



ATTENDING

Town Council

Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Deputy Mayor Wendy Donovan, Councillor David Mangle, Councillor Carl Oldham, Councillor Mercedes Brian, and Councillor Dan Sparkman

RCMP Advisory Board

Chairman Dan Sparkman, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Councillor Carl Oldham, Jim Morgenstern, Meg Townsend, Joan Boutilier, Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, Sgt. Stephen Power, and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ALSO ATTENDING

S/Sgt Paul Coughlin

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Councillor Hugh Simpson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

Chair noted that this was a Special Joint Meeting of Council and RCMP Advisory Board and as such, action business arising out of the Minutes from the December 1, 2015 meeting would be discussed at the regular March meeting of the RCMP Advisory Board. The following issues were highlighted by the Chair:

- The Sexual Assault Investigator position that the RCMP is recommending has been referred to budget; and
- There have been upgrades to the Town of Wolfville website, one of which is to clearly identify Blair MacMurtery as the Town of Wolfville's Bylaw enforcement officer.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2015 BE APPROVED.

Amendments:

- Page 5 – "...scenes is the convenience and experience of the investigation team" amended to read "...scenes is the experience of the investigation team".
- Para 3b. Development of Performance Measures "Action Statement" amended to read: "CAO is investigating the development of performance measures with staff and the RCMP and will bring back an approach to the performance measures"
- Para 3e. Proactive Approach to Communications with the Public – addition of Action Statement: "Staff will follow-up with ways to better communicate with the public about policing activities within the Town of Wolfville."

MINUTES APPROVED WITH ABOVE NOTED CHANGES

CARRIED



3. RCMP REPORT – QUARTERLY UPDATE

- a. Sgt Stephen Power updated Town Council and the RCMP Advisory Board on RCMP activities ([Appendix A](#)) up to January 19, 2016.
- b. Further to the overview on Policing Priorities, Sgt Power updated the Board on Trends for 2015 and issues looking forward to 2016:

Trends in 2015

- No notable increases or decreases in crime;
- Operational plans have been implemented at least 5 times;
- Re-deployment of outside units was essential in maintaining police and public safety;
- Public scrutiny of police related issues has increased;
- Theme: a gap between expectations and service.

Looking forward to 2016

- A local working document will be refreshed, to outline mutual responsibilities;
- These discussions will include police enforcing the Town of Wolfville *Prevention of Excessive Noise By-Law*, and what that looks like;
- A resourcing methodology is currently underway;
- It is examining Wolfville calls for service in 2014 and 2015. Based on these calls for service and the current requirement of 24/7 police coverage, a minimum number of police officers will be recommended;
- More details and further discussions will take place on this in the coming year.

4. POLICING PRIORITIES - 2016

a. Standard Operating Procedure

- Amendments put forward:
 - Section 5.1.3 contains a duplicating paragraph (4th) that needs to be removed
 - Amend page numbering
- Prudent for the Board to adopt the Procedure and submit to Council for information.

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE POLICING PRIORITIES STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) 210-800 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

b. Identifying the Priorities

- Policing Priorities reviewed for previous years as provided within the Agenda Package.
- There is a requirement for effective tracking, monitoring and measuring of the Town of Wolfville Policing Priorities.
- Police related themes that came through Council in 2015:
 - Noise Issues;
 - Bicycle on sidewalks;
 - Traffic;
 - Open liquor;



- Visible and Effective Patrols (Community Policing);
- Communities Standard Bylaws; and
- Restorative Mediation Project

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

a. Identification of Municipal Priorities

- In the examination of Policing Priorities of previous years, the setting of Town priorities should not duplicate the Provincial Policing priorities.
- Focus should be on setting a limited number of priorities (two to four) that can be acted upon due to limited resources.
- Policing Priorities should focus on outcomes – what is the result that is being looked for.
- RCMP seeking input from the Town with regards to Policing Priorities so that the priorities can be put into future RCMP Plans.
- Key to the development of policing priorities is communications with the community – making sure that the community is aware of what has taken place after an ‘event’. Active communications with the public about what is taking place in the community.

6. ADJOURNMENT TO IN CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE JOINT COUNCIL/RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 2:02 PM TO AN IN CAMERA MEETING UNDER THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT SECTION 22(2)(E) – CONTRACTUAL ISSUE.

CARRIED

7. IN CAMERA MEETING ADJOURNED

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN CAMERA MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 2:54 PM.

CARRIED

8. REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The Regular meeting of the RCMP Advisory Board reconvened at 2:58 pm.

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

a. Policing Priorities for presentation to the RCMP for consideration:

- (1) Increase community understanding of community policing (Communication)
- (2) Decrease infractions related to liquor offences, noise, and property damage
- (3) Develop mechanisms to evaluate success of community policing
- (4) Decrease incidents of unsafe cycling
- (5) Decrease drug-related/substance abuse incidents

10. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. A Special Joint Meeting of Town Council/RCMP Advisory Board is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2016 for the RCMP to present Results of the Methodology Resource Study.
- b. The next meeting of the RCMP Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016.



11. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 3:09 PM.

CARRIED

Approved at the June 28, 2016 RCMP Advisory Board Meeting.

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Services.

Appendix A

**NCO report
Special Police Advisory Board Meeting
Policing Priorities
January 19th, 2016**

Road safety: safe roads and highways in NS

Target

- cell phone charges;
- check points;
- impaired by drug charges;
- conduct safe driving presentations.

Wolfville specific:

- Media release on crosswalk safety tips for drivers and pedestrians;
- Media release was also shared with the Acadia newspaper;
- Community Policing Officer and Citizens on Patrol attended downtown Wolfville and distributed flyers to the general public with crosswalk information. They interacted with the walking and cycling public on sidewalk and bicycle laws;
- Community policing Officer delivered two presentations (September 2016 and January 2016) to Acadia University International students addressing, among other topics, laws relative to driving and crosswalk safety;
- Five presentations were delivered to Grades Primary to Four at Wolfville Elementary addressing crosswalk safety and bicycle laws on sidewalks.

Crime reduction: contribute to crime reduction in NS

- COMSTAT;
- Prolific offender program;
- Hybrid hub;
- Youth Advisory Group;
- Implement a local victim services program.

Cybercrime: contribute to a safe cyber environment for youth

- Training for investigators;
- Deliver cyber safety (internet safety and cyber bullying) presentations.

Enhancing connections in First Nation communities

- Educational programs to interact with RCMP with light to reducing crime and victimization;
- Developing public safety plans.



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Stephen POWER Sgt.
Operations NCO-Kings District (East)
January 18th, 2016