



ATTENDING

- Chair, Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Lindsey Cogan Potter
- Emily Kathan
- Sgt. Harold Prime, Kingston RCMP
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin
- Kaden Thibault, Compliance Coordinator
- Recorder, Laura Morrison

REGRETS

- Sgt. Mitchell Pelletier

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Deputy Mayor Madeira-Voss at 10am.

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 APRIL 12, 2022, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

Comment from Mayor Donovan to advise, despite no open dialogue as yet taken place with RCMP, herself and Town staff, she will still hopeful this could take place in the future.

3. PUBLIC INPUT:

- Bob Lutes: residents feel they are a long way to go to get to where we need to be, would like more open conversation with officers, feel they are on the same team and support each other. There has been inconsistency in approach primarily with the student party issues which has been detrimental to resident's mental health. Partners are not on the same page and there are many pieces of the puzzle so needs to be part of a larger conversation, need to know what the realistic expectation of service from the RCMP is.
- George Lohnes: supportive of Bob Lutes' concerns. Been actively engaged with Good Neighbours initiative since 2016 and alcohol working group since 2018. Compliance report – raises some very

serious concerns and issues that need to be addressed today, not in two weeks or two months. More support from RCMP to compliance officers in assisting to get IDs. Concerns about this weekend's CFL game – events leading to and after the game. What is the gameplan for Friday and Saturday nights, will there be enough RCMP to deal with serious issues arising?

4. RCMP REPORT:

Quarterly Update: Sgt. Harold Prime reviewed the content of the quarterly report. Distracted driving was the focus for June, constructions zones for July, impaired driving - heightened presence for August.

ATV patrols continue to take up RCMP time and dealing with residents' complaints who live near trails.

Annual performance plan from April 1 to March 31st - the focus is safe roads and highways, reduction of cybercrime in NS, reduced crime, intelligence led policing.

Numbers related to Municipal Bylaw calls are mostly about noise complaints or parties on our streets. Mischief relates to some of that as well.

One robbery which was a cell phone and related assault – this was persons known to each other not a random event and two people have been charged.

Assaults – majority are domestically related – 4 out of the 9 have been charged.

Working on the Ops plan for CFL game on Saturday have brought in additional resources for the weekend.

In response to a question Sgt. Prime clarified that zero numbers of calls had been received for drug related offences. The numbers recorded in the report would include all files generated which could come from someone calling in to make a complaint or where RCMP members saw something on patrol.

In response to a question Sgt. Prime advised the 'Other' under Calls for Service, which is the largest number in the report, could cover things like being called to assist other police agencies or emergency agencies like Fire/EHS or another detachment and that could be serving a document or making an arrest.

In response to a question. Sgt Prime clarified that there were five reported sexual offence calls, of which one led to charges. The other four calls didn't require anyone being arrested or charged.

Sgt. Prime clarified all sexual assaults would show under Sexual Offences and a standard assault i.e. not of a sexual nature would show as Assault.

5. COMPLIANCE UPDATE (PRESENTATION BY KADEN THIBAUT)

CAO Beaudin advised that the purpose of the Compliance Report and Presentation was to share areas of opportunity that have been identified since this new Compliance team started at the end of 2021, including clarification of the support required from the RCMP to work with the Town as part of the community.

Community Compliance Coordinator Kaden Thibault provided insight into what the role of his team is and their experiences to date including their background, the difficulties they have faced, challenges still to overcome, expectations from residents of the Town and RCMP, as well areas of opportunity.

The areas of opportunity identified included more support from the RCMP around clarity of process related to issuance of Nuisance Party Orders (NPOs) and Summary Offence Tickets (SOPs); assistance from the RCMP to obtain ID's; building relationships and improving communications with the RCMP, Town and residents; and clarity around what the Town and residents can expect of the RCMP.

In response to a question regarding the Video Camera project, which is slated to commence in early August, CAO Beaudin advised the Town has requested to be part of Acadia's first year fayre on campus so information on the cameras and the Town in general can be shared as well, the ASU is helping with messaging.

In response to a question, CAO Beaudin advised some of the student party events that took place were easier to prepare for as we knew when they were taking place, others like the Cheaton Cup which was unscheduled and an unofficial event, took place on a random weekend.

Compliance Coordinator Thibault advised the leases are yearly and therefore students, despite having finished school by July 1st, are still in possession of their accommodations and may come back for the weekend or they could be subletting them. Compliance Coordinator Thibault also clarified the reason the warning process is repeated for the same address before an SOT is administered, is due to tenant turnover, however, the landlords can and have been ticketed for repeat offences.

Committee member Lindsey Potter Cogan suggested the use of more significant consequences rather than a fine may assist in changing behaviours and referenced a process which is in place within the City of Stirling and Stirling University in Scotland. This process has consequences for bad behaviours of students which include being expelled from their course, not being allowed to graduate or not being able to rent in the city. This requires buy in from landlords to register buildings that are rented to students and from the university to make this successful. Other consequences could include removing a privilege, like use of the gym.

More clarity required around the expectation of the RCMP and their role vs Compliance. Safety is an issue for all, but RCMP are better protected with powers, weapons, and the protective clothing at their disposal. During the Cheaton Cup street party, RCMP officers were expecting Compliance officers to go and knock on doors when they would not.

The Town is working on landlord registration, some support from landlords but not from all. Acadia University is a partner of this Town but has not stepped up.



Need to be working together for the same goal. The Town is pleading for the police and Acadia to help.

The students and their guardians also have a responsibility – they are guests in our town and should treat the town with respect.

Town Staff requested this Board to consider forwarding a motion to Council requesting the RCMP to take part in the areas of opportunity identified.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE POLICE (RCMP) ADVISORY BOARD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL:

In accordance with Section 68 of the Nova Scotia Police Act and Section 7 of Bylaw 87, Town of Wolfville RCMP Advisory Board Bylaw, that the RCMP Advisory Board forward the following motion to Council for consideration:

That Council requests that the RCMP provide an action plan to the Town by August 31, 2022, outlining how the following identified areas of opportunity can be addressed:

- Defining service level expectations associated with community harmony-related calls for service (i.e., response times, how large gatherings will be managed, expectations for issuance of SOT's and NPO's, follow up with complainant).***
- Improving support to the Town's Compliance Team in obtaining proper documentation to enable issuing tickets as required.***
- Providing process clarity for issuing Nuisance Party Orders and Summary Offense Tickets between the RCMP and the Town's Compliance Team.***
- Improving communications and building an overall collaborative relationship between the RCMP and the Town's Compliance Team***

CARRIED

6. ROUND TABLE

CFL game taking place this weekend, Town have been working with the RCMP who are providing additional officers to support the event from a traffic management perspective. Expecting traffic bottlenecks in morning from around 11am, the farmers market is still on. The game is at 3pm until 6pm, and entertainment is being put on afterwards. Parking/traffic will be very busy.

A lot of forward planning has gone into this event.

Information is on Wolfville Blooms to explain the parking situation/traffic management as well as messaging through the WBDC to their members.

In terms of the game itself, this is an Acadia and CFL event.



7. Next Meeting: – OCTOBER 18, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:10am.

CARRIED

Approved at RCMP Advisory Board Meeting October 25, 2022.

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