

March 1, 2018

STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The meeting started with Chair D. Taylor welcoming the new Town Clerk, Susan Higdon to the meeting.

PRESENT

Chairman D. Taylor, Comms. J. Langlois, E. Cormier, S. Lawand, B. Knight, D. MacGillivray, and A. Pearson. Also present, Inspector. C. Pond and Town Clerk S. Higdon.

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. D. MacGillivray made a Motion to approve the February 1, 2018 Police Commission Minutes, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

INSPECTOR C. POND: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: FEBRUARY 2018

Insp. C. Pond presented the activity report for the month of February 2018. The report was reviewed with the Commission Members. Insp. C. Pond noted that in February alone there were 114 calls of service. Domestic calls, over the last two months, are up as well.

Questions/Comments

Re: Foot Patrols.

Comm. S. Lawand would like to see foot patrols resumed at the Seniors Complex on Maple Street; the patrols (that were taking place), seem to have stopped altogether. Comm. S. Lawand reminded members that the request originally came from the residents because kids were hanging around the complex; felt some police presence would comfort the residents. Insp. C. Pond will make sure that these patrols are resumed. Chair D. Taylor noted that there is talk of an increase in bike patrols this summer as well.

Re: Police Presence – MacGregor Avenue.

Comm. B. Knight would like to see a police presence resumed in this area. He reported that a resident of the area indicated that when there is a police presence, speeding decreases and vehicle traffic decreases substantially as well. Insp. C. Pond reported an officer was sent up to the area and a couple of vehicles were stopped. Insp. C. Pond added that Police Officers spend a lot of their time doing radar checks in this area. He noted that there have been complaints in other locations within the Town and Police Officers have been designating their time in these areas as well. Insp. C. Pond said they will show more presence on MacGregor Avenue.

Re: Police Presence – G R Saunders Elementary School.

Comm J. Langlois commented on the police presence around G R Saunders Elementary School. He appreciates the patrols coming through the area now and then – felt a police presence settles the kids, if things are getting out of hand, and changes the mood and complexity of things.

Re: Radar Sign.

Comm. B. Knight would like to see the radar sign put up again on MacGregor Avenue suggesting that it might give Police Officers an indication of when most of the activity is occurring. Insp. C. Pond will talk with Chief D. Hussher about getting the radar sign put back in this area. Comm. B. Knight asked if we purchased a second radar sign. Insp. C. Pond confirmed there is just one sign.

Major Case Management (MCM) Model

Insp. C. Pond gave an overview of the Major Case Management (MCM) Model, an innovative approach to solving major case crimes and dealing with complex incidents. Such cases include crimes that necessitate a substantial commitment of resources for a prolonged time or which require the application of complex investigative techniques: homicides, sexual assaults, abductions, etc. MCM combines specialized police training and investigation techniques with case management computer software systems. Insp. C. Pond said the Model is task driven, very efficient and effective. Insp. C. Pond was thanked for his presentation.

Questions/Comments

Comm. J. Langlois felt the model sounded very interesting; could be used to approach a number of situations. He asked if an officer would be assigned the same task in a similar case. Insp. C. Pond said everyone's strengths would be utilized in a case file.

The February 2018 Monthly Activity Report was approved as presented on motion Comm. S. Lawand seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Stellarton and Westville – Long-Term Policing Options

Comm. S. Lawand asked where we stand in the process of increasing the level of cooperation between the two Police services. Chair D. Taylor reported that until the Financial Advisor meets with Chief D. Hussher to discuss associated costs and a format model, there is nothing to update. The Financial Advisor has been unavailable to meet due to Year-end prep work.

Street Crime Position

Insp. C. Pond reported that Const. J. Shipley has been appointed to Street Crime. Const. J. Shipley will start the position Monday, March 5, 2018 reporting to the Street Crime Office. This is a term position position, 40/hrs. per week of schedule time; although overtime has been up with Street Crime.

PRESENTATION – CONST A. SEYER RE: OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS (OMG) STRATGY

Const. Adam Seyer gave a presentation on the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMG) Strategy. Const. A. Seyer reported that he started the job as OMG Coordinator for the Towns of Stellarton and Westville last year. His presentation outlined his role as Coordinator; the goal of the OMG Strategy and its History. A question/answer period was held following the presentation. Const. A. Seyer was thanked for his presentation.

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NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Comm. S. Lawand the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK