

May 4, 2017

STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

AGENDA

Comm. A. Pearson approved the Agenda as read, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. D. MacGillivray noted that regrets were not mentioned for himself and Comm. S. Lawand from the last meeting. Town Clerk, J. Eaton explained that the reason for this would be that they were not recorded at the meeting so the regrets did not get noted in the Minutes. Also, remove "I thought Ronnie Baillie was Warden" from the Minutes. The Minutes will be amended to reflect these two changes.

Comm. D. MacGillivray made a motion to Approve the April 6, 2017 Minutes as amended, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS – TERM POSITIONS

Chief D. Hussher introduced Const. Ryleigh Cameron; a graduate of the Atlantic Police Academy 2016 and resident of the Town of Trenton. Also, introduced was Const. Adam Rideout, who will be appointed this evening. He is a graduate of the Atlantic Police Academy (2012 to 2015 and is a former resident of Springhill; now residing in Dartmouth.

Both were welcomed by the Commission.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: UPDATE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief D. Hussher presented the Activity Report for the month of April. The report was reviewed by the Board.

Chief D. Hussher reported an increase in domestic disturbances.

Spring Use of Force Training should be starting by the first of June. Two of our Police Officers completed the Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Workshop put on by Central Intelligence Nova Scotia. One of our Police Officers completed the County Terrorism Workshop which is put on by the RCMP in Halifax. Another Police Officer will be taking his recertification for carbine Instructor.

The Youth Corp. Program is going well. Numbers are down. In the Fall, Police Officers are going to try to get into the schools and get new recruitments for this program.

Comm. B. Knight made a Motion to accept the Monthly Activity Report for April 2017, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier **Motion Carried**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Notice to Business Owners Along Foord Street

A notice has gone out to business owners along Foord Street. A meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2017. Chief D. Husscher reported speaking with a couple of business owners. He did not get a warm feeling for the timed parking; however some business owners did indicate they would like some control over parking on Foord Street. He expects to get feedback from the business owners within the next couple weeks.

Dog By-law

Chief D. Husscher reported that the Town of New Glasgow has now indicated that it will be September before they could consider the Dog By-Law. Chief D. Husscher will have a Final Draft of the By-Law ready to present at the next meeting. At that time members can review the bylaw and decide what to do from there.

Police Sign in Front Of Town Hall

The Police sign has been corrected. The sign is not a Police parking sign; it is a designation sign.

On the discussion of signs, Comm. J. Langlois reported two sign posts hanging out towards the roadway in front of Sobeys Fast Fuel on Foord Street by the roundabout. Dangerous to traffic – one post is located by the gas station and the other post is located in the boulevard area.

Comm. J. Langlois also reported on an issue related to the crosswalk in front of the RCAF Association building on Foord Street. He reported speaking with the Crosswalk Guard about parking her vehicle along Foord Street adjacent to the crosswalk. This makes it hard for vehicles to see when someone, including the Crosswalk Guard is crossing on the crosswalk. At the suggestion of Comm. J. Langlois, the Crosswalk Guard will now park in the RCAF parking area. During their conversation the Crosswalk Guard mentioned that the biggest problem in this area is the pulp trucks that park along the street from Hector Building Supplies down towards Tim Hortons.

Chief D. Husher will look into both these matters.

RATIFY HIRING: TWO POLICE OFFICERS

The following appointments were approved on Motion Comm. A. Pearson seconded by Comm. D. MacGillivray: Adam Syer – full time position effective date: April 27, 2017 and Adam Rideout – term position effective date: May 1, 2017. **Motion Carried**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: UDATE DRAFT – TAXI BY-LAW PROPOSAL

Chief D. Husscher reported the Town of Pictou is proposing that we put together one unified Taxi By-Law that is enforceable for all communities. Chief D. Husscher explained that was not the Town of Stellarton's intent; our intent was to get common unified standards (bylaws) across the County so that County taxis would be under regulations. He explained this in an email back to the Town of Pictou; he has not received a response. He will send another email next week to see where Pictou stands.

Chief D. Husscher reported sending another email to those Towns in favor of the proposed Taxi Bylaw for confirmation of their continued interest. Also, the Town of New Glasgow is willing to come back on board now that the County has agreed to revisit the issue if Stellarton comes up with a one Taxi By-Law that would include all five municipal units and the County of Pictou.

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Chief D. Hussher is hopeful he will have more to report on at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN D. TAYLOR: CAPA – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Chairman D. Taylor reported that the Canadian Association of Police Governances is looking to encourage communities to join their Association. A discussion took place. Accepted as information at this time.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: INSPECTOR POSITION

Chief D. Hussher reported that five applications have been received for the Inspector Position. Dates and times will be set up for the competition.

NEXT MEETING DATE

It was agreed that the next meeting date will be June 1, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on motion by Comm. J. Langlois seconded by Comm. A. Pearson. **Motion Carried.**

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK