

April 6, 2017

STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

Regrets were received from Comms. D. MacGillivray and S. Lawand who were attending a DEANS Gala.

AGENDA

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

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. B. Knight made a motion to approve the March 2, 2017 Minutes as presented, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

A running total for fuel consumption for the vehicle fleet is now included in the monthly report

Speed control numbers on Auburn Avenue were discussed. Chief D. Hussler said the report shows 85% of the speeds recorded to be very low. He is not sure if this is because the soccer field driveway is very close to the sign. Chief D. Hussler will check to see if there is something wrong with the post (the way the sign is picking up the information) and look at possibly moving the post to another location.

Chief D. Hussler reported the areas showing a speeding problem (through information recorded by the speed sign and from traffic enforcement) is where Officers are picking up the violations.

Chair D. Taylor suggested the speed sign going up by the tracks on Acadia Avenue.

Comm. J. Langlois made a motion to accept the Monthly Activity Report for March 2017, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER : UPDATE INFORMATION RE: MARCH MINUTES

Meeting with Business Owners along Foord Street

Chief D. Hussler prepared a Notice that will be hand-delivered to Business Owners along Foord Street. The Notice pertains to a meeting planned for early Spring with Business owners along Foord Street regarding:

- visibility of crosswalks,
- parking concerns,
- handicapped parking,

- business owners parking along Foord Street all day,
- entrances and exits along Foord Street,
- timed parking,
- taxi parking,
- parking too close to intersections,
- flow of traffic lights, and
- the parking concerns along Jubilee Avenue beside the new park.

The Notice will be delivered within the next couple of weeks.

Police Sign in Front of the Town Hall

Chief D. Hussler pointed out that the Police sign in front of the Town Hall is not a traffic sign for police parking. It is a sign to indicate the location of the Stellarton Police Station.

Pathway Between Jubilee and G. R. Saunders Elementary School

Chief D. Hussler reported that the Community Services Officer is working with the school to see if something can be worked out between the Town and the school on this matter. He also noted that the area was not plowed after the last couple of snow storms.

Taxi Bylaw

Chief D. Hussler was contacted by Warden Robert Parker in relationship to the Taxi By-Law. Mr. Parker informed the Chief that the County would be interested in looking at a By-Law if the other five towns put one in place. Chief D. Hussler said Mr. Parker was not aware that there were any taxi businesses within the County until he was informed otherwise. Chief D. Hussler will keep moving forward with the By-law and put feelers out to the Town of New Glasgow to see if there is any response.

Dog By-Law

As reported at the last Police meeting, Chief D. Hussler said it is in the Town of Stellarton's best interest to move forward with the By-Law if nothing is heard back from the Town of New Glasgow.

Comm. E. Cormier still has concerns with the wording of the proposed new Dog By-law. He felt there are a number of issues with this By-Law, which are contrary to the Provincial Law, Bill 186 which is the Protection of Animals. He felt the By-law needs to be closely reviewed before it gets approved. Chief D. Hussler will review Bill 186. Chief D. Hussler noted that a lot of the wording in the By-law is generic from years past and carried forward; never amended. The new proposed By-Law is to intended to give the Animal Control Officer more authority when dealing with dangerous and fierce animals. Chief D. Hussler noted that concerns/suggestions raised at previous Board meetings regarding the proposed By-Law will be added as amendments to the new By-Law.

Chair D. Taylor said we will forge ahead until we get a chance to look at the Bill 186 and look at the By-Law and see where we are.

CHIEF D. HUSSLER: TERM POSITION: CST. RYLEIGH CAMERON

Effective Date: April 4, 2017

Comm. A. Pearson moved a motion to accept Const. Ryleigh Cameron to fill the Term Position effective date Tuesday, April 4, 2017 seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

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CHIEF D. HUSSHER: LETTER OF RETIREMENT – INSP. A. HEIGHTON

Effective Date: March 30, 2017

Town Clerk, J. Eaton read correspondence addressed to the Town of Stellarton, dated March 20, 2017 advising that I Ambrose J. Heighton will officially retire from his position on the Stellarton Police Force effective March 30, 2017.

Comm. J. Langlosi moved a motion to accept the retirement of Ambrose J. Heighton seconded by Comm. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

NEXT MEETING DATE

It was agreed that the next meeting date will be May 4, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. on motion by Comm. J. Langlois seconded by Comm. A. Pearson. **Motion Carried.**

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK