

September 3, 2026, 530pm
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A regular scheduled meeting of the Stellarton Police Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the large committee room, Town Hall.

PRESENT

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

Regrets

Comm D. Guthro and Insp Chris Pond.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Carried.

Presentation- Kelly Moore-Reid, Human Trafficking Awareness

Cpl Kelly Reid-Moore of the New Glasgow Regional Police presented a condensed version of a presentation that she has presented to various groups in the county for educational purposes regarding human trafficking.

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 Grover reported that the lights on Claremont Avenue approaching Foord Street had been installed at the crosswalk and that Public Works had looked at the lights in Allan Park and had installed 2 pot lights on the gazebo and 2 more on the pole by the gazebo to provide extra lighting for this area.

Monthly Activity Report-July and August 2026

Chief Hobeck reported a very busy summer with 272 calls for service during the month of July with several community events that included “Homecoming” events. Chief Hobeck asked if there were any questions for the July report, hearing none, moved on to the August report stating there were 193 calls for service for the month with a busy month for thefts reported and that it had been a quieter month for events. Chief Hobeck then asked if there were any questions. Chair D. Stroud then asked about occurrences related to “Roots for Youth/YMCA Housing” stating they were not listed on the report. Chief Hobeck responded that this was something Insp Pond had been adding to the reports, however with him being off, Sgt Morrell had been composing the reports, and this would be something he would request she do. CAO Grover added that this item had been listed later in the agenda for an update. Chairman Stroud then asked about the high number of thefts. Chief Hobeck responded that some of these were involving businesses, such as drive offs and others were personal thefts and were “all over the board”. Comm S. Campbell asked about the large number of traffic patrol hours. Chief Hobeck stated that these hours are reported at the end of each shift and the numbers could reflect “moving radar” in the cars as patrols of the town are made, adding it also could be a patrol car sitting stationary observing speeds or stop signs. Comm S. Campbell then asked about

noise being emitted from vehicles. Chief Hobeck replied that there are provisions in the Motor Vehicle Act regarding this under “equipment” however such things could also be addressed under a municipal bylaw, as the Motor Vehicle Act does not mention decibel levels. Comm S. Campbell stated that there are several vehicles within town that have noise issues with loud mufflers. Chief Hobeck reported that there is possibly a homeless encampment behind the Sobeys Warehouse that police will be following up on.

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

Financial Statements 06/30/2026

CAO Grover stated that this had been prepared by Director of Finance Bonnie Colter for the Commission for information, adding, that after the first quarter, it is expected that you were to be at about 25% of the budget and that they were slightly over, but not for unexpected reasons, one being insurance (renewed in the spring) and travel, conferences and training which usually occur in the spring. CAO Grover then stated that Bonnie Colter saw no issues when reviewing the accounts. Chair D. Stroud then asked if there was any upcoming training. Chief Hobeck replied that there upcoming “firearms” qualifications as well as “use of force” training.

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

Provincial Update-Critical Incident Response

- a) **Media Release**-CAO Grover reported that there had been a media release the previous week which was sent out by the Department of Justice regarding Police Standards and specifically the Emergency Response Team (ERT). The release indicated that the RCMP would continue to cover this service free of charge to 8 of the 10 Municipal Police Agencies with Halifax and Cape Breton Regional Police having their own Emergency Response Teams.
- b) **Letter, Attorney General and minister of Justice Scott Armstrong**-CAO Grover stated that Chief Hobeck had received a letter from the office of Justice Minister Scott Armstrong which explained in greater detail what was stated in the media release. This agreement is in place immediately and is in effect until December 21st, 2026, when the Municipal Agencies will be required to have a formal agreement with the Province and the RCMP outlining the scope of Critical Incident Response Services that will be provided as well as recording requirements. Auditors with this review will reach out to the municipalities as well as Police Commissions Boards to review the observations and findings identified in Phase one of the CIRT audit. Chief Hobeck then stated that Chris MacNeil had reached

out to him and will attend the Police Commission meeting in either October or November of this year.

Update on Roots for Youth- Tabled for next meeting.

E-Bikes & Scooters- New Legislation

CAO Grover stated that this issue had come up at the Committee of the Whole .and that new legislation would come into effect this fall where scooters and EV Bikes will have to be operated by those 14 years of age and older and wondered if this can be enforced. Chief Hobeck stated that this is something that can be enforced by Police and education will be the priority initially.

Old Foxbrook Rd, RE: Speed

Comm G. Pentz reported receiving speeding complaints from residents at this location with one reporting a near collision involving a woman and a baby stroller. Comm G. Pentz then asked Chief Hobeck if it would be possible to place temporary speed bumps at this location from May to October each year. Chief Hobeck responded that this would be possible. CAO Grover recommended that this item be sent to the Committee of the Whole for discussion and if there is a consensus at Council, it can be sent back to the Chief for implementation.

A motion was made by Comm G. Pentz to go in-camera, Seconded by Comm P. Lloyd.
Motion Carried.

Next Meeting

October 1st, 2026.

Adjournment

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