

**POLICE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> 2018, 1:30 PM**  
**Vineyards Room**

**A G E N D A**

1. Welcome Chair
2. Approval of the Agenda All
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes (March 14) All
4. Business Arising from the Minutes All
5. Canning Update Terry
6. New Business: Additional Officer Program
7. RCMP Activity Report
8. Round Table Discussion
9. Next Meeting – **September 12, 2018, 1:30 PM**

**POLICE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
March 14, 2018**

**“Minutes”**

A meeting of the Police Services Advisory Board took place on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 in the Vineyards Room at the Municipal Complex, Kentville, N.S.

**Attending:**

Councilor Brian Hirtle, District 3, Chair  
Councilor Paul Spicer, District 5  
Councilor Pauline Raven, District 4  
Councilor Peter Allen, District 9  
Councilor Bob Best, District 6  
Terry Brown, Manager, Building & Enforcement Services  
Loretta Burns, Stand-in Recording Secretary  
Staff Sergeant Paul Coughlin, Kings District RCMP  
Everett Reade, Citizen Representative  
Evan Fairn, Citizen Representative  
Jennifer Banks, Citizen Representative

**Regrets:** Inspector Dan Morrow, Provincial Rep Garry Michaud, Sergeant AJ Buckle, Acting Detachment Commander (East)

**Call to Order:**

Councilor Hirtle called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and thanked everyone for coming. A round table introduction was held.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

There were no requests made for additions or amendments to the agenda.

Councilor Peter Allen moved for approval of the Police Services Advisory Board meeting agenda as distributed; seconded by Councilor Bob Best. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes (March 14, 2018):**

Councilor Bob Best moved for approval of the Police Services Advisory Board meeting agenda as distributed; seconded by Everett Reade. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Councilor Spicer noted that in the previous minutes, a note was made under the “Concerns from the Village of Canning” regarding a comment made by Chris Cann. The minutes should be revised to include Chris’ last name and standing, being that he is a member of the public. Chair, Councilor Hirtle agreed that the amendment should be made.

**Update on the Village of Canning Situation:**

Staff Sergeant Coughlin gave an update. It was reported that Staff Sergeant Coughlin and Everett MacPherson, the Village Chair had two previous meeting times set to meet with a resident of the Village of Canning. The first meeting was not attended by the resident due to a personal matter. The second meeting, set for last night, was not attended by the resident for reasons that are unclear at this time. Further attempts will be made to find a time that is agreeable for all parties to meet.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having cameras installed on Main St., Canning. Staff Sergeant Coughlin noted that in a conversation with the Village of Canning, it was noted that the Village looked into the cost of cameras and, although they would be agreeable to having them installed, the cost was found to be too great for the Village to take on. Councilor Raven moved that options for various costing and funding methods for cameras, for Main St., Canning, be presented to the Police Services Advisory Committee on June 13, 2018, Seconded by Paul Spicer. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Terry Brown volunteered to work with Everett MacPherson to research what prices and funding options are available.

**New Business:**

**RCMP Headquarters Tour**

Chair, Councilor Hirtle spoke about the tour; first, thanking Staff Sergeant Coughlin and the RCMP for hosting. Then stating it was an excellent day and that it was nice to see the state of the art facilities. Councilor Allen, who also attended the tour also mentioned that it was a wonderful opportunity.

Staff Sergeant Coughlin noted that there are more tours that will be coming up and that he will note when they take place so that others that may want to attend will have the opportunity to do so.

**RCMP Activity Report:**

Staff Sergeant Coughlin presented the report attached to the agenda.

Councilor Raven questioned, with regards to impaired driving infractions, whether or not Town of Kentville Police have the ability to enforce outside of town limits. Staff Sergeant Coughlin replied that they are able to, however, they tend to stay within Town of Kentville limits.

A discussion took place regarding the amount of missing persons calls that the Kings Detachment receives from group homes that are part of Community Services. Policies are not being followed in terms of when it is time to call the RCMP and the time spent on needless missing persons calls are taking time away from other things. Councilor Best offered to put Staff Sergeant Coughlin in touch with Joe Haverstock of Kings Regional Rehabilitation in hopes that Mr. Haverstock could assist with the matter.

**Round Table Discussion:**

Terry Brown thanked the RCMP for their assistance in a recent matter regarding a dwelling in Cambridge. Councilor Spicer made reference to a recent event involving a neighbor needing assistance and how impressively quickly the RCMP responded. Staff Sergeant Coughlin commended the local Fire Departments are doing wonderful work at emergency scenes assisting with traffic control etc. Councilor Raven noted that the County of Kings pays for the Fire Departments to assist at emergency scenes and also made mention of the work that Acadia University is doing with regards to the Federal Truth and Reconciliation process. Chair, Councilor Hirtle commented that, on his recent tour of the RCMP headquarters, mention was made to him that, in comparison to other Fire Services in NS, the Fire Services of the Valley have an excellent reputation for being helpful at emergency scenes.

**Adjournment:**

Councilor Bob Best moved for adjournment of the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Peter Allen.

**Next Meeting** – June 13, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Vineyards Room of the Municipal Complex.



## **Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

Kings County

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **Kings Employees:**

Inspector Dan Morrow, Kings District Commander.

31 general duty constables police Kings District as first responders. These officers are supervised by 8 corporals, 2 sergeants and 1 staff sergeant.

*An additional 8 constable first responders provide a policing service to Wolfville.*

Kings East School Safety Resource Officer is Constable Jennifer Britton

Kings West School Safety Resource Officer is Constable Jeff Wilson

Kings General Investigation Section members are Constable Travis MacDonald and Constable Jody Whiteway. Corporal Mike Carter has moved to traffic services and he is being replaced in GIS by Corporal Glenn O'Hallaran.

Kings Street Crime Enforcement Unit members are Constable Chris Burke of Kentville Police Service and Constable Ken Slade of Kings District. We have a vacant Kings District street crime position which will be filled by Constable Chris Marshall.

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is Constable Melissa Lee. This is a temporarily funded position.

Kings County Community Policing and Victims Services Officer is Constable Kelli Gaudet.

Kings District has 10 District Service Assistants who perform administrative functions at the 3 Kings District offices. With job changes, we have encountered 3 vacancy DSA positions over the winter months. We anticipate that each of these vacancies will be filled within the next 2 months

### **Kings District Annual Performance Plan**

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 17 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:

**Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia** – For the 2017/2018 Annual Performance Plan cycle (April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018), Kings District Members charged 92 person with impaired driving, (4 persons charged with impaired driving by drugs) issued 22 roadside suspensions, 1094 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 338 check stops. Unfortunately, two traffic fatalities occurred during this time.

**Safety and Security of all Nova Scotians (Crime Reduction)** – Kings District continues to utilizing new strategies to ensure crime reduction. These are the Hybrid Hub Model, Comstat, Youth Advisory Committee and a Domestic Violence strategy.

Two at risk youth were identified to the Hybrid Hub committee by Kings SSRO members – this initiated more focused attention in addressing the needs of these students.

It is noteworthy that this winter, the Department of Justice completed a review of sexual assault investigations conducted at Kings District. Although we do not have a final report from the reviewers, we learned that the reviewers recognized the value of the Kings District model. The Kings model included a district domestic violence/ sexual assault coordinator position. The reviewers found that

this position provides good oversight in sexual assault investigations. The review team will highlight this model with the province – a model that assigns a dedicated investigator to conduct sexual assault investigations (or be utilized as a resource) and maintain an uninterrupted oversight in the investigation.

The Kings School Safety Resource Officers and Community Policing Officer provided a number of presentations on the topic of human trafficking to schools and interested community groups. Information was passed on to local transportation service providers and hotel and motel businesses to bring awareness – to assist in identifying trafficking activities to police.

**Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia** – Kings District continues to provide educational opportunities to officers concerning cybercrime investigations. This presentations are typically provide to interested groups – many are seniors groups and involve the assistance of Michelle Parker, the Kings County Senior Safety Coordinator.

In this last quarter, a shred it campaign was held, giving the community the opportunity to have confidential documents shredded in an effort to prevent identity theft.

**Enhance our relationship with Aboriginal Communities** – Kings District continues to provide educational presentations to the Annapolis Valley and Glooscap First Nations Communities. Our community policing officer and the Kings senior safety coordinator have provided a number of presentations relevant to these communities and have participated in get togethers to improve communications between the police and indigenous persons.

This winter/spring, Kings Community Policing Officer participated in initiatives to highlight career opportunities within the RCMP to interested indigenous person. This initiative reflects the RCMPs goal to have a police force that is representative of the communities we police.

As discussed at the last meeting, Nova Scotia RCMP first launched the eagle feather initiative in October 2017 to detachments whose area included an Indigenous community. Early in March, all 54 RCMP detachments in Nova Scotia were provided with an eagle feather.

The use of the eagle feather is in support of numerous calls to action recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The eagle feather is yet another way we can further strengthen these relationships and our goal of creating a more inclusive and relevant justice system for Indigenous people.

Our Kings District Community Policing officer took the opportunity to take this feather to each of our First Nations communities to ensure awareness to its availability in Kings District.

### **Calls for Service:**

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, Kings District Members have responded to 4833 calls for service.

Calls for service range from calls for assistance, Provincial Act investigations, Criminal Code investigation and, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act investigations.

### **Missing Persons**

S/Sgt. Coughlin met, on several occasions, with Shauna Clark and Amber White from Community Services (Residential Services). Follow up meetings included representatives from local Kings Family and Children Services and a local Child Welfare Specialist.

As a result of these discussions, new direction has been provided to residential care homes, to ensure that their calls to police are restricted to legitimate missing person's calls.

This policy includes the expectation that employees of these homes: will make reasonable efforts to verify the location of the resident before calling the police (when resident reports their intended location, away time), and will not call the police to report non-compliance to house rules.

In this short time, we have seen a reducing in the number of missing person's calls from these homes. This has allowed us to work on other police matters.



## **Request for Assistance from Kings County**

### **Notable Investigations**

2018288311 – On March 5<sup>th</sup>, Kings Members responded to a break and enter into a residence at Aylesford. The complainant reported that \$15 – 20,000 dollars worth of electronics and jewelry were stolen. H Division Forensic Identification members examined the residence and obtained a suspect fingerprint. Further investigation linked stolen property being offered for sale on Kijiji to a suspect. The investigation progressed and involved a Division undercover operator. The suspect was arrested and a number of stolen items were recovered. An 18 year old Fredericton male and a 19 year old Greenwood male were charged with Break and Enter and Possession of stolen property. These matters are currently before the court.

2018369184 – On March 21<sup>st</sup>, Kings District members responded to an armed robbery call at the Sobey's pharmacy in Greenwood. The suspect handed the pharmacists a note demanding money and drugs, claiming to have a knife. After a subsequent investigation which included interviews and the execution of search warrants, a 38 year old Wilmot female and a 34 year old Bridgetown female were charged with robbery and wearing a disguise with intent to commit a criminal offence. These matters are currently before the court.

2018422721 – On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Kings District members responded to a home invasion at Waterville. The report indicated that two male subjects entered an apartment, one wielding a metal baton. Money was demanded however the suspects fled empty handed. Suspects have not been identified.

2018448491 – On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Kings District members responded to a break and enter complaint at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Greenwood. The following investigation resulted in the arrest of a 30 year old male from Kingston and a 30 year old male from Greenwood. The Greenwood male was charged with break and enter, mischief (property damage) uttering threats and number of undertaking breach charges. These matters are still before the court.

2018507378 – On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Kings District members responded to a theft from the Greenwood Walmart store. Police learned that a 32 year old male, wearing a

mask, entered the store and began smashing glass cabinets with a hammer. The male sold several items and fled the store. As the result of further investigation, a male from Kingston and a 29 year old female from Waterville were arrested. The male has been charged with break enter and theft, mischief, possession of break and enter instruments and wearing a disguise while committing an indictable offence. The female was charged with theft under \$5000. All matters are currently before the court.

2018625521 – On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Kings District members responded to a residential break and enter at Kingston. As a result of further investigation, a 32 year old Kingston male was charged with break and enter, possession of stolen property, and failure to comply with conditions of an undertaking. These matters are currently before the court.

2018774292 – On June 4<sup>th</sup>, Kings District members responded to a home invasion at Waterville. As the result of further investigation, a 26 year old Kings County male has been charged with break and enter and assault. These matters are currently before the court.

**Update - 2018140358** – On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Kings District, received a report of an attempted armed robbery in Greenwood, NS. The complainant reported that he was approached by an unknown male while withdrawing money from a Bank of Nova Scotia ATM machine. The male stated that, he had a gun and demanded all of the complainant's money from his bank account. A police dog was deployed but did not locate the suspect. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of a 32 year old Kingston male and a 31 year old Lower Sackville male. The Kingston male currently faces a charge unlawful possession of a firearm/prohibited weapon. The Lower Sackville male was convicted of robbery and wearing a disguise while committing this offence – he received 230 days in jail and a 10 year firearms prohibition.

