

March 13th, 2025, 5:30pm
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, March 13, 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 G. Pentz, Chief Mark Hobeck, and CAO S. Higdon.

Regrets

Comm P. Lloyd

Introduction

Chief Hobeck introduced Cst Kim Berthier as the newest member of the Stellarton Police Service, adding that Cst Berthier will graduate from the Atlantic Police Academy on April 4th and had spent the last couple of months with the department during her on-the-job training. Chief Hobeck added that Cst Berthier had been hired as a term officer, however, will move to full time in April. Cst Berthier spoke to the commission about her upbringing and family. Chief Hobeck then presented Cst Berthier with her Stellarton badge.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman D. Stroud asked if anyone wanted to add anything to the agenda. Comm G. Pentz requested that the intersection of Bridge Avenue and Pleasant Street be added to the agenda. CAO Higdon stated that this would be added to the agenda after the Monthly Activity Report. Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Comm S. Campbell. **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from The Minutes

None

Monthly Activity Reports February 2025

Chief Hobeck reported a busy month with 193 calls for service, which was slightly higher than the previous year. Chief Hobeck stated there were a high number of Motor Vehicle Act files with 50 reported. Chief Hobeck reported that Sgt Morrell had attended an African Heritage Month ceremony at Summer Street Industries as well as GR Saunders Elementary where she is a "Big Sister". Cst Berthier and Cst Vandergriff spoke to grade 5/6 students at GR Saunders Elementary about internet safety. Comm D. Taylor noted the high number of traffic files and asked if this was a result of the additional officers. Chief Hobeck responded that this was the case. Comm D. Taylor noted that mental health calls were down and asked Chief Hobeck how many officers were trained in this area. Chief Hobeck stated that there was one officer per shift and more would follow. Comm G. Pentz made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried**

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Intersection Bridge Avenue and Pleasant Street

Comm G. Pentz stated that there is a cube van parked at this location that makes it very difficult to see on-coming traffic and that you need to pull into the intersection to do so. Chief Hobeck stated that if this vehicle was parked too close to the corner or on a crosswalk, it could be enforced, but if it was parked legally, there was not much that could be done.

Next Meeting- April 3, 2025, at 530pm.

Adjournment