



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES December 4, 2024

PRESENT: Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair
Commissioner Gavin Giles, Vice Chair
Commissioner Virginia Hinch
Commissioner Greg O'Malley
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju

REGRETS: Commissioner Tony Mancini

STAFF: Jerry Blackwood, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Andrew Gough, Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:15 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 – November 20, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley

THAT the minutes of November 20, 2024 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

MOVED by Commissioner O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Akindoju

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 10 (5) of Administrative Policy Number One, Respecting the *Procedures of the Board of Police Commissioners Administrative Policy*, Commissioner O'Malley requested that Information Item 2 - Update on HRP Actions to Enhance Psychological Safety and Trauma Supports Including Consideration of Budgetary Implications be brought forward at the next Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality meeting.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentations – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HALIFAX REGIONAL DETACHMENT CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police spoke to key operational updates, recruitment, and past and upcoming events. MacLean responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Superintendent Don Moser, Acting Officer in Charge, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment spoke to key operational updates, and past and upcoming events.

Commissioner Kent entered the meeting and resumed the Chair.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review – Halifax Regional Police

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated November 12, 2024

Deputy Chief Andrew Matthews, Halifax Regional Police spoke to the topic.

MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Hinch

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality direct the Chief Officer of Halifax Regional Police and advise the Chief Officer of Halifax Regional Detachment to participate in the RCMP H Division (Nova Scotia) Sexual Assault Investigations Review Committee process for a trial period of 12 months, and return to the Board in February 2026 with an update and a recommendation as to continued participation.

Andrew Gough, Solicitor proposed the motion be amended to replace 'direct' with 'recommend' as the Board did not have jurisdiction to direct the Chief Officer.

Deputy Chief Matthews clarified that files would be selected at random and forwarded to the Board.

Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) advised they had no concern with the word 'direct' as the motion spoke to HRP participating in the review and did not provide operational directive to review a specific case/file.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Halifax Regional Police Business Plan - Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated December 4, 2024

Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.2.3 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment Business Plan - Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated December 4, 2024

Superintendent Don Moser, Acting Officer in Charge and Inspector Jeff Mitchell, Management & Administration Services Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Jerry Blackwood, Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted the Board would receive information on the cost per police officer at their December 18, 2024 meeting.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

12.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – November 20, 2024

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of November 20, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 18, 2024

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Krista Vining
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants