

September 3, 2020
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A virtual regular meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 1:00 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, and Police Chief M. Hobeck and Inspector C. Pond.

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the July 2, 2020 meeting was approved on motion Comm. S. Campbell, seconded by Comm. B. Atkinson with the correction of adding Comm. S. Campbell to the present list. **Motion Carried.**

The Minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting was approved on motion Comm. D. Taylor, seconded by Comm. N. Terris. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dispatch

Chief Hobeck updated the commission on the dispatch situation. Currently, Jordan Wheeler has stepped in on a temporary basis to fill in the spot until interviews are complete next week. Everything is going well. There have been over 30 resumes received.

Verbal Judo

Comms. D. Taylor asked if any more information was available on this program. Chief Hobeck noted that he looked in to the program out of Halifax, but due to COVID-19 they are not offering it until at least spring 2021. Chief Hobeck may look into something in the interim which he would be able to offer. Comms. D. Taylor commented that if any technical requirements are needed that he would be available to help.

Chair B. Knight commented that with the closing of the Detox in Pictou and the Mental Health ward at the Aberdeen things will only get worse. He is wondering about speaking with MLA Pat Dunn to see if there is something the province can reconsider with their decisions.

There was no other business arising from the minutes. Mayor MacGillivray commented that the Mayors and Wardens have been looking seriously into this situation, but since COVID-19 things have slowed down in their discussions. He will bring it up again at the next meeting in September.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – July 2020 and August 2020

Chief M. Hobeck presented the Monthly Activity Report for both July and August. A brief discussion took place on a few items in the report.

There continues to be an increase in service calls. The average is 120-130 per month, this report is upwards of over 200. With everything going on, this may be the new norm.

Traffic enforcement has increased because Chief Hobeck has put the priority on that. The Speed sign was out on Foord St and River St. The speed seems to be higher on River St. but not so bad at the roundabout. Comms. D. Taylor noted that some of the outliers may be that the sign is picking up two cars at once.

The bicycle has been out quite a bit this summer.

The new vehicle is delayed from July, but is expected this month.

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It was noted that “suspicious person” numbers have increased. The public is more aware now than ever before which causes more calls.

The Monthly Activity Report for July and August was accepted as presented on motion Comm. D. MacGillivray seconded by Comm. D. Taylor **Motion Carried.**

The Traffic Report agenda item was discussed during the monthly report.

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 1, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Comms. N Terris, the meeting adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK