

**February 2, 2017**

**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

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

**AGENDA**

Comm. B. Knight approved the Agenda as read, seconded by Comm. A. Pearson  
**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Comm. B. Knight made a motion to approve the December 8, 2016 Minutes as presented, seconded by Comm. D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

**CHIEF D. HUSSHER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

Chief D. Hussher presented the Monthly Activity Report for January 2017. Chair D. Taylor noted that in this month's activity report, fuel consumption for the police car was greater than the truck; the opposite from last month. Comm. D. MacGillivray suggested a three or six-month running total report would give better data than a month-to-month report. Chief D. Hussher suggested a year-to-date report. This was agreed to.

Chief D. Hussher apologized for not having a breakdown of Community Relation hours in this month's report; next month's report will reflect this breakdown.

Comm. B. Knight reported receiving good reports from citizens on the Foord Street foot patrols. He complimented staff on a great job.

In response to a question by Comm. S. Lawand on the location of the speed sign this past month, Chief D. Hussher explained that this month's report reflects the sign being on Foxbrook Road for one week and George Street another week. These dates are reflected in the monthly report. Usually the sign is left at one location for a two-week period, but with the meeting getting close, Chief D. Hussher instructed Public Work staff to leave the sign up on FoxBrook Road for one week then move it to George Street for another week.

Some discussion took place. Comm. S. Lawand reported that a resident noticed a 35 mph speed sign on George Street. Chief D. Hussher explained that this is a warning sign for the curve on that street. He further explained that this is not a sign you can enforce; it is a sign warning a motorist that the proper speed for taking that turn is 35 mph. Comm. S. Lawand felt that when citizens see this sign they expect 35 mph is the enforcement speed. Comm. S. Lawand did not think he could go back to the citizen with this explanation. Further discussion ensued. Comm. S. Lawand suggested installing speed bumps as a solution. Chief D. Hussher said speed bumps are used in some communities but are very expensive and are generally used for short cuts. Chief D. Hussher said the Town Engineer would be the expert on speed bumps. The suggestion came up again about putting a sign up in the area that says "Please Respect

Our Kids” etc. Chief D. Hussher explained that as Traffic Authority he could put a sign up if it is a playground area only.

Chair D. Taylor asked about camera systems where electronic tickets are automatically mailed out to the motorist. Chief D. Hussher said that hasn't been approved in the province of Nova Scotia and the systems are very expensive.

Another suggestion made by Comm. S. Lawand was to install another stop sign or two on George Street. Chief D. Hussher said the best he can say is put the enforcement out there; fly the colors and try to get motorists down to 35 klms.

Chief D. Hussher noted that he had a request to put the speed sign up on Auburn Avenue. He told members that the speed sign has been in the Town of Stellarton for the past month between George Street, FoxBrook Road and MacGregor Avenue. It will not be in Westville for two weeks. When the sign comes back to Stellarton, it will be put on Auburn Avenue.

Comm. S. Lawand made a motion to accept the Monthly Activity Report for January 2017, seconded by Comm. A. Pearson. **Motion Carried**

#### **CHIEF D. HUSSHER : UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### Draft Dog By-Law

Chief D. Hussher reported that until he gets something concrete back from all municipal units, the Draft Dog By-Law is at a standstill.

##### Draft Taxi By-Law

Chief D. Hussher reported that with the County of Pictou bowing out, there doesn't seem to be much interest from the other municipal units for a uniform Bylaw, except the Town of Pictou; they are interested. After some discussion, it was agreed to have Comm. D. McGillivray follow up on this at a Shared Services meeting to get some feedback and report back to the Commission.

##### Royal Bank Driveway Exit to Town Parking Lot

Chief D. Hussher is still waiting to hear back from the Royal Bank.

##### Deer Crossing Signs – MacGregor Avenue

Chief D. Hussher reported that Public Works staff has been given information to install two Deer Crossings Signs on MacGregor Avenue. The first location is the first pole by the mine site and the other location is for north bound traffic by the Town Barns. Comm. B. Knight thanked the Chief on his speedy response to this request.

##### Signal Light – Foord Street

Comm. B. Knight made reference to the signal light that was removed from the corner of Foord Street and Bridge Avenue as a result of accident on that corner. He reported receiving a concern from a town citizen and asked the Chief if it would be a big issue to have that light replaced. Chief D. Hussher will talk with Town Engineer, B. Funke to see about having the signal replaced.

##### Handicapped Parking Signs – Foord Street

Chief D. Hussher said a request came in yesterday for handicapped parking signs on Foord Street. Chief D. Hussher said he went out today and had a look at a sign that was put up. He reported that instead of putting a separate pole up on a handicap, Public Works staff used the same pole as a crosswalk and it is too close to the crosswalk for

the handicap. The sign should be on a separate pole. Chief D. Hussher reported asking for a handicap sign to be put up in front of the Bank of Nova Scotia. That sign is not up yet.

*Small Committee – Foord Street Requests*

With all the requests that are coming in for Foord Street, i.e.: handicap signs, crosswalks, parking concerns, recommendations business owners would like to see etc., Chief D. Hussher asked how members felt about forming a small committee to discuss these concerns and recommendations. He suggested a couple business owners along Foord Street could sit on the committee, along with the Town Engineer and himself as Traffic Authority, along with Council or Commission members if there was an interest.

Comm. B. Knight felt this was a good suggestion. Comm. S. Lawand said if his help was needed, he would try to make himself available.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that Chair D. Taylor and Chief D. Hussher will work together to get a small committee formed - get a good schematic of Foord Street; the current layout; give it a long-term vision.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was agreed that the next meeting date will be March 2, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**