



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS for the HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES May 1, 2024

PRESENT:

Commissioner Becky Kent, Chair
Commissioner Gavin Giles, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lindell Smith
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Gregory O'Malley
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

STAFF:

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Jamie D'Angelo, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., the Board moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 1:12 p.m. and reconvened at 1:43 p.m. the Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 Swearing In of Commissioner Gregory O'Malley

Gregory O'Malley was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Board of Police Commissioners.

1.2 Presentation to Harry Critchley, former Commissioner of the Board of Police Commissioners

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police, Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Halifax Regional Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Chair recognized Harry Critchley for their service on the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the minutes of March 4, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 11.1 – 2024 CAPG Award for Excellence in Police Governance

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Commissioner Akindoju requested that Item 11.1 2024 CAPG Award for Excellence in Police Governance be considered prior to item 5.

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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 – March 4, 2024

7.1 Update on Steps to Achieve an Integrated Operating Model – July 10, 2023

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated April 22, 2024

- Extracts from the June 14, 2023 and July 10, 2023, Board of Police Commissioners minutes, and March 4, 2024 draft minutes

Bill Moore, Executive Director of Community Safety spoke to the topic. Moore directed the Board to the Policing Transformation Study and the Gantt chart, which showed next steps and progress made to end of April 2024. Moore responded to questions of clarification from the Board and explained that the Transformation Officer position required project management skills thus for a period of three years this Full Time Equivalent position would be a project manager not a Halifax Regional Police officer.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) responded to questions of clarification from the Board and stated that staff's ability to report to the Board and Regional Council on the Integrated Policing Model was delayed due to the delayed start of the Provincial Policing Review.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence – None

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation – None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HALIFAX REGIONAL DETACHMENT CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Halifax Regional Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police (HRD RCMP) spoke to key operational activities and recent community outreach initiatives performed by the HRD RCMP, including the community action response team. Christie provided the Board details of upcoming community town hall meetings within various areas.

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) provided updates on key operational activities, recent HRP staffing and recent HRP community initiatives. MacLean responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.2 STAFF

10.2.1 2024 Wortley Report Progress Update: Summary of Recommendations

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated April 26, 2024

Acting Chief Don MacLean, Halifax Regional Police spoke to the topic and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Christie, Halifax Regional Detachment Royal Canadian Mounted Police spoke to the topic and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

10.2.2 Board of Police Commissioners 2023-2024 Annual Report for Submission to Regional Council

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated April 18, 2024

Josh Bates, Policing Policy Strategist spoke to the topic and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for Halifax Regional Municipality forward the report dated April 18, 2024 to Regional Council for information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 2024 CAPG Award for Excellence in Police Governance

The following was before the Board:

- Request for Consideration form from Commissioner Akindoju

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality:

- 1. Waive section 15 of Administrative Policy One, requiring a staff report from the Chief either the Chief or Policy Advisor to the Board; and**
- 2. Convene to In Camera (In Private) to consider nominations to the 2024 Canadian Association of Police Governance Award for Excellence in Police Governance, in the following “Categories of Excellence”:**
 - a. Staff Award;**
 - b. Director Award; and**
 - c. Partnership & Leadership Award.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

As provided for in section 92 of Administrative Policy One, *The Procedures of the Board of Police Commissioners Administrative Policy*, a motion was made to convene In Camera to discuss a personnel matter.

MOVED by Commissioner Akindoju, seconded by Commissioner Giles

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private)

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

See item 11.1.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 5, 2024

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Jamie D’Angelo
Legislative Assistant