
ATTENDING

- Mayor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Kelly van Niekerk
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Emily Kathan
- David MacKinnon
- Sgt. Michel Pelletier
- CAO Glenn Horne (arrived 10:25am)
- Recorder, Laura Morrison

REGRETS

- Shelley Fleckenstein

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jodi MacKay at 10:00am.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

- ADDITIONAL ITEM: SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR SELECTION

- Councillor Butler was nominated and accepted the role of Chair of RCMP Advisory Board.
- Councillor van Niekerk was nominated and accepted the role of Vice Chair of RCMP Advisory Board.

4. PUBLIC INPUT:

- No public input

5. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

- Welcome new council members.
- Looking forward to the work of this Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Homecoming Weekend – 18th/19th October After Action Report
 - Sgt. Michel Pelletier introduced himself and his role.
 - Feedback on the homecoming weekend. Town and RCMP provided similar feedback, that fewer concerns raised regarding public safety.
 - Implementations already put in place by Sgt Nugent and Cpl. Collins assisted in reduction of calls. Will continue with this proactive approach of a heavy police presence being visible in a prominent location.
 - Continue to communicate with Town to see if there is more that can be done for next year.
 - Students on campus were made aware of consequences.
 - RCMP and Town's compliance team worked well and will continue with that level of collaboration.
 - Positively, not a lot of external influences this time, i.e. other university students joining. Belief is this was in part down to good communication between Acadia and other universities and the timing of events. Good coordination, homecoming usually happens when all students are here and home reading week. On negative side would like to see more enforcement and more tickets being issued.
 - In response to a question Sgt. Pelletier advised he is not a support of sanctioning street shutdowns to contain party goers due to public safety and security.
 - If house parties are taking place that involve Nuisance Party Bylaw, they can be ticketed.
 - Location of command centre was chosen because of ease of access/egress for police vehicles and to drop off equipment and prominent position.
 - Some positive behaviours witnessed among the students being responsible and looking after their friends.

7. RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

- October stats would normally be higher due to homecoming. Very little SOTs written.
- Traffic enforcement has been increased. Numbers are higher, construction on highway resulted in a lot of SOTs being issued which were attributed to Wolfville, but not actually happening in the Town.
- Enforcement program over the holidays, increased check stops in County.
- Assaults fluctuate, variety of reasons.

- Thefts can be influenced by demographics such as poverty. Targeted house raids have been happening.
- Would like to increase fraud awareness presentations for vulnerable persons.
- Frauds on marketplace are common.
- Under other category, the secondary other category can be anything from someone coming in to make a complaint and them being diverted to another service, restorative justice reporting on a youth, property disputes. It depends on how the incident has been scored and whether there is a category type for that incident.
- Communication with community around RCMP practices are done by media releases. These can be increased, and Sgt. Pelletier will investigate that possibility.
- E-scooters – no calls have been received concerning people riding with no helmets, being under 16yrs of age or driving on sidewalks. Discussion on helmets for e-scooters, challenge to charge for that.
- Business owner has a large responsibility. Suggestion again of docking stations to improve some of the concerns being heard or designated parking spots. Director of Planning will be holding a meeting with the business owner and will take feedback.
- Members of committee to provide feedback to Sgt. Pelletier on what they would like to see more or less of in the report. Suggestion to break down any calls regarding E-scooters.

8. ROUND TABLE

- Discussion around improvement of communication on policing matters and sharing of information with the community. Crimestoppers - concern around vigilantism. If there is a concern the community should reach out to RCMP. Sgt. Pelletier advised the telephone number is online, however, it does state office closed at 4pm and weekends but the calls are forwarded to dispatch.

9. NEXT MEETING

- **April 8, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:04am.

CARRIED

Approved at RCMP Advisory Board Meeting April 8, 2025.

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