



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
August 2, 2023**

PRESENT: Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair
Commissioner Harry Critchley, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Gavin Giles
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

REGRETS: Commissioner Lindell Smith – Parental Accommodation

STAFF: Cathie O’Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Josh Bates, Policy Advisor, Board of Police Commissioners
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m., the Board adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 10, 2023 and July 12, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Giles

THAT the minutes of July 10, 2023 and July 12, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Commissioner Critchley requested that Information Item 3 Memorandum from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police dated July 5, 2023 re: *Response to NS Police Review Board decision regarding Halifax Regional Police's Prisoner Care Facility procedures*, Information Item 4 Memorandum from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police dated July 5, 2023 re: *Response to NS Police Review Board decision regarding Halifax Regional Police's Prisoner Care Facility procedures* and Information Item 5 Memorandum from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police dated July 6, 2023 re: *Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner Review Report of July 14, 2022* be brought forward at the next Board of Police Commissioners Meeting.

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Commissioner Blackburn requested that Item 10.2.1 Budget Process Refresh and Board of Police Commissioners Policy Update and Item 10.2.1 Revisions to Approved 2023 Meeting Schedule be considered prior to item 7.4.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – July 12, 2023

7.1 Board of Police Commissioners Report on the Mass Casualty Commission Findings

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated May 18, 2023
- Extract from the April 3, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners minutes
- Staff presentation dated August 2, 2023

Josh Bates, Policy Advisor, Board of Police Commissioners gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board. Bates confirmed the staff report would update the Board about the work of the Province's Progress Monitoring Committee and advised that the Province would offer governance training to the Board in the future.

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners request that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) direct the Policy Advisor for the Board of Police Commissioners to work with the Community Safety Office, the Halifax Regional Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to:

- 1. Identify areas of overlap between recommendations and actions contained in the Wortley Report, Defund Report, Public Safety Strategy and Mass Casualty Commission Final Report; and**
- 2. Prepare a staff report outlining these areas of overlap and associated recommendations for consideration as a part of the Board's 2023-2024 workplan.**

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Bill Moore, Executive Director, Community Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Board of Police Commissioners Policy Subcommittee Priorities

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated June 7, 2023, revised July 21, 2023

Josh Bates, Policy Advisor, Board of Police Commissioners spoke to the topic.

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) direct the Policy Subcommittee to adopt the following as its first two areas of focus:

- 1. Review the Board of Police Commissioners' policies related to Extra Duty and Off Duty employment, and in consultation with the Chief, draft recommended changes and additions for the BoPC's consideration; and**
- 2. In consultation with the Chief, draft a Board of Police Commissioners policy related to policing and homelessness for the BoPC's consideration.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 61 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Commissioner Akindoju requested that Item 7.2 be reconsidered to include an amendment to part 2 of the motion.

Martin Ward, Solicitor advised the Board a motion of reconsideration required two-thirds approval of the members of the Board present and voting.

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners reconsider Item 7.2 Board of Police Commissioners Policy Subcommittee Priorities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT part 2 of the motion be amended to include “response to” before homelessness.

Commissioner Kent proposed that the word “and” be removed between “policing” and “response to homelessness”. As well as use the word “police” in place of policing. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion to amend now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT part 2 of the motion be amended to read:

- 2. In consultation with the Chief, draft a Board of Police Commissioners policy related to police response to homelessness for the BoPC’s consideration.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) direct the Policy Subcommittee to adopt the following as its first two areas of focus:

- 1. Review the Board of Police Commissioners’ policies related to Extra Duty and Off Duty employment, and in consultation with the Chief, draft recommended changes and additions for the BoPC’s consideration; and**
- 2. In consultation with the Chief, draft a Board of Police Commissioners policy related to police response to homelessness for the BoPC’s consideration.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

7.3 Board of Police Commissioners’ Logo

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated July 5, 2023

Commissioner Kent stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner Critchley assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Thomas

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Request permission from Regional Council to use the Official Corporate Coat of Arms of the Halifax Regional Municipality as a part of its logo; and**
- 2. Subject to Regional Council’s approval, adopt the following as its official logo as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 5, 2023.**

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Board and recommended that part 2 of the motion be amended so the spelling of Commission in the logo be corrected to Commissioners.

Commissioner Kent proposed that part 2 of the motion be amended so the logo in Attachment 1 be modified so the spelling of Commission logo be corrected to Commissioners. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Thomas

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Request permission from Regional Council to use the Official Corporate Coat of Arms of the Halifax Regional Municipality as a part of its logo; and**
- 2. Subject to Regional Council's approval, adopt the following as its official logo as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 5, 2023, with the spelling of Commission in the logo corrected to Commissioners.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Kent resumed the Chair.

7.4 Halifax Regional Police Recruiting and Staffing Update – Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated August 2, 2023

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board. Kinsella offered to provide a briefing note regarding the experienced police officers HRP had attracted from other jurisdictions and how it compared with the experienced officers HRP had lost.

Commissioner Kent stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner Critchley assumed the Chair.

Commissioner Kent resumed the Chair.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding asset management for HRP.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police acknowledged the contributions of Halifax Regional Police officers during the recent flash floods. Kinsella spoke to the cadet class graduation and provided a summary of key operational activities.

Superintendent Jason Popik, Acting Officer in Charge, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) acknowledged the contributions of Halifax RCMP officers during the recent flash floods and spoke to future training initiatives. Staff Sergeant Lynden Morrison, Halifax District RCMP gave a summary of key operational activities and community initiatives.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 Budget Process Refresh and Board of Police Commissioners Policy Update

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated July 21, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Adopt the schedule outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 21, 2023 to be included in the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners Policy and Procedures Manual.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to annually revise the schedule (if required) and present it to the Board in July prior to the upcoming budget cycle.**

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer and Tyler Higgins, Manager, Budget & Reserves responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Revisions to Approved 2023 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated July 20, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the revised 2023 meeting schedule as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 20, 2023.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk Officer spoke to the revisions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.3.1 Commissioner Kent – Integrated Operating Model Staff Report

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Consideration form from Commissioner Kent

Commissioner Kent stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner Critchley assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners appoint the Chair and the Vice Chair to serve as the Board's representative on the committee preparing the staff report on the integrated operating model.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Commissioner Kent resumed the Chair.

10.4 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioners Blackburn and Kent updated the Board of Police Commissioners regarding the 2024 Canadian Annual Police Governance hosting committee's preparations for a presentation at the 2023 Canadian Annual Police Governance annual conference's final breakfast.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 6, 2023

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant