

May 7, 2020
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A virtual regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 2:00 PM via the platform zoom.

PRESENT

Chair B. Knight, Comms. D. MacGillivray, S. Campbell, D. Taylor, B. Atkinson and N. Terris. Also present, Town Clerk S. Higdon, Police Chief M. Hobeck, Inspector C. Pond and Marketing and Communications Coordinator P. Clarke.

AGENDA

Comm. B. Atkinson moved the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Comm. D. Terris. **Motion Carried.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair B. Knight asked Chief Hobeck for a reflection on the mass shooting that took place last month and the dangers that face our officers every day. Chief Hobeck spoke about Cst. Heidi Stevenson and how she bravely gave her life to protect her community.

One minute of silence was held.

Chair B. Knight thanked Commissioner Taylor for ensuring this tragedy and the lives lost was acknowledged.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting was approved on motion Comm. N. Terris, seconded by Comm. B. Atkinson. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MARCH 2020 and APRIL 2020

Chief M. Hobeck presented the Monthly Activity Report for March and April 2020. A brief discussion took place on a few items in the report.

Chief Hobeck reported there was nothing unique or outstanding considering the pandemic. There were a total of 6 tickets issued and numerous calls, however, the calls were deemed unfounded. April was very busy with 154 calls, but a lot were not COVID-10 related.

Comm. D. Taylor observed that there was 10 mental health calls and 4 in April. He also commented on the domestic calls. Chief Hobeck noted that under the PROS program the category is for Family Violence, but it could be noted in the file if was domestic violence once investigated. There is no Domestic Violence heading in the program.

Town Clerk S. Higdon noted that through the REMO meetings it was mentioned that in speaking with Tearmann House, it is the first time in 20 years that they have no clients. Which can be very concerning, because they may not realize they are not open, they cannot get there due to lack of transportation or the abuser is always home and they are not able to leave safely.

Chief Hobeck stated that all agencies are working together and sharing resources. Community Services is still open however they are doing more triaging.

The Monthly Activity Reports for the months of March and April 2020 were accepted as presented on motion Comm. D. MacGillivray seconded by Comm. D. Taylor **Motion Carried.**

Chair B. Knight noted that in speaking with the office of MLA Pat Dunn, they were very impressed with Sgt. Veenhuis in the handling of a situation for them.

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Mayor MacGillivray also wanted to thank the Police Department for their work with GR Saunders and Bridgeview Academy.

Mayor MacGillivray asked why the foot traffic has been down lately, assuming it was due to weather and COVID-19. Chief Hobeck noted that was correct.

REMO

Town Clerk S. Higdon provided the Commission with an update from REMO. Chief Hobeck, Town Engineer Blaine Murray, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Paige Clarke, and the Town Clerk sit on the REMO Committee. Representatives from all municipalities including Pictou Landing First Nation, Pictou County Solid Waste, Pictou County Wellness Centre, and the RCMP meet twice a week. It did start out as a daily conference call. They have met since the on start of COVID-19 in Nova Scotia. They deal with logistics of personal protective equipment, the planning of resources to ensure that there are no staff shortages in other municipalities that someone can help fill in- which luckily to this day, has not been necessary. Each municipality and organization provides an update as to their situation, and anywhere that they can be united they are. All organizations that deal with the vulnerable populations are communicated with and if there are any requirements that they require, it is

An update is provided to the Mayor's and Warden weekly.

P.Clarke provided an update to the Commission regarding her work with REMO and the Communications Team. They are responsible for PSA's, videos, newsletter mailout and ensuring facebook is updated with the most recent information.

Chair B. Knight thanked them for the update.

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for June 4, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Comm. B. Atkinson the meeting adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK