

March 5, 2026, 530pm
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

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

PRESENT

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

Regrets

Comm D. Guthro

Approval of Agenda Comm G. Pentz made a motion that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Comm S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman D. Stroud asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5th, 2026, Commission meeting. Comm S. Campbell made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Seconded by Comm G. Pentz. **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Comm D. Taylor asked about the traffic issue at South Foord and Weir Avenue that Comm D. Guthro had brought up at the previous meeting. Chief Hobeck responded that he had ordered a sign for that location and that it was difficult to find a sign that represented the issue at this location. This sign indicated reduce speed and an oncoming intersection. Chair D. Stroud asked about the lighting issue on the crosswalk at the bottom of Claremont Avenue. CAO Grover indicated that Town Engineer Blaine Murray is consulting with Chief Hobeck on a solution for this area as the lighting is inadequate. Chief Hobeck stated that this crosswalk is currently between streetlights. Comm G. Pentz then asked about a flashing crosswalk light at this location like the one on Lawrence Blvd. Chief Hobeck responded that these lights are very expensive. CAO Grover stated that there are solar powered options that are less expensive. Comm P Lloyd asked about the "Bus Stop" sign at Lehigh and MacGregor Ave that has that has been missing for some time. CAO Grover stated she had asked Engineer Blaine Murray about this, and he had responded that he did not think there ever was a sign there, however Comm G Pentz stated that there was, as the pole is still there.

Monthly Activity Report- February 2026

Chief Hobeck reported 203 calls for service for the month of February, which was up slightly from the year before. Chief Hobeck reported he and Insp Pond had attended the Inspired Gala in Halifax for the Special Olympics. Sgt Chris Sampson had attended the "Breaking the Silence" event at the Wellness Center for survivors of sexual violence and Sgt Chris Irving had attended the African Heritage Ceremony at Glasgow Square. Chief Hobeck then stated that there was traffic enforcement within the town under the STEP program. Chief Hobeck then asked if there were any questions. Comm D Taylor stated that although occurrence numbers are not elevated, the severity of the occurrences seem to be. Comm G. Pentz asked about the Counterfeit currency occurrence and the denominations. Chief Hobeck responded that he thought they were one-hundred-dollar bills. Insp Pond then stated police were seeing increased numbers of property crime post covid. Comm D. Taylor then asked if a press release had been issued about the toxic

batch of fentanyl, like what New Glasgow Police and Truro Police had released and if there were any Stellarton occurrences related to this. Insp Pond responded that there were not. Comm D. Taylor then asked if all officers were up to date on Narcan training. Insp Pond responded that all officers were. Chairman D. Stroud then asked about the car thefts. Insp Pond stated that many residents are still leaving their keys in their vehicles, adding that flight from police is an increasing issue in the past few years. Chairman D. Stroud then asked for a motion to approve the Monthly Report. Com G. Pentz made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Comm D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

Resident Concern, RE: Rental Properties

CAO Grover stated that this issue had come up at the Committee of the Whole where a concern was brought forward to Counsellor Ice from a resident of Fairview Avenue who had concerns that renters at a residence on Fairview were not being properly vetted.as there was criminal activity going on at the property. This issue has been brought to Chief Hobeck, who responded that police were aware of these issues and that any information would be passed along to the Street Crime Unit. CAO Grover then stated that she had been in contact with the resident and advised them to call the police non-emergency number if they observed anything further.

Next Meeting

April 2nd, 2026.

Adjournment

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