



**Town of Westville
Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday September 17, 2019**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

Commission Members Present:

Dorothylane Hale – Chair
Lennie White – Vice Chair
William Gray
Bernard Murphy
Steven Joudrey
Ed Ferguson

Regrets:

Lynn MacDonald

Town Employees Present:

Police Chief Donald Hussher
Linda Brown - CAO
Amanda Cyr – Recording Secretary

Public in Attendance:

Yes

Media Organizations Present:

None

1. CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Hale called the meeting to order at 6:00pm in Westville Council Chambers, calling for any conflict of interest. None declared.

2. APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

*It was moved by Commissioner Murphy to approve the agenda as presented.
Commissioner Joudrey seconded. Motion carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner MacDonald to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting on Tuesday August 20th, 2019. Commissioner Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF DON USHER

Chief Hussher presented the Police Report for August 2019.

Chief Hussher stated that there have been quite a few backyard thefts. This is not isolated to Westville, but occurring throughout Pictou County and targeting furniture and lawn tractors. Unfortunately Nova Scotia Power and crews from outside of the province also had tools and equipment stolen from trucks during hurricane Dorian.

Chief Hussher reported that training is ongoing as far as annual qualifications. He noted that the department is currently switching computer systems and the process should be complete by November. Chief Hussher also reported that the transition to TMR has been a great success. This gives the officers more privacy as the encryption cannot be picked up by scanners and is far superior to the previous system.

Vice Chair White noted the announcement that the new Chief of Police for Stellarton would be starting the end of September and asked Chief Hussher what this meant in terms of his role until his retirement date. Chief Hussher responded that they intended to have the overlap so that time could be spent bringing the new Chief up to speed, specifically on the administration side of the role.

There was discussion about the changing roles within the Department of Justice, specifically now that Mr. Holbeck has accepted the Chief of Police position with the Town of Stellarton.

Commissioner Ferguson moved to accept the report from Chief Hussher as presented. Commissioner Joudrey seconded. Motion carried.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chair Hale shared details on the upcoming conference and introduced the board members to Linda Brown, the new Chief Administrative Officer.

Chief Hussher informed the board that Andre Vatour has moved on to a position with the RCMP and the vacancy has been posted. Interviews will take place next week to fill the position internally, which will leave open a part time opportunity.

8. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Commissioner Ferguson moved to adjourn the Police Commission meeting at 6:15p.m. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the September 17th, 2019 Town of Westville Board of Police Commissioners.


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CHAIRPERSON


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RECORDING SECRETARY