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**ATTENDING**

- Chair – Councillor Carl Oldham
- Deputy Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Joan Boutilier
- Michael Jeffrey
- Robert Lutes
- RCMP Sgt Andrew Buckle
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin
- Department of Justice Representative Terry Hennigar, and
- Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

**ABSENT WITH REGRET**

- Mayor Jeff Cantwell

**ALSO ATTENDING**

- Compliance Officer Blair MacMurtery

**Agenda Item**

**Discussion and Decisions**

**1. Appointment of Chair, CAO**

In accordance with Section 59 of the Nova Scotia Police Act the RCMP Advisory Board Chair is appointed annually at the first meeting of the year

- Deputy Mayor Wendy Donovan nominated Councillor Carl Oldham to Chair the RCMP Advisory Board

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCILLOR CARL OLDHAM BE APPOINTED AS CHAIR OF THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD**

**CARRIED**

**2. Call to Order**

Chair, Councillor Carl Oldham, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am

**3. Approval of Agenda, March 20, 2018**

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

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes  
a. December 12, 2017**

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2017 RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED**

**CARRIED**

**5. Question Period**

No questions were presented to the Board

**6. RCMP Report**

**a. Annual Update  
April 1, 2017 -  
March 8, 2018**

- Total calls for service in Town of Wolfville: 370
- **Traffic Collisions**
  - 54 traffic collisions were investigated:
  - 22 non-fatal injury collisions,
  - 24 reportable property damage collisions,
  - 22 non-reportable collisions

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- **Assault Offences**
  - 15 sexual assaults, (3 unfounded and 1 ongoing)
  - 10 assault with weapons allegations (4 charges)
  - 34 common assaults were investigated. (9 charges)
- **Uttering Threats**
  - 16 complaints were investigated. (2 Charges)
- **Fail to Comply with Undertaking/Probation Orders**
  - 22 investigations conducted – (11 charges)
- **Mental Health Act**
  - Police responded to 60 calls for assistance under this act
- **False Alarms**
  - Police responded to 26 false (intrusion) alarms over this time period
- **Municipal Bylaws**
  - 148 complaints under the Bylaw were investigated:
    - 2 charges
    - 10 – Complainant refused charges
    - 68 – Warnings (departmental discretion)
    - 36 – No Offense
    - 16 – Unfounded
- **RCMP Headquarters Tour** - A tour of the RCMP headquarters building and training facility took place on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It appeared that everyone had a good exposure to the division's tech crime unit, emergency response team unit, division operational communication centre, police dog
- **Eagle Feather** - Nova Scotia RCMP first launched the eagle feather initiative in October 2017 to detachments whose area included an Indigenous community. Last week all 54 RCMP detachments in Nova Scotia were provided with an eagle feather. As part of the initiative, each detachment will also display the attached poster in English, French and Mi'kmaq explaining how the eagle feather may be used.
- The use of the eagle feather is in support of numerous calls to action recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The eagle feather is yet another way we can further strengthen these relationships and our goal of creating a more inclusive and relevant justice system for Indigenous people
- **Notable Investigations** - Highlights of notable investigations were provided to the Board for the period September 2017 to February 2018
- **School Resource Officer** – Kings District once again has two School Resource Officers to service all schools in the county after there had been a recent transfer. Cst. Jennifer Britton

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and Cst. Jeff Wilson will be in the Wolfville School on a regular basis now that both positions are staffed

- **Street Crime Enforcement Unit** – The Street Crime Unit conducted a number of investigations resulting in the execution of search warrants and the seizure of drugs.
  - 4 Drug warrants executed in Wolfville since September 2017
- **Cheaton Cup/St Patrick's Day** – reports of a relatively quiet weekend with no incidents of open liquor
  - There were 2 impaired drivers picked up in Wolfville over the weekend and there were a couple of disturbing the peace calls made with no charges being laid
  - Of the incidents that the RCMP responded to, the instigators of the incident were from outside of Wolfville
  - Overall, assessed as a successful weekend.
  - The success of the weekend is a testament to the proactive work being conducted by the Town's Compliance Officer and the operations plans being put in place by the RCMP
  - Town preparations for Cheaton Cup/St Patrick's Day began approximately one month prior to the weekend
  - The shuttle provided by the Town was widely used and considered to be a success as a means by which to keep people off the street

**b. 2016-2017 Annual Performance Plan**

**1. Contribute to Safe Roads by:**

- Impaired driving charges – year total = 19 complaints (7 Charges)
- Summary offense tickets – year total = 52 charges
- Check stops to date = 43

**2. Safety and Security of all Nova Scotia's**

- Human Trafficking Presentations – Ongoing throughout county
- Domestic Violence Strategy – County Domestic Violence Position
- Other Crime Reduction Strategies – ongoing efforts to address cyber bullying, sexting, senior safety

**3. Wolfville, Safety and Peaceful Community**

- Enforce Liquor Act – Year total – 105 charges
- Police presence – foot patrols
- Noise Bylaw – Year Total - 2 charges, 78 warnings

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<b>7. New Business</b>	
<b>a. Cannabis Discussion, Compliance Officer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In September 2017, Wolfville’s Compliance Officer became a member of the Municipal Cannabis Working Group</li><li>• The mandate of the Working Group is to develop recommendations for the province, and to assist in the development of Policies and Bylaws and help municipalities deal with the upcoming legislation for the legalization of cannabis</li><li>• The Working Group has researched the needs and best practices of other municipalities</li><li>• The legal age of 19 was chosen for cannabis use, possession and purchase in the <u>province of Nova Scotia</u></li><li>• There are 9 NSLC stores identified as the core retail distribution centres for cannabis</li><li>• Legalization will likely be pushed from July 1 to further into the Fall</li><li>• Rules for the consumption of cannabis are not yet fully developed</li><li>• Landlords have expressed concern with regard to restrictions on tenants for the use of cannabis</li><li>• Land Use issues have been identified by the Working Group as the Federal Government has approved micro-cultivation within the Federal Policy</li><li>• There may be municipal costs associated with the legalization of cannabis that have yet to be fully identified, such as legal costs and public engagement and communication</li></ul>
<b>b. Crosswalk Safety, Deputy Mayor Donovan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The crosswalks outside of the downtown area (i.e., Chestnut &amp; Main / Kent St &amp; Main / Willow Ave &amp; Main) would be ideal locations for the installation of ‘Flag Stations’ such as those installed in the Port Williams area</li></ul>
	<p><b>MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT ORANGE CROSSWALK FLAGS, AND BRIGHT YELLOW CROSSING SIGNS, BE PLACED AT CROSSWALKS OUTSIDE THE DOWNTOWN CORE WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON CHESTNUT AVENUE AND MAIN STREET, WILLOW AVENUE AND MAIN STREET, WESTWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET, AND MAIN STREET BETWEEN WOLFVILLE ELMS AND LANDMARK EAST SCHOOL</b></p>
<b>8. Roundtable Discussion</b>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Michael Jeffrey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pleased to see increased police presence over the last couple of weeks enforcing traffic violations</li></ul>

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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Decisions</b>
	Joan Boutilier <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expressed appreciation for tour of RCMP HQ and training facility – a very positive experience</li></ul>
	Bob Lutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An excellent tour of the RCMP HQ and training facility</li><li>• Agrees that the crosswalk issue is a big problem with regard to pedestrian safety</li></ul>
<b>9. Next meeting</b>	The next regular meeting of the RCMP Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018
<b>10. Adjournment</b>	<b>MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD BE ADJOURNED AT 11:36 AM</b>

**CARRIED**

**Approved at the June 19, 2018 RCMP Advisory Board Meeting**

**As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Services**