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**ATTENDING**

Chairman Carl Oldham, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Councillor Wendy Donovan, Sergeant Stephen Power, Maurice McKee, Lindsay Doucet and Recording Secretary Lorraine Jones

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Inspector Chris MacNaughton, Staff Sergeant Jean Guy Richard and Sheri Bezanson

**ABSENT WITH REGRET**

Kevin Cleary

**ABSENT**

Valerie Boyce

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no items for discussion.

**4. REPORT FROM SAFETY AND SECURITY**

As Mr. Cleary was on vacation there was no report.

**5. REPORTS FROM RCMP**

**a. QUARTERLY REPORT – SGT. POWER**

Sgt. Power reviewed some highlights of his report including

- Serious collision outside Subway is a very active investigation; many hours have been spent and continue to be spent on this investigation
- Saturday night of the Devour Festival was quite a busy night
- The Ghosts of Violence ballet (domestic violence) had been performed at the Al Whittle Theatre
- In February an individual was charged with 42 charges for fraud and drug possession and will be back in court on March 12
- Mobile patrols have increased on Starr Street; traffic is at its worst when traffic is backed up at the four way stop. A request has been made of the Citizens on Patrol to do a survey.
- The stats report gives a snapshot in time; Sgt. Power has been approached by the Chief Administrative Officer about a new template for reporting. Overall the numbers are down.

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**b. CRIME REDUCTION PRESENTATION – SHERI BEZANSON**

Ms. Bezanson provided information on her position as analyst and highlighted some of what she does

- Her mandate is with property crime
- She reads all reports and files for Kings County
- She tracks calls for service, checkpoints, arrest warrants , prolific offenders and curfew checks
- She predicts trends and provides mapping for members

The Chair thanked Ms. Bezanson for her presentation.

**c. 2013 KINGS RCMP LOOK BACK**

Insp. MacNaughton noted that this was her first presentation to the Wolfville Board. She made note of the Provincial priorities

- Crime reduction
- Road safety
- Domestic violence
- Safer youth

She noted that 2013 had been a stellar year for Kings District in which Ms. Bezanson had played a critical role. The new Kings Model has been in place since last March. Resources are in the right place at the right time with leadership from Sergeant Power, Staff Sergeant Richard and Sergeant Green. Some of the best police officers in the Province are located in this district. It is important to have the support of municipalities to continue. This is one of the safest places to live in Nova Scotia.

Some programs highlighted were

- Road safety initiatives – provincial priority
- Community policing – Blair MacMurtery
- Seniors safety program – Michelle Parker
- Domestic violence – Kara Streeter
- Safer schools – Jeff Wilson and Alana Foley
- Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit

Some of the current challenges are

- E-disclosure; the courts want everything electronically
- Live scanning of fingerprinting
- New criminal checks process

Some challenges for the future are

- Administrative issues
- New district office for New Minas RCMP members; Wolfville will remain as is
- Kings County Community Policing office – Blair MacMurtery and Michelle Parker, will be relocating to Berwick
- Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall will be visiting Nova Scotia in May; there will be a block on members leave
- Apple Blossom Festival; there will be a block on members leave



In response to a question as to whether it would be easier for the RCMP if it were a regional force Insp. MacNaughton advised that what works for the public safety at large and whether or not modifications to the current complement would be needed to still provide 24 hour coverage would have to be satisfied. The RCMP is extremely effective at balancing the needs of Wolfville and the County. If the Town were to go to a regional district, would it be designed in the same fashion as what currently exists? Insp. MacNaughton indicated that it would have to be analyzed before an answer could be given.

The Chair thanked both Insp. MacNaughton and Ms. Bezanson for their presentations and updates.

#### **6. REPORT FROM KINGS CRIME PREVENTION**

Mr. McKee's report had been previously circulated to members.

#### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Cantwell brought up the issue of membership on the Board. He noted that in an effort to have gender equality on the Board Wayne Woodman had been replaced by Valerie Boyce who has only attended one meeting. The Chair noted that she had attended the last meeting but had arrived late and sat in the gallery. It was also noted that the Department of Justice is supposed to have a representative on the Board.

**ACTION:** Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer and Council for consideration under the committee review.

#### **8. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR**

The meeting schedule for the coming year was tentatively set as follows

- Monday, April 28
- Monday, July 21
- Monday, October 27

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 3:16 P.M. CARRIED.**

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**RECORDING SECRETARY**

**APPROVED BY MOTION AT APRIL 28, 2014 MEETING.**