

February 5, 2026, 530pm
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the large committee room, Town Hall.

PRESENT

Chair D. Stroud, Comm P. Kay, Comm P. Lloyd, Comm D. Guthro, Comm S. Campbell, Insp Chris Pond, Chief Mark Hobeck and CAO Alanna Grover.

Regrets

Co-Chair D. Taylor

Approval of Agenda

Chair D. Stroud asked if there were any additions to the agenda, stating he would like to add an in-camera item. Comm P. Lloyd stated she wanted to add an incident on where a vehicle had struck a pole on Poplar Street. Chairman D. Stroud stated he thought that this was the same item he would like to add to the in-Camera session. Comm D. Guthro stated he would like to add a traffic item regarding South Foord Street. Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the agenda be approved with this addition. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman D. Stroud asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8th, 2026, Commission meeting. Comm S. Campbell made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Seconded by Comm D. Guthro. **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Monthly Activity Report- January 2026

Chief Hobeck reported 210 calls for service which was up slightly from the same month the year before, adding it was somewhat of a slow month regarding community engagement, which he thought was due to the weather. Chief Hobeck reported that he along with Cst Holland and Cst Vandergrift had attended GR Saunders for Literacy Week and had read to the students. Chief Hobeck then asked if there were any questions regarding the report. Chairman D. Stroud then asked for a motion to approve the report and stated discussion would follow. Comm P. Kay made a motion that the report be approved. Seconded by Comm G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.** Comm S. Campbell asked about the "Distributing Intimate Images" occurrence. Insp Chris Pond responded that this was an occurrence that was created, however it was then passed over to the RCMP when it was learned that it had occurred in their jurisdiction, adding it was a relationship that had gone bad, and images were shared without consent. Chairman D. Stroud then asked about "Assist to General Public" occurrences. Insp Pond responded that these involve many types of calls that do not generally fit under any other categories of occurrences. Insp Pond gave an example where assistance could be rendered to someone who had their vehicle stuck in the snow and assistance was given by an officer, adding these occurrences are not criminal in nature. Chairman Stroud asked about the suspicious person occurrences. Insp Pond responded that these types of calls have increased since Covid and involve calls where residents report something they find strange in nature. Chairman D. Stroud asked about the STEP Program. Insp Pond stated that this was a

category that involved complaints from specific areas that involved speed, stop sign and other traffic infractions. Comm S. Campbell asked about the high number of traffic warnings. Insp Pond stated that unlike the RCMP, all warning within the department are verbal only as the patrol cars do not currently have Pat (in car computers), but hopefully will have them at some point.

December YTD Financial Police Commission Report

CAO Alanna Grover stated that Director of Finance Bonnie Coulter had prepared the report and that at the end of December the budget should equate 75% and it was actually at 75.62% which was right on target. CAO Grover stated that this would be the last report for the fiscal year and they would be entering into budget talks soon. Chairman D. Stroud asked for a motion to approve the report. Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the report be approved. Seconded by Comm D. Guthro. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence received from a Stellarton Resident

CAO Alanna Grover stated she wanted to share a nice note received from a town resident regarding Cst Gabe Vandergrift. This note was from John and Amber Guthro who reside on Jubilee Avenue.

South Foord Street

This item was requested to be placed on the agenda by Comm D. Guthro who stated that at the bottom of Weir Avenue at Foord Street, there is any issue with vehicles pulling out onto Foord Street, as there is a hollow on Foord making it difficult for vehicle drivers to see oncoming vehicles, especially if they are travelling at high speed. Comm D. Guthro is wondering if a sign could be posted warning of this this, such as a "BLIND CREST" sign. Insp Pond suggested the town's speed sign could be posted here which posts the speed vehicles are travelling and could deter speeders. Chief Hobeck stated that he would look to see what signage was available.

Chair D. Stroud stated that although unrelated, a council member had brought up the insufficient lighting at the crosswalk at River Street and Claremont Avenue. CAO Grover added that she had spoken to Town Engineer Blaine Murray about this lighting issue. Comm G. Pentz wondered about a flashing traffic light like the one in front of the post office. Chief Hobeck responded he would like these at all crosswalks; however, he was concerned about the high costs of these lights.

Next Meeting

March 5th, 2026.

Adjournment

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