



ATTENDING

- Councillor Isabel Madeira-Voss, Chair
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Michael Jeffrey
- Cpl. Harold Prime
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin; and
- Amanda Brown, Recording Secretary

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

- Sgt. Andrew Buckle
- Laura Fisher
- Kathy Bird

ALSO ATTENDING

- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- George Lohnes – Member of the Public
- Community Liaison & Compliance Officer, Jeremy Oakes
- Director of Planning & Development, Devin Lake
- Sgt. Ryan Kelley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Isabel Madeira-Voss at 10:08 a.m. via Teams meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT:

- **George Lohnes** – Indicated his concerns surrounding the changes with Covid and how the Government has indicated there will not be full vaccinations until later in the fall of 2021. This is a concern with students returning in 2021 and how the Town and the RCMP will be dealing with this and the partying. He is hoping this can be captured when the priorities are discussed by the board today.



- Mr. Lohnes would also like consideration given to Crosswalk safety when the priorities are looked at.

4. RCMP REPORT:

a. Quarterly Update

Wolfville Town:

September – December 2020

Assaults – 4 Complaints - 3 Charges*

Sexual Assaults – 0 Complaints

*Mischief (Prevent enjoyment of property) – 14 Complaints

*By Law Complaint – 19 complaints – 9 Charges *

Liquor Act – 56 Charges*

Impaired Driving – 3 Charges

Roadside Suspensions/Disqualified (Alcohol) – 1 issued

Parking Offences – Approx. 36 tickets issued

COVID-19 -

- There were seventy-four (74) complaints where members were required to follow up/investigate those who were required to quarantine and/or allegedly breaching the COVID-19 health orders.
- There was six (6) charges to individuals under the Health Protection Act for COVID-19 related matters.
- There were thirteen (13) charges to individuals under the Emergency Measures Act.
- There were nine (9) charges to individuals under the Wolfville Nuisance Party Bylaw.

Calls for Service

In the months of September, October and November, Kings District responded to 3,736 service calls. There were a total of 369 service calls in the Town of Wolfville during this reporting period. Members continue to conduct patrols and are aware of the traffic complaints in the community. Below are some of the highlights from the months of September, October and November.

Significant Investigations

On September 12th, Kings District RCMP responded to a single vehicle collision with a pedestrian on Main Street in Wolfville. As a result of the investigation the driver of the SUV was issued three charges under the Motor Vehicle Act of NS.

On September 27th Kings District RCMP responded to a complaint that two individuals were not isolating for 14 days upon arrival. Members spoke with witnesses and confirmed the complaint.



One individual was served a ticket under the Emergency Management Act. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

On October 1st, Kings District RCMP conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle being driven erratically on Hwy. 101 near Wolfville Ridge. The driver and passenger, both men, were taken into custody. During the arrest, an altercation occurred between one of the men and an officer. As a result of the traffic stop, officers seized a quantity of cocaine. Subsequently, the Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit obtained a warrant and searched a residence in Centreville.

A 28-year-old Centreville man is facing charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, Resisting Arrest, Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Assaulting a Police Officer, Assault with a Weapon and Flight from Police. A 24-year-old Kentville man is currently facing charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, Resisting Arrest and Failure to Comply with an Undertaking.

On October 8th, just before 11 p.m., Kings District RCMP received a complaint of a large group of students gathered at a residence on Bay St. in Wolfville. Police attended and found more than 75 people in the home. The police dispersed everyone at the party and served the main resident of the home with a ticket under the Emergency Management Act. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

On October 13th, at 2:25 a.m., Kings District RCMP responded to a call of a possible impaired driver swerving on Hwy. 101 in Wolfville Ridge. Members located the vehicle and did not stop right away and then pulled into a driveway. The 56-year-old male driver, who showed signs of impairment, was arrested without incident. He was transported to the detachment for breath samples and later released. He is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Refusal of the Breath Demand. He is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8.

The RCMP would like to thank the individuals who called in to the police with information about these drivers. Anyone who has concerns about a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle is asked to call the RCMP, anywhere in Nova Scotia, at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If it's an emergency, call 911.

On October 15th, Kings District RCMP responded to a call about a large gathering on Prospect St. and charged five adults under the Emergency Management Act for failing to comply with direction, order or requirement. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50. One of the individuals is also facing a charge for occupier allowing or permitting activity prohibited by subsection 4(4) in dwelling unit. This charge is Section 4(5) in the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law and carries a \$352.50 fine.

On October 16th and 17th, Kings District RCMP issued 14 Summary Offence Tickets under the Provincial Liquor Control Act for Illegal Possession of Liquor under Section 78(2). Three adults from Nova Scotia also received fines under the Provincial Health Act, two under section 23(a) of the Emergency Management Act for failing to comply with the Act/any regulations which has a fine of \$582.50 and one under Section 71(1)(b) of the Health Protection Act for failing to comply with Part I of Act or Regulations, a fine of \$1,000.



On October 17th at 12:00am Kings District RCMP members responded to a complaint of an impaired driver at the Anvil Bar and Lounge in Wolfville, NS. Responding members located the suspect vehicle on Belcher Street, performed a traffic stop and arrested the driver for operating while impaired. A 41-year-old Kings County man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8th to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg%.

On October 25th at 8:00pm Kings District RCMP members responded to a call of a driver unresponsive in a parked car on Front Street in Wolfville. Police located the driver in the vehicle who displayed signs of impairment. The driver was arrested for Impaired driving. A large amount of cash and cocaine were also seized at the scene. The driver was taken to the New Minas detachment where he provided samples of his breath which were over the legal limit. A 22-year-old Hammonds Plains man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22 to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg % and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Cocaine).

On October 29th at 7:45pm Kings District RCMP members were called to a two vehicle collision on Main Street in Wolfville. As a result of the investigation a 21-year-old Wolfville man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8th to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg%.

On October 31st shortly before midnight Kings District RCMP members were dispatched to a noise complaint on Willow Avenue in Wolfville, NS. Upon arrival Police found more than 80 people in the residence. The police dispersed everyone at the party and served the main resident of the home with a ticket under the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law which carries a \$352.50 fine. Four other occupants were issued Tickets under the Emergency Management Act. This violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

On November 1st shortly after midnight Kings District RCMP members were contacted by Acadia's Campus Security and advised of a large party on Westwood Avenue. Upon arrival Police found more than 50 people in the residence. The police dispersed everyone at the party and served the three residents of the home, plus one guest with tickets under the Emergency Management Act. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

On November 7th at 11:30pm Kings District RCMP performed a traffic stop on Main Street in Wolfville. As a result of the investigation a 26-year-old New Minas man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8th to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg%.

On November 15th shortly before midnight Kings District RCMP received an anonymous complaint of a loud party on Winter Street, in Wolfville. A patrol was conducted and two tickets were issued under the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law which carries a \$352.50 fine.



On November 20th Kings District RCMP responded to a call for service on Linden Street in Wolfville. As a result of the investigation a 21-year-old female from Wolfville was charged with assault and uttering threats. She will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on January 13th, 2021.

On November 23rd around 2am Kings District RCMP received a noise complaint from a resident on Gaspereau Avenue in Wolfville. A patrol was conducted and a ticket was issued under the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law which carries a \$352.50 fine.

Kings District RCMP is reminding everyone including university students to follow all Public Health orders, Provincial legislation and Town bylaws. We all need to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The RCMP thanks Nova Scotian's for their continued support and to the vast majority who are adhering to the directives outlined by the provincial government. For more information, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.

The following is a message from S/Sgt. Andrew BUCKLE:

“Since I have moved on to Bridgetown as the District Commander for Annapolis County, I wanted to say thank you for the last 4 years. It was a positive experience in working alongside the citizens of Wolfville and the town officials during my tenure. To see the relationship between the Town of Wolfville and the RCMP improve and flourish to where it is, is a testament to the dedication of the PAB participants and their efforts to improve the communication and cooperation with all involved. The lessons I have learned will no doubt help me as I move into my new role.”

Thank you again and good luck.

S/Sgt. Andrew Buckle
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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report or any other community matters, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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5. Presentation – Director of Planning & Development, Devin Lake – Bylaw surrounding Rental of Rooms

- Director Lake provided an overview of the MPS and the land use bylaw. He included a section surrounding behaviour and inclusion.
- There is integrated in the land use bylaw “Single Room Occupancies” and there are requirements surrounding, fire and life safety, parking, land use, room caps/Zone and proof of insurance.
- There is to be a contract with the landlord. The hope is through the Development Permit this can be captured.
- This is a program that will be continued to be worked on by the Planning Department with the assistance of Compliance. Work has been completed with landlords to help clean properties up and prevent parking on lawns etc.

6. New Business:

a. Priorities for upcoming year

- CAO Beaudin provided an overview of what the priorities were from 2020-21. It was indicated most priorities do not tend to change and minor adjustments are made based on what is already there from year to year.
- Addressed the comments made by Mr. Lohnes surrounding Covid and the Crosswalks and it should be something that is looked at.
- There will be new members joining the Board and it might be advisable to review again in March.
- Councillor MacKay advised something that should be addressed is speed limits within the Town of Wolfville and perhaps the addition of speed bumps throughout the Town.

7. Round Table

- Sgt. Kelley advised there are signs that Berwick is currently using surrounding the speed limits that can collect data and it may be something the Town would like to look at and if it is to let him know.
- Mayor Donovan thanked Michael Jeffery for his two terms on the Board.
- There is concern surrounding the noise levels of mufflers on cars that are in the Community and it should be addressed.
- Communication is an issue throughout the Town and the RCMP to the Community. The forms the RCMP are using in regards to notification of emergencies and Twitter is not acceptable for many people.

8. Next Meeting: March 9, 2021

9. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD BE ADJOURNED AT 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED



Approved at RCMP Advisory Board Meeting March 9, 2021.

As recorded by Amanda Brown, Assistant, Administrative Services, Office of the CAO