

August 1, 2019
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Chairperson B. Knight, Comms. E. Cormier, S. Campbell, D. Taylor, B. Atkinson and N. Terris. Comm. D. MacGillivray arrived late. Also present, Town Clerk S. Higdon, and Inspector C. Pond.

AGENDA

Comm. N. Terris approved the Agenda, seconded by Comm. D. Taylor with two additions: 6 A. a report from Comm. D. Taylor Re: NS Association Governance meeting he attended June 13, and 6 B. Police AGM. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. B. Atkinson made a motion to accept the June 6, 2019 Police Commission Minutes, seconded by Comm. E. Cormier. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the Minutes.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JUNE 2019

Chief D. Hussher presented the activity report for the month of July, with an additional item of mention – the TMR radios have been installed and are operational.

Comm. D. MacGillivray commented on the foot patrols being the highest he has seen by quite a bit. He receives a great deal of feedback from community members who appreciate seeing the police officers patrolling the streets. Comm. B. Atkinson concurred on the foot patrol saying he received a lot of positive feedback from residents as well during the Homecoming activities. It also gave him a chance to meet the new police officers. Chair B. Knight was also pleased to see the officers join the Homecoming events especially interacting with the children.

The Activity Report for the Month of June 2019 was moved by Comm. Terris, seconded by Comm. Atkinson as presented. **Motion Carried.**

TENDERS FOR POLICE SUV VEHICLE

Chief D. Hussher reported receiving three tenders for a police SUV:

1. Dartmouth Dodge
 - Quote for V8 \$39,200.00
 - Quote for V6 \$36,600.00
2. Atlantic Dodge (no V8 available)
 - Quote for V6 \$37,255.00
3. Highland Foord
 - Quote for V8 \$47,200.00

**Chief D. Husher pointed out the reason for putting a tender out to Dartmouth Dodge - they specialize in police vehicles.*

Chief D. Hussher said he would deal strictly with the V8 unless the Board wanted to go with a V6.

It was moved by Comm. D. MacGillivray that we accept Chief D. Hussher's recommendation: 2020 V8 Turn Key = \$1,183.64 plus tax, \$5,000.00 buyout, \$1,1276.00, \$1.00 buyout, seconded by Comm. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

SERGEANT PROMOTIONS RECOMMENDATION

Chief. D. Hussher presented the Sergeant promotions recommendation from the Promotions Committee. Chief D. Hussher stated that it was a unanimous decision that Const. C. Irving and Const. P. Venhuis be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

The above recommendation was moved by Comm. B. Atkinson, seconded by Comm. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried**

Chief D. Hussher then recommended that these two officers receive retro pay back to April 4, 2019. Chief D. Hussher said these officers were filling these positions and doing the jobs of Sergeant.

Chair B. Knight asked if there were any questions on the recommendation.

Comm. D. MacGillivray made a motion, seconded by Comm. B. Atkinson that Const. C. Irving and Const. P. Venhuis now move to Sergeant will be paid retro-active to that level from April 4, 2019. **Motion Carried**

NS ASSOCIATION OF POLICE GOVERNANCE – REPORT BY COMM. D. TAYLOR

Comm. D. Taylor reported attending a meeting of the NS Association of Police Governance held in Truro in June. He reported there was a full agenda that focused mainly on the rebuilding of the association as a result of low attendance at the fall AGM in Bridgewater last year. Two items of importance that he felt came out of that meeting:

1. The Association is throwing full support behind keeping the RCMP telecommunications centre in Truro or away from the RCMP headquarters in Dartmouth. Having the centres in one area puts Nova Scotians at risk. The Association has formed a letter to the Minister of Justice asking for reconsideration in this move to Dartmouth. Comm. D. Taylor recommends, as a municipal unit, to show the same support as well as it could impact us. The telecommunications centre in Truro services: Truro, the Valley, Cape Breton and Pictou County.

At this time, Comm. D. Taylor recommended the Police Commission develop a letter of support for the two telecommunications systems for the RCMP, and not just have them all in one location, seconded by Comm. B. Atkinson. On the question, Comm. B. Atkinson said he has been following this issue for several months and says Cumberland/Colchester MP Bill Casey, a well-respected politician in the area has been fighting to keep the Truro dispatch in Truro. Comm. B. Knight is in full agreement that they should have two dispatches.

Motion Carried

Town Clerk S. Higdon will draft a letter to the Minister of Justice and Chief D. Hussher will review.

2. AGM Fall Conference: The Association is asking all of their representatives to encourage as many municipal Commission members as possible to attend the upcoming fall conference to better understand what goes on at the provincial level, and with the Police Chiefs.

Chair B. Knight asked if any member was interested in attending the fall AGM conference, Sept 18-20, Old Orchard Inn, Wolfville. Comm. D. Taylor will attend.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Comm. N. Terris the meeting adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK