
ATTENDING

- Chair, Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Emily Kathan
- David MacKinnon
- Cpl. Travis Collins
- Const. Jenn Britton
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin
- Recorder, Laura Morrison

REGRETS

- Shelley Fleckenstein

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started late due to some technical difficulties and was called to order by Chair, Deputy Mayor Madeira-Voss at 10:28am.

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 JULY 11, 2023, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT:

George Lohnes thanked RCMP members for the GDPRM (General Duty Police Resourcing Model) presentation that took place last Tuesday. He expressed concern that there has been no provincial appointment from Dept of Justice to this Advisory Board in over two years. In reference to the Mass Casualty Commission Report recommendations, Cpl. Collins clarified the principles referenced are Sir Robert Peel's 9 Policing Principles. George suggested these principles are reviewed when looking at the proposed policing services model.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Human Trafficking Presentation Constable Jenn Britton**

Cpl. Collins advised the intent was for Cpl. David Lane from Halifax area who is in charge of Human Trafficking Investigations, to attend the meeting today and present. However, an ongoing operation prevented that. Invitation will be offered for the next meeting.

Constable Jenn Britton, School Resource Officer for Kings East explained the role of an SRO in educating youth on cyber safety, health relationships, sexual relations, sexual consent and human trafficking.

Const. Britton has 10 years' service with Kings District. Wolfville elementary is one of the 11 schools Const. Britton visits. Oftentimes attendance at the school is the first interaction students will have with a police officer. It's an opportunity to present a human face to the role and build a relationship with students putting them at ease with the police. The role includes meetings with teachers, admins, parent and students and presenting on a variety of topics to raise awareness about current day issues taking place in local communities as well as some prevention strategies. There is also community interaction with the students such as visits to seniors at holiday times.

Human trafficking material relates to cyber safety, ensuring students are careful and aware of who they are talking to online. This includes not giving out personal information and comfort levels of online conversations. This will take place at Elementary school level. In Middle school topics include safety around taking and sharing photos and with older groups would include discussions on healthy relationships, sexual consent and human trafficking presentations.

Students can be very engaged and want to tell their stories. After presentations there can be a lot of follow up from teachers, students and parents.

Action: Cpl. Collins will share the Human Trafficking and other student presentations.

In response to a question Const. Britton advised Landmark East is one of the schools covered in her curriculum and Booker school is by invitation only. Kings Edgehill is not in the covering district.

5. RCMP REPORT:

Corporal Travis Collins presented the pre-circulated quarterly RCMP report and advised following discussions at the GDPRM presentation he has included some information on Priority calls for Wolfville as requested.

There were 296 calls for service in the Wolfville area in the last quarter. The categories included crimes against persons, drug, traffic related and other.

Crimes against Persons: There were 8 assaults, 6 with charges raised. Three were assaults on police officers, one with a weapon. The breakdown of this category includes domestic assaults or general assaults. It does not include sexual offences of which there were two occurrences with charges.

Indecent and harassment communications include uttering threats to cause bodily harm to a person or pet or cause damage to property. A notable one included in the report was the threats to Acadia University. An Action plan, investigation and media release took place. As a follow up there has been increased police presence on campus and working with Director of Safety and Security Acadia. Also increased enforcement taken place at major events.

In response to a question, Cpl. Collins advised the August 23rd court appearance was a disclosure appearance to collect evidence the crown has. This is typically the case with first court appearances where the accused elects to hold off on a plea or enter a plea of not guilty to give the defence time to review information or to set a trial date which will be further down the line.

There was crime of break and enter to a residence reported but insufficient evidence to proceed with investigation.

One reported theft of a car which was unfounded; they forgot where car was parked.

There is a monetary threshold for thefts, frauds or damage to property of \$5,000. Under \$5,000 could include things like a package being taken from a doorstep or a scooter that was left overnight at school is not there in the morning.

Fraud made up most of the property crime reported, this includes online banking scams or credit card information being stolen. It is an ongoing battle for the police, as soon as understand how the scam works, a new one has taken over. There is a Fraud Centre tracking these types of crimes and continual education for the public which ties into some of the cyber security education Const. Britton shares with youth.

Noise Complaints include damage to property and stopping the enjoyment of property or obstructing access to a business or property.

There were two drug related offences for this quarter. One involved the Street Crimes Enforcement Unit operating on information received relevant to trafficking cocaine and other drugs out of the Wolfville area. They set up a quick response, conducted surveillance and were able to action and observe drugs transactions taking place. The accused was arrested, and charges laid as well as seizure of illicit drugs. This is a really good example of how the SCEU (Street Crime Enforcement Unit) supports, where general duty officers may not be available or have time to conduct covert operations.

The other category under drug-related offences was a tip received from the public on information were there might be some drug activity in Wolfville.

We receive tips from the public most commonly through Crimestoppers which gets to us and we create a file. Others come from relationships developed with the public and they share what they are observing or hearing on the street. This helps us to spotlight the correct area.

There were 17 traffic related charges which could include speeding or driving while disqualified, failure to remain or stop in relation to an accident or a collision. This could be parking lot accident

where a collision wasn't noticed or intentionally leaving the scene to escape consequences. Reportable collisions are where damage is more than the \$5,000 threshold.

Other traffic offences could include fake MVI stickers.

Other under municipal bylaw would be primarily noise complaints under nuisance party bylaw – excessive noise. Also, wellbeing checks and suspicious persons.

Cpl. Collins referenced page 8 of the report on the amount of Priority 1, 2 and 3 calls received for Wolfville in last quarter and what those priorities mean.

As an example of how the district model works, there were 296 calls for police services. Of the 296, 66 or 22% were responded to or attended to by members from New Minas.

Priority 1 calls are urgent need where there is potential for loss of life, weapons could be involved, armed robberies, domestic violence in progress with potential for harm, collision with entrapment or injury or bodily harm suspected or reported.

Priority 2 could be a firearms response where loss of life is not present or is reduced, a theft in progress or break and enter where officers could interject.

Priority 3 wouldn't use lights or sirens and be a crime that is not in progress and where there is no imminent harm to a person.

Priority 4 are follow up calls.

Wolfville is comparable with Kings County in number of level 1 priority calls received but less than the province.

Action: A request was made by committee member for RCMP reports to include vehicle/pedestrian collisions and distracted driving stats going forward. Anything crosswalk related.

6. ROUND TABLE

The CAO advised that at the COW meeting complaints had been received regarding speeding in the Maple Drive/Main St area and requested some proactive policing in response in that area. Cpl. Collins advised he had received that same report from Mayor Donovan and request has been sent to Annapolis Valley Traffic unit to increase presence as well as own members believe the Maple Ave speed bumps are helping.

7. Next Meeting: December 12, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
BE ADJOURNED AT 11:18am.**

CARRIED

**Approved at RCMP Advisory Board Meeting December 12, 2023.
As recorded by Laura Morrison, Town Clerk, Office of the CAO**