

POLICE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 1:30 PM
Council Chambers, 181 Coldbrook Village Park Drive

A G E N D A

1. Roll Call
2. Amendments to the Agenda All
3. Approval of the Agenda All
4. Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Issues All
5. Approval of the Minutes of June 21, 2023 All
6. Business Arising from the Minutes All
7. New Business
 - a. Review of September's Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG) meeting Councillor Hirtle
8. RCMP Activity Report *Report to follow* RCMP
9. Round Table Discussion All
10. Correspondence
11. Date of Next Meeting – December 20, 2023 All
12. Adjournment Chair

POLICE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 19, 2023 1:30 pm

Draft Minutes

Meeting, Date and Time

A meeting of the Police Services Advisory Committee (PSAC) was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 1:30 pm in Council Chambers at 181 Coldbrook Village Park Drive.

Attending

Committee Members

Councillor Joel Hirtle – District 6 (Chair)
Councillor Tim Harding – District 5 (Vice-Chair)
Councillor June Granger – District 1 (until 3:55 pm)
Councillor Dick Killam – District 3 (until 3:55 pm)
Councillor Peter Allen – District 9
Barb Pearce – Citizen Member: Central
Jamie Ogilvie – Citizen Member: West (arrived at 1:34 pm)
Nicole Vandenhof – Provincial Appointee

Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

S/Sgt. Ed Nugent
Cpl. Joe Fraser

Guests

Danielle Desjardins – RCMP Liaison to Nova Scotia Department of Justice (until 3:30 pm)
Gerald Wheatley – Annapolis Valley Alarms
Hayley Crichton – Executive Director, Public Safety and Security Division, Nova Scotia Department of Justice (until 3:30 pm)

Municipal Staff

Laurie-Ann Clarke – Recording Secretary
Scott Conrod – Chief Administrative Officer
Terry Brown – Manager of Inspection & Enforcement Division

Public

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Regrets

Debra Windle-Smith – Citizen Member: East

1. Roll Call

Councillor Hirtle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm and roll call was taken.

2. Amendments to the Agenda

The Chair requested that “Public Comments” be added to the agenda following item 11.

- 3. Approval of the Agenda** **On motion of Ms. Vandenhof and Councillor Killam, that the Police Services Advisory Committee approve the June 21, 2023 meeting agenda with one addition.**

The question was called on the motion. Motion carried.

- 4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues** There were no conflict of interest issues disclosed.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 15, 2023** **On motion of Councillor Granger and Councillor Allen, that the minutes of the Police Services Advisory Committee meeting held on February 15, 2023 be approved as circulated.**

The question was called on the motion. Motion carried.

- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes** None.

- 7. Presentation by the Department of Justice** Hayley Crichton, Executive Director, Public Safety and Security Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, made a [presentation](#) on the RCMP Provincial Police Service Agreement.

Following the presentation, Ms. Crichton and Ms. Desjardins were invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting. They noted that they had to leave for another engagement but were prepared to answer questions from the public.

On motion of Councillor Killam and Councillor Allen, that “Public Comments” be accepted following the presentation.

The question was called on the motion. Motion carried.

The Chair opened the floor to members of the public.

Gerald Wheatley

Mr. Wheatley inquired about recruitment issues within the RCMP and the difficulty in filling open positions. Staff Sgt. Nugent and Cpl. Fraser spoke regarding general changes in workforce trends, widespread labour shortages in many industries, and the overall shift in attitude towards police in recent years.

Brian Hodges- Aylesford

Mr. Hodges expressed his frustration with the judicial system and ongoing issues in the Aylesford community.

With no further comments from the public, Ms. Desjardins and Ms. Crichton were excused from the meeting at 3:30 pm.

8. New Business

a. Presentation on Property Protection

Gerald Wheatley of Annapolis Valley Alarms shared tips on how residents can protect their properties against damage and theft including property lighting, security cameras with improved technology, and tracking devices for equipment like tractors and side-by-sides.

Councillor Granger and Councillor Killam were excused from the meeting at 3:55 pm to attend other meetings. There was a discussion on whether or not the remainder of the agenda should be tabled and the committee decided to carry on with the most pressing issues.

b. Traffic Concerns

Terry Brown, Manager of Inspection & Enforcement, spoke to traffic concerns received since the February meeting of the PSAC. He noted that traffic concerns on Bluff Road in Avonport and cars failing to stop in the Pinewoods subdivision in Coldbrook had been forwarded to the RCMP. Cpl. Fraser advised that RCMP patrols in both marked and unmarked cars on Bluff Road had been increased following the complaint and only one violation was reported. He shared that there were also increased patrols in the Pinewoods subdivision.

The Chair briefly discussed the complaint he received about loud vehicles on Highway #1, noting that the complaint had been forwarded to the RCMP. Cpl. Fraser advised that there is a section of the Motor Vehicle Act which speaks to vehicles disturbing the peace.

c. Investigation of Racist Symbols

Mr. Brown spoke to an incident of graffiti brought to Municipal staff's attention by a PSAC member. The incident occurred at the intersection of Stronach Mountain Road and Highway 221 in Annapolis County and was investigated by RCMP members in that area.

9. RCMP Activity Report

It was noted that the quarterly RCMP Activity report was included in the [agenda package](#) for review.

10. Round Table Discussion

Mr. Brown spoke regarding the RCMP and the legal system, noting that all involved are doing their jobs and using the guidelines of the law to the best of their abilities.

11. Public Comments

Rob Lawrie, Business owner in Kings, Annapolis and Digby counties
Rob shared that several businesses have experienced property related crimes in Kingston and Middleton in recent months. He would like to see a public meeting with members of the RCMP take place in the Kingston area so the community can work together to solve the issues.

The Chair spoke to the importance of continuing to report any incidents, large or small, as those reports directly affect how RCMP resources are distributed. Staff Sgt. Nugent reiterated what the Chair said, explaining that he has heard from the public that they feel that property related crimes are increasing in Kings County but because of underreporting, the statistics show a decline.

12. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of PSAC will be Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Complex.

14. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Ogilvie and Councillor Harding, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.

The question was called on the motion. Motion carried.

Approved by:

Police Services Advisory Committee

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