out but no arrests made.

Comm. D. MacGillivray made a Motion to accept the Monthly Activity Reports for June, July and August 2017, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: RAFITY APPOINTMENT – INSPECTOR CHRIS POND

Moved by Comm. B. Knight to ratify the appointment of Const. C. Pond promoted to Inspector, seconded by Comm. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**CHIEF D. HUSSHER: RATIFY APPOINTMENT – TERM OFFICER CHRIS SAMPSON
EFFECTIVE: JULY 15, 2017**

Moved by Comm. E. Cormier to ratify the appointment for the term position of Const. Chris Sampson, effective July 15, 2017, seconded by Comm. B. Knight.
Motion Carried.

Chief D. Hussher spoke on both these appointments noting that the Selection Committee did a tremendous job.

Some discussion took place on appointments being noted in the local newspapers. Comm. B. Knight noted that he put the appointment of Inspector C. Pond on his Facebook account and received 25,000 reviews. Comm. D. MacGillivray suggested a photo and bio of our Police Officers on the Town Website so residents could have access to get to know their Town Police Officers if they choose to. Chair D. Taylor thought this could be a problem when the Officers go into the Street Crime Unit. Comm. S. Lawand felt there could be other ways to get the Officers involved in the community.

**N.S. CORP. – AMENDED CONTRACT – APPROVAL TO SIGN
APRIL 2017 – 2019 (removal of Administration Assistant)**

Chief D. Hussher reported that it was approved by the Commission and by Council to remove the Administration Assistant position under the N.S. Corp. to a position under the umbrella of Town Employee effective Sept 1, 2017. Town Clerk Joyce Eaton requested the N.S. Corp. Contract be amended to reflect this change. The amended contract was presented to members.

Moved by Comm. D. MacGillivray to allow the above amendment to be made to the N.S. Corp. contract, seconded by Comm. B. Knight. **Motion Carried**

COMM. D. MACGILLIVRAY: NO PARKING SIGNS – BIRCH STREET

Comm D. MacGillivray asked if the no-parking signs along Birch Street can be removed now that the NSCC parking problem seems to non-exist. Comm. D. MacGillivray said he spoke with a representative from NSCC who confirmed that all parking should be available for students on their land now. Chief D. Hussher stated that originally the no-parking signs were put up with the request from citizens living on that street. Chief D. Hussher asked where the complaint was coming from. Comm. D. MacGillivray said the request was from him. He felt the signs ruined the esthetics of the street. Chief D. Hussher said he has no problem looking at the issue again and speaking with the citizens along the street to see how they feel.

Comm. D. MacGillivray spoke on the committee that has been formed between Stellarton and Westville to look at long-term policing options for the two towns. He stated that he would like to meet with Members of the Commission who are not on Council to get their input one on one; to hear their concerns or issues they might have on policing. Comm. B. Knight noted that he spoke with a concerned citizen who was of the understanding that there would be no input from the public when this new committee meets. He told the Commission that he explained to the citizen that there is a process the Committee has to follow and nothing would go through unless the citizens of both towns agree upon it.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be October 5, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Comm. J. Langlois the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. seconded by Comm. S. Lawand.

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