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## ATTENDING

- Chair, Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Emily Kathan
- David MacKinnon
- Sgt. Mitch Pelletier
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin
- Recorder, Laura Morrison
- Interested members of the public

## REGRETS

- Shelley Fleckenstein

## CALL TO ORDER

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

### 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 13, 2022, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

**CARRIED**

### 3. PUBLIC INPUT:

- No-one for public input.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

#### a. Annual appointment of Chair & Vice Chair

After 3 calls for nominations, Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss was appointed unanimously and accepted the position of Chair.

After 3 calls for nominations, Emily Kathan was appointed unanimously and accepted the position of Vice Chair.

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**b. Update on Policing Contract**

The CAO presented the update regarding the Policing Contract. Due to Wolfville's population having exceeded 5,000 in the last census, a decision was required by the Town to stay under the current Provincial Policing Services Agreement (PPSA) or move to a Municipal Policing Services Agreement (MPSA). Both have differing costs and accountabilities which were fully explored and presented to Council.

After full discussion at the March Council meeting, a motion to enter into an MPSA from April 1, 2024 was approved.

Moving to an MPSA does not preclude the Policing Review Committee and Council from making decisions in the future, including returning to a PPSA, if meeting certain policy contingencies and approval from Public Safety.

For clarification specialized units include Major Crimes Unit, Dog unit, Forensic Analysis unit etc.

In response to a question, it is believed that the current officers who serve the Town would have the option to remain in service to the Town under the new contract if they desired.

**5. RCMP REPORT:**

Quarterly Update: Reports were circulated but as there has been some changeover in staff Sgt. Pelletier could not speak to specific cases. He did, however, offer to take feedback and questions back to Sgt Harold Prime and Staff Sgt Ed Nugent for follow up.

The reporting format of the crimes/incidents is displayed differently from what the committee usually sees in this report, with the inclusion of a 'Mayors Report'. Sgt. Pelletier advised this format is used by other districts. This style of report shows the primary type of crime, therefore if one incident involved several crime categories, only the primary category is recorded in the 'Mayors Report'. After review, the committee would like to return to a style of reporting that is more targeted to Wolfville.

In response to a question Sgt. Pelletier advised incidents under the Mental Health Act can be broad and do not necessarily incur a charge but where Police were involved, perhaps with providing support to other emergency services.

Sgt. Pelletier gave an example of 'Fraud related to Property' as advertising a vehicle for sale when there is no vehicle for sale and trying to obtain money through fraud. He further advised 'Suspicious Currency Transaction' would be related to crypto currency or online transactions like PayPal and Traffic Offences under 'Other Non-moving Traffic' could be related to insurance/driver license infractions.

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Concern was raised by members around the amount of electronic handheld devices being used while driving. Sgt. Pelletier advised that time is spent looking at that violation. Stings/set ups are carried out but it can be difficult to catch.

Sgt. Pelletier will share the feedback re the report style to Sgt. Ed Nugent.

#### **6. ROUND TABLE**

- Concerns about speeding entering town at Olsen Dr. & Laura Moore Rd. Speeds sign set up before the crosswalk carry data which will be shared with RCMP to help target peak times.
- Infrastructure – raised crosswalks would be better – speeding is also an issue at west end of Town near Landmark East school.

#### **7. Next Meeting: – July 11, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:56am.**

**CARRIED**

**Approved at RCMP Advisory Board Meeting July 11, 2023.**

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