

**March 7, 2019**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

### **MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members welcomed new Commission member Brian Atkinson. (to be sworn-in later in meeting)

### **PRESENT**

Chairman D. Taylor, Comms. D. MacGillivray, E. Cormier, S. Campbell, B. Knight and B. Atkinson. Also present, Town Clerk S. Higdon, Police Chief D. Hussher and Inspector C. Pond.

### **AGENDA**

Comm. B. Knight approved the Agenda, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Comm. B. Knight made a motion to accept the February 7, 2019 Police Commission minutes, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

### **SWEARING IN – CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN ATKINSON**

New citizen representative Brian Atkinson was sworn-in by Comm. D. MacGillivray.

### **ELECTION – CHAIR; VICE CHAIR**

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported there were two nominees on the table from the January 2019 meeting. Both nominees are still interested in letting their names stand. Nominees: outgoing chair Don Taylor and Comm. Member Brian Knight. A vote was taken and Comm. B. Knight won the seat three to one. The new Commission Chair Comm. B. Knight

At this time, the new Chair B. Knight thanked Don Taylor for his service.

The Chair B. Knight then called for nominations for a new Vice Chair.

Comm. E. Cormier nominated Comm. D. MacGillivray. Seconded by Comm. B. Atkinson. Chair B. Knight called for further nominations. Hearing none, Comm. D. MacGillivray took the Vice Chair position. **Motion Carried.**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### a. TMR Radios System Update

Police Chief D. Hussher gave an update on the TMR radio. The Chief reported meeting with Bell and the province; things are in motion to set up the new radio system which is a six-month process. A meeting date has been set to develop a map showing the different channels for talkgroups (public safety agencies). Chief D. Hussher told members that Motorola gave notice that the price on the radios is going up 5% as of April 1, 2019 but because there was a commitment to buy by March 31 the increase was avoided. For clarification, Town Clerk S. Higdon stated that although it has been agreed to in principle to buy the new radios, the budget hasn't been officially approved.

## **POLICE COMMISSION APPLICATIONS – 2<sup>ND</sup> CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

Chair B. Knight reported receiving two applications. Town Clerk S. Higdon told members they would have to make a recommendation to Council of one representative. Information on each applicant was included in the agenda package.

After some discussion, it was Comm. D. MacGillivray made a motion to accept Nancy Terris as the next Police Commissioner, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. Motion Carried. **Motion Carried.**

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT FEBRUARY 2019**

The Monthly Activity Report for the month of February 2019 was presented for review. Chief D. Hussher said domestic violence is one of the major offences the department is experiencing this time of year.

The new camera system in the police vehicles is working well.

Chair B. Knight spoke on a couple of policing items. He asked for clarity on one policing item – re: assisting other police departments on a crime scene. Chief D. Hussher addressed Chair Knight's concerns. Chair B. Knight thanked for Chief for his clarification.

At this time, Chair B. Knight summarized topics discussed at a Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance meeting he attended recently. He told members that two workshops will be coming up this year – Spring/Fall and that funding for members to attend these workshops will be included in this year's budget if any member is interested in attending

## **MOTION WAS NOT MADE TO ACCEPT REPORT**

### **TERM POSITION**

Chief D. Hussher reminded members that the 90-day window ends today for hiring a term officer without going through the entire hiring process again..

Chief D. Hussher said the Department is going to be getting into vacations soon and two officers are off with injuries. One of those positions is already filled with a term officer hired 90 days ago. Rather than let the 90-day window go by, Chief D. Hussher recommended taking on a term officer, a candidate that was interviewed in last interview process, for six months. He felt it would be advantageous to the Department.

With all members in agreement, Comm. D. MacGillivray made a motion to hire a term officer for a six month period as per the Chief's recommendation, seconded by Comm. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Don Taylor thanked the Commission for his time as Chair. He told members of the Commission that once the second citizen representative has been sworn in, he offered to get together with the both new members and go over what their role is as a member of the Police Commission; cover areas of the Police Act - helpful formation. Chair B. Knight felt this would be beneficial. Comm. D. MacGillivray thanked Don Taylor for his years of service.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 4, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Comm. E. Cormier  
the meeting adjourned.

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**