

February 6th, 2025

STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the large committee room, Town Hall.

PRESENT

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

Introduction of Officers attending the meeting- Cst Jordan Wheeler, Cst Dan Holland and Sgt Paul Veenhuis introduced themselves to the Commission. Sgt Veenhuis spoke to the Commission about the Stellarton/Westville Youth Corp that he oversees and some of the activities that the Corp are involved in.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman D. Stroud asked for approval of the agenda. Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the agenda be approved as written. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

CAO S. Higdon stated that the minutes that were sent out were incorrect, as they stated Comm S. Campbell was present at the last meeting, however she was not. Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the amended minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from The Minutes

1/ Update on Police Car

Chief Hobeck reported that the new car had arrived the previous week and is now operational. There are now two marked and two unmarked vehicles. Chief Hobeck added that the Dodge Charger is ending its life span and is experiencing some issues. Comm G Pentz asked if the vehicles are purchased or leased. Chief Hobeck responded that they were leased and that two had been bought out at the end of their lease. Chief Hobeck added that the "buyout" prices have been increasing. Chief Hobeck also stated it is getting more difficult to locate police vehicles.

2/ Police Board Training- Feb 18

Comm D. Taylor asked if February 18th Police Board Training was still on. COA Higdon stated that it was and would take place in Westville.

Monthly Activity Reports January 2025

Chief Hobeck reported a busy month with 209 calls for service, which was slightly higher than the previous year. Chief Hobeck stated that there were 5 “No Pursuit Involved” occurrences where vehicles were fleeing from Police. Chief Hobeck added that there were 23 Motor Vehicle Act violations with not all resulting in charges and there were also several parking violation warnings regarding the Winter Parking Ban. Chief Hobeck reported that it had been “Literacy Week” and a few Officers including himself had attended GR Saunders and read to the students. Chairman Stroud noted that there were a high percentage of calls around midnight. Chief Hobeck responded that this was unusual and that most calls are from midday until around 10pm. Comm S. Campbell made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried**

YTD-December 31, 2024

CAO S. Higdon stated that the Year-to-Date Budget was at 75%, which is where everything should be adding salaries were a little high, however this was expected due to end of year cashouts. Comm G. Pentz made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Stellarton Police Facebook Page

Comm D. Taylor stated that this was added to the agenda at his request as he is wondering if there was a way to up the profile of Police, adding he wondered if a synopsis of Police activities could be added to the page as he feels it is not being maintained and updated very well and would like to keep the public better informed as to what the Police are doing within the community. Chief Hobeck responded that adding a synopsis could cause even more questions related to the reported activities but added he too would like to up the profile of the Police Service.

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

Adjournment