

September 6, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

AGENDA

Comm. A. Pearson approved the Agenda, seconded by Comm. D. MacGillivray.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. B. Knight made a motion to accept the June 7, 2018 Police Commission minutes, seconded by Comm. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

INSPECTOR C. POND: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS – JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2018

Inspector C. Pond gave an overview of the June, July and August activity reports reporting a very busy summer. Highlights from those reports are listed below:

- 466 calls which included an armed robbery on Foord Street.
- The department's new bicycle was received well by citizens.
- Cameras for the police vehicles have arrived. The department is in the process of having them installed. The cameras should be operational by the end of the week.
- Training arrangements have been made for all police officers on how to operate the cameras. The cameras have excellent clarity.
- Firearms' training has been completed by all police officers, freeing the officers up for other mandatory training in the fall.
- Parking enforcement and foot patrols have picked up on Foord Street.
- All police officers have been fitted for new dress uniforms. The new uniforms have been ordered and all officers will have a uniform for the Remembrance Day service. The term officers will be able to wear the two spare uniforms.
- Const. C. Irving has successfully completed the second segment of DRE course.
- Standard Field Sobriety Testing course (SFST) – Inspect. C. Pond felt it would be productive for one police officer to have SFST course training in the future. The course is a two-day course that helps to better detect the signs and symptoms of drug impairment. Comm. B. Knight asked about the cost for such training. Inspect. C. Pond did not have those figures available. He will report back to the Commission with that information for the next meeting. Comm. B. Knight noted that he would like to see if put in the budget for a police office to have this training. Comm. S. Lawand would like to see all police officers trained in SFST.

Comm. S. Lawand: how much funding was received from the Federal Government towards the cost of the DRE training? Inspect. C. Pond did not have a figure available but will report back to the Commission with that information at a later date.

Comm. S. Lawand: are foot patrols continuing at Maple Seniors? Inspect. C. Pond reported that police officers do not log specific areas in their reports when recording

foot patrols. Comm. S. Lawand said seniors appreciate the patrols. He would like to see them continued.

It was moved by Comm. S. Lawand to accept the Monthly Activity Reports for the months of June, July and August 2018, seconded by Comm. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

PATROL CAMERA UPDATE

Comm. E. Cormier would like to see cameras on street lights within the town to help police officers with investigations. Comm. B. Knight agrees with this idea, noting that senior complexes would be an ideal location for the cameras. He felt this is where the department can utilize technology that could help police officers with investigations. Comm. S. Lawand said the question of “privacy” comes to question if the town was to put cameras everywhere, not to mention the cost of the cameras and the extra labor that would be involved for staff to review the tapes, etc. He would be in favor of cameras on lights on Foord Street but against cameras in residential areas. Comm. B. Knight felt the residents of the seniors complexes could be consulted to see how they would feel about having cameras on their buildings. Chair D. Taylor said we have to be aware of the high cost of the storage of the videos more so than the equipment and keeping the equipment up to date. Comm. B. Knight felt there was still a need to look into the cost and the pros and cons. Chair D. Taylor felt a committee should be set up to discuss this further and see what the legalities are and what would be appropriate and once all the information is collected, email the package to members.

Comm. D. MacGillivray wanted it noted for the record that he is not big on cameras in public places and does not feel it would be something he would support; he is in favor of getting pricing.

POLICE REVIEW UPDATE

For public record, town Clerk, S. Higdon reported the request for proposal has now been put on the procurement site. The deadline for submissions is September 28th, 2018. Submission evaluations will be taking place the week of October 4th; looking at the consultant to begin work approximately October 9th. The first draft to be submitted to the Review Committee which is the Police Commission is hoping to be December 14th and the final report delivered to Mayor and Council will be in January of 2019.

DOG BYLAW – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Chair D. Taylor asked if members had a chance to look at the amended version of the Dog Bylaw.

Town Clerk, S. Higdon spoke on a couple of typos and “changes to wording” that were suggested by Comm. A. Pearson; she wanted to make sure were included in this proposal.

Town Clerk, S. Higdon stated that if the Commission so chooses to move this Bylaw forward, it will go to first reading at the next Council meeting.

Comm. S. Lawand noted Page 3, #2, the word “and” should be removed at the end because #3 is all in red.

Comm. S. Lawand would like to have the Bylaw read that “the Animal Control Officer is to report back to the complainant within 15 days of the original complaint”. Comm. D. MacGillivray suggested having the Town Clerk contact the Animal Control Officer to see

what the current procedure is and co define that in this Bylaw. Town Clerk, S. Higdon said this will delay the first reading for another month.

Town Clerk, S. Higdon reiterated that the “no charge for dog tags will begin on April 1, 2019. She added that residents that come into the Town Hall to register their dog after September 1, 2018 will pay 50% of the total cost.

OTHER BUSINESS

Animal Regulation Bylaw

Town Clerk, S. Higdon reported that the town’s Planner/Development Officer, Rachael McLean, is in the process of updating the Bylaw.

Beaufort Street – Tree Line Blocking View

Comm. B. Knight reported when travelling south on MacGregor Avenue, coming toward Beaufort Street, a tree line on Beaufort Street blocks your view for on oncoming traffic. He would like to see that tree line removed or a stop sign put up on Beaufort Street. Inspect. C. Pond will visit the areas and report back.

Crosswalk – Acadia Avenue

Comm. E. Cormier would like to see lighting at the crosswalk by Vida Cannabis on Acadia Avenue. Comm. D. MacGillivray reported that a lighting survey was conducted by the Town’s engineering student last year. The survey identified all the lighting deficiencies in the town. Comm. D. MacGillivray felt this location may be one of the areas identified in the survey. He suggested the Town Clerk check with the town engineer on this.

Railroad Crossing – River Street

Comm. S. Lawand reported he would like to see some type of lighting put at the railroad crossing on River Street. The Town Clerk will check with the Chief of Police to see who the owners are of the railroad. As information, Comm. D. McGillivray reported there are no stop signs at the railway crossing on MacGregor Avenue.

Stop Sign

Comm. B. Knight noted that the stop sign installed at Coll Avenue and Poplar Street is doing a great job in slowing the traffic down. He has noticed speeds are down.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is schedule to October 4th , at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Comm. S. Lawand the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK

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