



**Minutes
Town of Westville
Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2022 - 6:00 pm**

Call To Order

Chair of the Police Commission Dorothylane Hale called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call

Chair Dorothylane Hale, Vice Chair William Gray, (Deputy Mayor) Commissioner Clarrie MacKinnon, Commissioner Steven Joudrey, (Councillor) Commissioner Meghan Bragg, Commissioner Shaun MacLaughlin, Police Chief Howard Dunbar, CAO Scot Weeres, Recording Secretary Kristen Reed

Regrets

(Councillor) Commissioner Mitchell MacGregor

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Additions, Deletions and/or Approval of the Agenda

PC - 2022.09.20.160 Moved by Commissioner MacKinnon, seconded by Commissioner Joudrey to approve the agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Minutes -August 16, 2022

PC - 2022.09.20.161 Moved by Commissioner Joudrey, seconded by Commissioner MacLaughlin to approve the minutes as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

The Traffic Report on North Main St is done, there was a mechanical failure on Cowan St so they have restarted there and will then move it to Drummond Rd.

Report of the Police Chief - Report attached

The Chief read the report which included back to school traffic safety reminders.

A conversation took place including the increase in suspicious person/vehicle/property is due to a heightened awareness and transients in the area. There is 1 person that is not interested in help and he is about 17 of the calls. The 10 Mental Health Act calls are an uptick. Roughly 90% of the Mental Health calls are under the influence. It takes a lot of resources to have someone sitting at the hospital with them often for 8 hours or more. Once they have been seen the Officer can leave but there is currently no one at the hospital to watch them so we stay. Looking at setting up a meeting with the hospital to see what options are available. The cost of inflation is hurting a lot of families.



Cole Baker has left for Halifax. It leaves a big hole in the department. Commission would like to go on record to share appreciation for him and Meech. They have a great skill set. It’s terrible when you work with someone and they move on to bigger places. We seem to be a training ground.

PC-2022.09.20.162 Moved by Commissioner MacLaughlin, **seconded** by Commissioner MacKinnon to approve the report of the Chief of Police as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

a) Nova Scotia Association for Police Governance

There was a Zoom meeting on August 29th. Chair Hale was unable to attend. The Fall conference agenda is still being worked on. There is a new RCMP liaison officer with the Department of Justice. The cut off date for the hotel discount has passed. Will forward the agenda when it comes out.

Next Meeting

Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Westville Council Chambers
October 18th, 2022 – 6:00pm

Adjourn

PC – 2022.09.20.163 Moved by Commissioner Joudrey, **seconded** by Vice Chair Gray to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:40

Chair: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Approved: _____