

## Notes from RCMP Open House/Public Meeting

June 6, 2017

15 members of the public were in attendance

Mayor Cantwell, Deputy Mayor Cantwell, Councillor Elliott, Councillor MacKay, Councillor Donovan

- There was a desire expressed that policing concerns must be heard by the RCMP directly. There is a feeling that the RCMP doesn't do community policing and that there can be a lack of customer service and/or an unfriendly attitude
- Question: Has the RCMP said what the response time will be? Answer: No, but it has been indicated that the response times will not be impacted.
- Question: People are concerned about losing the RCMP presence. Is there another building in Town the RCMP could go to? Answer: This is not under consideration at this time. It would be an additional cost to the Town.
- Question: How much are the officers in Wolfville? Answer: There are approximately 240 calls a year outside of Wolfville.
- It was suggested that a presentation by the RCMP on service levels would be helpful. Most people have an unrealistic expectation of policing.
- It was noted by a member of the traffic division that the traffic division will still use the Wolfville office in a drop-in manner if it is still used, even if traffic relocates to New Minas
- Question: Is the 2000 MOU still in force? Answer: No, this has been replaced with the Police Act and the PPSA,
- It was noted by a member in the audience that police seem to have a strong presence in the evening hours currently.
- It was suggested that another public meeting after consultations are over might be helpful.
- It was noted by a member in the audience (student) that it would be concerning if criminal record checks could no longer be done in Wolfville. It was further suggested that a satellite office for criminal records checks would be helpful.
- It was suggested that more publicity for future meetings on this topic would be beneficial.
- It was noted that the University should provide more feedback on this issue. No decision should be made until the students are back in the fall.