

**January 2, 2025,
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the large committee room, Town Hall.

PRESENT

Chairman D. Stroud, Comm P. Kay, Comm D. Taylor, Comm D. Guthro, Comm P. Lloyd, Comm G. Pentz, Chief Mark Hobeck, and CAO S. Higdon.

Regrets: Comm S. Campbell

Approval of Agenda

Chief Hobeck requested that the promotions of two Constables to the position of Sergeant be added to the agenda. Chairman D. Stroud asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from The Minutes

Comm D. Taylor asked if an officer had been assigned as the School Liaison Officer for the NSCC. Chief Hobeck responded that Cst Gabe Vandergrift had been assigned. Chairman Stroud requested a follow up on a line item from the last meeting on Safe Communities. Chief Hobeck responded that after New Glasgow withdrew from the Street Crime Unit, the position of administrative assistant was never replaced within the new unit. Administration for the unit was picked up by the three administrative assistants at the remaining units and there will be nothing coming out of the budget for this position.

Police Promotions

Chief Hobeck reported to the Commission that after an internal competition for two Sergeants positions, the successful candidates were Cst Chris Sampson and Cst Makayla Morrell. Chief Hobeck then congratulated each of these officers and presented them with their chevrons. Chief Hobeck added that Sgt Morrell was the first female

Sergeant in the history of the Stellarton Police Service and one of only a few in the Pictou County. He was very pleased to grant these promotions as they are both well deserving.

Monthly Activity Reports December 2024

Chief Hobeck reported a busy month with 189 calls for service, which was slightly higher than the previous year. There were 54 Motor Vehicle Act occurrences with many of them being warnings. There were also several tickets issued for the Winter Parking Ban, with many warnings issued for the first few days of the ban. Chief Hobeck reported an event initiated by Cst Grant MacAdam (Cram the Cruiser) at the local Sobeys that collected food items for the food bank. Sgt. Morrell also participated in an “Ugly Sweater” run and had also attended a “Day of Remembrance” for violence against women. Chief Hobeck added that there were several “check points” over the holidays. Chief Hobeck also stated that there were 6 reported “flight from police” files where vehicles fled from police who were attempting to pull them over. Chairman D. asked Chief Hobeck for clarification on the ranks of police members and who was responsible for their funding Chief Hobeck suggested that after any training, police officers can give a brief update to the Commission as to what their training involved. Comm G. Pentz made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried**

Police Board Training

CAO S. Higdon reported that Chairman D. Stroud was approached by his Westville counterpart who informed him that the Department of Justice would be attending their town on January 21st or February 18th to offer training and invited the Stellarton Police Commission. Members will report to CAO Higdon as to their availability.

Update of Police Car

Chief Hobeck reported that a new police car has been purchased, however Scotia Emergency has been backed up with installations, but should have the vehicle ready by next week. Chief Hobeck stated that there is some equipment that can be switched over from the old vehicle.

Small Business Safety and Security

Comm D. Taylor noted that he had met with several local businesses asking if they were happy with the level of security that they are receiving. Comm Taylor reported that they

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are happy with what is taking place, especially the amount of foot patrol in the area and added they would like officers to drop in to say hello. Comm Taylor reported that there are several areas in the town that are poorly lit and that there is some illegal activity going on in the area. Chief Hobeck stated that it sounded like “crime prevention through environmental design” issue and the areas on note are not on Town owned property.. Chief Hobeck stated that he had the training, but it had been quite some time ago. CAO Higdon stated that she would provide Comm D. Taylor with contact information to a security provider that the town had recently used for a security audit of the Town Hall to pass along to those he spoke with.

There was no other business.

Next Meeting- February 6, 2025, at 530pm.

Adjournment