

**POLICE COMMISSION
(PRIVATE MEETING)
13 SEPTEMBER 1995**

Chief MacDonald reviewed the contents of the 7 September memorandum with the Board, adding that there have been a number of candidates for the civilian position. However, for various reasons, applicants have withdrawn and the position remains vacant. The job description has recently been modified and a successful applicant should be determined in the near future.

Aboriginal Community

Chief MacDonald informed the Board of an embarrassing incident involving an aboriginal male, which could have concluded with negative repercussions for the Department. However, with the intervention of HPD's Race Relations Officer and an aboriginal female working with the Department on a special project, controversy was averted.

The aboriginal community requested that a Justice Circle be formed consisting of both Police and aboriginal representatives, resulting in a positive outcome for the members involved. A letter of apology was submitted and it was agreed by both parties that the media not be involved.

Victim Services Coordinator

A memorandum dated 7 September 1995 was submitted from Chief Vincent J. MacDonald.

Chief MacDonald reported that the Province has expressed an interest in being involved with this undertaking. The Chief provided background on the subject and advised the Board that some Provincial funding is available.

Chief's Competition

Chief MacDonald provided a brief overview of the competition and the process for awarding the contract for the new position.

It was moved by Commissioner Pottie, seconded by Commissioner Crowley that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to newly-appointed Chief of Police for the Halifax Regional Municipality, Vincent J. MacDonald who will take up his post on 1 October 1995. The motion was put and passed.