



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
May 17, 2021**

PRESENT: Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Becky Kent
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

REGRETS: Commissioner Beals

GUESTS: Councillor Deagle Gammon

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Katherine Salsman, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 1:50 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lindell Smith, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, who are the original peoples.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners noted community announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 19, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the approval of the minutes of April 19, 2021 be deferred to the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: NONE

Deletions: NONE

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received and circulated to the Board.

8.2 Petitions – NONE

8.3 Presentations – NONE

The Clerk outlined the process for members of the public to submit presentation requests.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 HRM Wortley Report Recommendations – Update

- **Preparation for Two-Year Wortley Report Summary**

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, updated the Board on their progress with the HRM Wortley Report Recommendations and answered Board questions.

Chief Kinsella and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, updated the Board regarding the preparation of the two-year Wortley Report Summary and that a draft report will be presented at the Board's July meeting.

Commissioner Smith updated the Board regarding discussions they will have with Department of Justice and Nova Scotia Human Right Commission for the two-year report.

10.1.2 Update on Know Your Rights Campaign

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, updated the Board on the Know Your Rights Campaign which was part of the initial Wortley Report recommendations and answered Board questions.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Commissioner Smith – BOPC Committee to Define Defunding Police

Commissioner Smith provided the Board an update regarding the progress of the Committee to Define Defunding Police.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10.3.1 Management Employee Relations Committee

Commissioner Smith provided an update of the most recent Halifax Regional Police Management Employee Relations Committee including the vaccination program for Halifax Regional Police members.

The Board agreed that it is not necessary for this item to remain a recurring agenda item. Future substantive updates regarding the Management Employee Relations Committee will be shared with the Board via a verbal update during a meeting or written information report.

10.3.2 Commissioner Kent – Canadian Association of Police Governance, Governance Summit

Commissioner Kent provided the Board an update on the first session of the Canadian Association of Police Governance, Governance Summit that was held virtually on April 27, 2021.

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, updated the Board on recent initiatives and answered Board questions.

The Board discussed the injunction issued by Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on May 14, 2021 regarding police enforcement of provincial public health orders.

11. ADDED ITEMS

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

13. IN CAMERA (In Private)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – April 19, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of April 19, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to personnel conduct.

Private and Confidential Information Items:

1. Correspondence dated April 6, 2021

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 21, 2021

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant