



ATTENDING

- Chair, Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Lindsey MacLellan
- Sgt. Mitchell Pelletier
- Barb Shaw, Communications & Special Projects
- Recorder, Laura Morrison

ALSO ATTENDING

- Kaden Thibault, Compliance Coordinator

REGRETS

- Emily Kathan
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin

GUESTS

- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- George Lohnes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Deputy Mayor Madeira-Voss at 1pm. Councillor Mike Butler was welcomed as new Committee Member.

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 DECEMBER 14, 2021, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT:

- No-one for public input.

4. RCMP REPORT:

Quarterly Update: Sgt. Pelletier advised there was nothing to further to add, the report was self explanatory. Most of the incidents took place in the Kings District; a few joint aspects in Wolfville.



Sgt. Pelletier advised the RCMP, and Town are working together to see how best to mitigate some of the behaviours that occurred during the 'Cheaton Cup' weekend. Trying to work in a partnership and build up open dialogue between RCMP, Town staff and Mayor Donovan. Learning process.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Ongoing work being done regarding Police Committee Review. After the next meeting there will be a public consultation process.

6. DISCUSSION ON TOP PRIORITIES FOR RCMP

Sgt. Pelletier advised the priorities are usually very similar year on year. Always looking for ways to reduce crimes. Some priorities come from seizures intelligence led policing and encompasses the annual strategies. This may change but it is the Inspector's decisions. The province sets the priorities.

Mayor Donovan advised that Community Harmony is a priority that this Board has set for a number of years, but that everything else comes from the province.

Barb Shaw advised that some of the priorities that Policing Review Committee came up with were reduction in speeding, a zero tolerance to impaired and distracted driving, pedestrian safety, crosswalk enforcement, increased police presence during events, excessive noise prevention and enhanced relationship with youth.

In response to a question Sgt. Pelletier advised that cybercrimes are increasing with the advances in social media and technology. He advised that the police don't phone you to tell you there is a warrant out for your arrest or use a third party to do so which are types of calls he himself had received. Public awareness of these crimes will help reduce them.

7. POLICING REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

Barb advised that the Policing Review Committee is currently crafting the public engagement approach which will be multifaceted. The committee is targeting a diverse group of stakeholders in the community. Next steps are for the committee to review the draft questions as well as the overall approach for some fine tuning, then give notification to council when the public engagement will start. Important to note the Policing Review Committee is not a review of the RCMP but outlining and determining the community's needs going forward.

The engagement piece will be organic, there is no hard conclusion date. It could be 2 months or more. It will depend on the data coming back in which will be on an ongoing basis and whether there is enough information to bring forward to inform a Council decision.

8. ROUND TABLE

- Barb provided update on the Proposed Video Camera project.



In summer and fall, the Town identified a close to campus neighbourhood for a pilot project on crime prevention through environmental design. This involved a billboard campaign which shared with the community the expectations in the Town. The messaging included keeping it polite, social etiquette, cleaning up broken glass, respect for neighbours etc. The pilot did not yield great results and we continued to see the need for more compliance and enforcement, and receive complaints about garbage, broken glass, etc.

The next phase of the proposal is to install 11 street cameras around that same neighbourhood and down onto Harbourside Drive. The cameras are not monitored but if a crime does occur and is reported to the RCMP that footage can be accessed. There is a policy in draft based on jurisdictional scan and reviewed by our municipal lawyer to make sure nothing in it that shouldn't be, and we are now slowly bringing to the community. The Alcohol Harms Working Group got a sneak peak, and community letters were sent yesterday and today, to home and property owners in that neighbourhood to notify them of what is intended. Notification will also be done on our social media platforms, to Council and on our website. As well two community information sessions are planned for people who feel there is not enough information, they can come on two separate occasions to communicate with Compliance Coordinator and Special Projects and Communications Specialist. The information we receive from those sessions and any feedback received will be turned into an information report that will go to Council at the May Committee of the Whole meeting so they will have all the information before they review the policy on how it is being received in the community.

Kaden advised of the streets that the cameras will be posted on and that the cameras are movable, and we do have the option to move to 4G if desired.

9. Next Meeting: – July 12, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 1:27 pm

CARRIED

Approved at RCMP Advisory Board Meeting July 12, 2022.

As recorded by Laura Morrison, Town Clerk, Office of the CAO