

January 4, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

Town Clerk J. Eaton took over the meeting and called for nominations for the position of Chairperson for the upcoming year 2018.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON

Comm. J. Langlois moved that the incumbent Don Taylor be Chairperson if he would accept, seconded by Comm. D. MacGillivray. Further nominations were called for. Hearing no further nominations, Don Taylor accepted the nomination of Chairperson for another year. **Motion Carried.**

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON

At this time, Chairperson D. Taylor called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Comm. A. Pearson nominated Comm. B. Knight. Further nominations were called for. Hearing no further nominations, Comm. B. Knight accepted the nomination seconded by Comm. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

AGENDA

Comm. S. Lawand approved the Agenda as presented, seconded by Comm. J. Langlois. **Motion Carried.**

Town Clerk J. Eaton spoke reminding members that if they do not use their mic and talk into it, there is nothing to record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. D. MacGillivray made a Motion to approve the December 7, 2017 Minutes as amended, seconded by Comm. B. Knight **Motion Carried.** One correction - Re: Section on crosswalks, the statement "he has not seen any town use this method", should read "has not seen any person use this method".

Town Clerk J. Eaton stated for the record, that if the staff needs to fill out Workers Compensation forms for hearing issues (because of members hollering into mic), we will know which Commission member to go back too.

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: DECEMBER 2017

Chief D. Hussher presented the Activity Report for the month of December 2017 noting that Police Officers were busy of the Christmas holidays.

After some discussion, the December 2017 Monthly Activity Report was approved as presented on motion Comm. B. Knight seconded by Comm. A. Pearson. **Motion Carried.**

CHIEF D. HUSSHER: UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM MINUTES

Draft Dog By-Law

Revisions to the Draft Dog By-Law are complete. Town Clerk J. Eaton said the next step would be to have the bylaw forwarded to the Town Solicitor for recommendation and presented to Council for review. J. Eaton said if the updated Draft Dog By-law is going to substitute the existing Dog By-law, then Council would have to repeal the existing by-law, advertise and then approve the new by-law.

Crosswalk Safety– Draft News Article

Chief D. Hussler reported that the article on urging pedestrians to use caution at crosswalks was in the January 7th Edition of The News. The article was also to appear in the Pictou Advocate (January 3rd. Edition. Chief D. Hussler will forward a copy of the article to Commission Members.

Winter Parking

The Winter parking ban is in effect until April 15, 2018. Chief D. Hussler reported that not many residents are parking their vehicles on the streets. Police Officers have been issuing warning tickets to offenders that are ignoring the ban. A question on the cost of a ticket was raised. In response, Chief D. Hussler Parking said tickets are \$5.00; if challenged in Court, the ticket is moved up to a motor vehicle ticket and the fine then is \$49.95. It was brought to Chief D. Hussler's attention that vehicles have been parking on the boulevard along Claremont and Jubilee Avenues. Chief D. Hussler will look into this and double check to see if there is a bylaw for parking on a boulevard.

Status – Police Officers info on Town of Stellarton's official Website

Chief D. Hussler reported that there is not a lot of interest from police officers to have their personal information placed on the website. Comm. D. MacGillvray felt this was unfortunate. He said one of the benefits of a small town police force is people knowing each other and the community knowing members of the police force. Comm. B. Knight said this is why he likes the foot patrol; it gives residents a chance to interact/communicate with police officers. It is also why he likes a community-based police force rather than a drive-thru police force. Chief D. Hussler stated this is a phobia for police officers across the province, not just our police force. Comm. D. MacGillivray said with most Police Forces already on Facebook, it is another reason he doesn't understand the hesitation.

Suggested dates: OMG Presentation

Const. Syer is available to do the OMG presentation at our March Police Commission meeting. Chief D. Hussler reported that CIS&S would like to have the presentation done by the Spring, so this date would work.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be February 1, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Comm. S. Lawand the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. seconded by Comm. J. Langlois.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK

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