

July 2, 2026, 530pm
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the large committee room, Town Hall. The June 4th, 2026, meeting was cancelled due to not having quorum.

PRESENT

Chair D. Stroud, Comm P. Kay, Comm G. Pentz, Comm P. Lloyd, CAO Alanna Grover, and Chief Mark Hobeck

Regrets

Comm D. Taylor, Comm S. Campbell, Comm D. Guthro and Insp Chris Pond.

Approval of Agenda

Comm P. Lloyd made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Comm G. Pentz.

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Comm G. Pentz made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd.

Motion Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Alanna Grover reported that she and Comm P. Lloyd had attended a Human Trafficking presentation at the firehall on June 16th hosted by Kelly Moore-Reid of the New Glasgow Regional Police and that she found it to be very informative with approximately 30 people attending. Chief Hobeck stated that Moore-Reid could attend a Commission meeting to present a condensed version of her presentation. CAO Grover stated that this could take place in the fall.

Chair D. Stroud asked about the lighting at the gazebo in Allan Park, adding that a resident had reported to him that needles were found in this area. CAO Grover stated that she had not received any information from Public Works about finding needles at that location.

Monthly Activity Report-May 2026 and June 2026

Chief Hobeck reported a very busy month of May for the department with 268 calls for service, with a normal array of calls, adding he had attended the “Spring Fling” at GR Saunders Elementary School, a flag raising ceremony and that he and Insp Pond had attended a Special Olympics Play entitled “Greased Lightning” at a local Church. A few members had attended a recertification course on “Use of Force”.

Chief Hobeck then reported 219 calls for service for the month of June, adding that he and Insp Pond had attended the “Pride Flag Raising” ceremony on June 15th. Sgt Veenhuis and Cst Holland participated in the annual “Ice cream Ride” with the town of New Glasgow and members had also assisted with traffic control at the Johnny Miles Marathon.

Chair D. Stroud asked about the absence of stats regarding Roots for Youth/YMCA Housing on the report. Chief Hobeck responded that the report was composed by Sgt Sutherland, and it was Insp Pond (who is currently on leave) who had added this item to

the reports. Chair D. Stroud asked Chief Hobeck if there was anything noteworthy as far as reports to Police regarding this agency. Chief Hobeck responded that things will not slow down with the nice weather, adding that he will have Cst Berthier, who is the liaison officer for this agency, check in with the director and report back at the next Commission meeting. Chair D. Stroud stated he would like to know the nature of the calls and why residents are calling in due to this agency and its clients and about the status of encampments within town. CAO Alanna Grover stated there is a cleanup underway by DNR behind the Sobeys Warehouse, adding that Insp Pond had stated that there was another encampment behind the Museum of Industry, however she had not heard back from him with anything further. Chief Hobeck stated that Nova Scotia Power was to be contacted about this location, as it was their property. Chair D. Stroud stated that he was more interested to know if there were any current active encampments, in which Chief Hobeck stated there were none that he was aware of.

Chair D. Stroud asked for a motion to approve the report. Comm G. Pentz made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd. **Motion Carried.**

Update- Regional Tactical Response

Chief Hobeck reported that training was completed two weeks previously and that as far as Stellarton's member (Daniel Holland) everything was complete other than waiting for his tactical helmet to arrive. Chief Hobeck added that he had a meeting today with the Department of Justice and that they had questions regarding the MOU and other outstanding issues with Truro and Amherst Police, adding there will be another meeting to tie up these few issues. CAO Grover added that the DOJ is supportive of the MOU.

Abandoned Homeless Encampment Cleanup

CAO Grover stated the DNR will be contracting out the cleanup of the former encampment behind Sobeys Warehouse as it is a very large job and drone photos did not do it justice, adding that DNR did state that mulching of the area will not take place as it did not want to have the area more inhabitable.

National Wastewater Drug Surveillance Program

CAO Grover stated that she wanted this item added to the agenda for information purposes. This was regarding a report from the East River Environment Control Center who can test wastewater for emerging substance trends and the drugs that are being used within the community. This information will assist municipalities on the drugs they are dealing with.

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Next Meeting
September 3rd, 2026.

Adjournment