



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
July 10, 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 4:34 p.m., the Board moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:53 p.m. the Board adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 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. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – June 14, 2023

4.1 Policing Transformation Study Recommendation Report – Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report to Regional Council dated April 19, 2023
- Extract from the May 9, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated July 10, 2023

Bill Moore, Executive Director, Community Safety, Bronwyn Burke, Partner, National Leader, Digital Operations - Government & Public Sector, Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP and Josh Oviatt, Engagement Manager, Digital Operations - Government & Public Sector, Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Board and noted that the Department of Justice confirmed that Halifax Regional Municipality was a participating member on the multisectoral council and a member of the Province's management committee for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police contract. O'Toole advised that Regional Council requested an eighteen-month timeline to determine the viability of the integrated model and to allow for the collaboration and integration of Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police on tasks and actions identified as jointly actionable, including items recommended in the Mass Casualty Commission Final Report and the Policing Transformation Study.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Direct the Chief of the Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and advise the Officer in Charge of the Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) to work with the Community Safety Office to prepare a staff report by the end of 2023 outlining the necessary steps to achieve an integrated operating model and to inform the Chief Administrative Officer's report to Regional Council; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief of the HRP and advise the Officer in Charge of the Halifax District RCMP to provide verbal updates during each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Police**

Commissioners.

O'Toole and Moore noted there was no formally established working group reviewing the Police Transformation Study as staff wanted to present the study to the Board and receive direction before a working group was formed.

Commissioner Critchley proposed the creation of a committee to prepare the proposed staff report which would include representation from the Board of Police 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 Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Direct the Chief of the Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and advise the Officer in Charge of the Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) to work with the Community Safety Office as part of a committee, with representation from one to three members of the Board of Police Commissioners, to prepare a staff report by the end of 2023 outlining the necessary steps to achieve an integrated operating model and to inform the Chief Administrative Officer's report to Regional Council; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief of the HRP and advise the Officer in Charge of the Halifax District RCMP to provide verbal updates during each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 5.1 PERSONNEL MATTER and Item 5.2 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before the Board:

- Private and confidential handout dated July 5, 2023

- Private and confidential handout dated July 3, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private); and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential handouts dated July 5, 2023 and July 3, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant