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Item No. 15.5.1
Halifax Regional Council
April 5, 2022

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Lindell Smith, Chair, Board of Police Commissioners

DATE: March 23, 2022

SUBJECT: **Development of Budget Review and Approval Process for Halifax Regional Police Budget**

ORIGIN

March 21, 2022 meeting of Board of Police Commissioners, Item 10.2.3.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The *Police Act*, S.N.S. 2004, c.31, section 53, subsection 55(2) provides:

- 53 (1) The board shall annually cause the chief officer to prepare a budget for the police department.
- (2) The board shall ensure that the budget prepared pursuant to subsection (1) is consistent with those matters referred to in subsection 55(3).
- (3) The budget prepared pursuant to this Section shall be submitted to council by the board for approval. 2004, c. 31, s. 53.
- 55 (2) With the approval of the Minister, the council, by by-law, may prescribe
- (a) the additional or more specific roles and responsibilities of a board; and
 - (b) the rules and regulations governing proceedings of a board,
- and the board has sole jurisdiction over the matters so delegated to it.

By-law P-100, *Respecting the Board Of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality*, subsection 8(2)(e) provides:

- 8 (2) The Board in accordance with the *Police Act* and HRM Bylaws may carry out any of the following roles and responsibilities:

...

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- (e) prepare and submit in consultation with the Chief of Police and the Chief Administrative Officer or delegate, to Council an annual budget for the municipal police service. The municipal council shall only exercise global budget approval and shall only accept the police service budget submitted to it by the board or refer back to the board with instructions that it be altered upward or downward by a specific dollar amount or percentage;

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Police Commissioners recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer provide a staff report for the purpose of developing an operational and capital budget review and approval process for the Halifax Regional Police, including public consultation and associated timelines, for the 2023/24 fiscal year in compliance with the *Police Act*.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer provide a staff report regarding the Board's jurisdiction under the Police Act, including as it relates to the review and approval of the annual Halifax Regional Police budget proposal under Section 53 of the *Police Act*.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Police Commissioners received two Request for Consideration forms dated March 16, 2022 for the Board of Police Commissioners to consider the following:

1. Request a staff report from HRM Financial Services for the purpose of developing a new budget review and approval process for the Halifax Regional Police budget for the 2023/24 fiscal year which is in compliance with the *Police Act*; and
2. Seek an independent legal opinion regarding the Board's jurisdiction under the *Police Act*, including as it relates to the review and approval of the annual Halifax Regional Police budget proposal under section 53 of the *Act*.

For further information refer to the attached Request for Consideration forms for Items 10.2.3 and 10.2.4 of the March 21, 2022 Board of Police Commissioners meeting dated March 16, 2022 (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2).

DISCUSSION

The Board of Police Commissioners received two Request for Consideration forms dated March 16, 2022 and approved the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

For further information refer to the attached draft minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners (Attachment 3).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial impacts were identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk considerations were identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement was undertaken.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board of Police Commissioners did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Request for Consideration form for Item 10.2.3 dated March 16, 2022

Attachment 2 – Request for Consideration form for Item 10.2.4 dated March 16, 2022

Attachment 3 – March 21, 2022 Board of Police Commissioners Draft Minutes

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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Item No.10.2.3

Request for Consideration		
<p>X Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Motion</p>
<p>Council or Committee: Halifax Board of Police Commissioners:</p>		
<p>Date of Meeting: March 21, 2022</p>		
<p>Subject: Staff report intended to develop a new, statutorily compliant review and approval process for the annual HRP budget</p>		
<p>Motion for Committee to Consider:</p> <p>That the Board of Police Commissioners request a staff report from HRM Financial Services for the purpose of developing a new budget review and approval process for the 2023/24 fiscal year which is in compliance with the <i>Police Act</i>.</p> <p>1. Rationale</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The problem right now</p> <p>At present, the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners reviews and approves the operating budget for HRP, but plays no role vis-à-vis the HRP's capital budget, which is instead reviewed and approved by Regional Council. This approach is not in keeping with the requirements set out under the <i>Police Act</i>. Section 53 reads:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Annual budget of police department</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">53 (1) The board shall annually cause the chief officer to prepare a budget for the police department.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(2) The board shall ensure that the budget prepared pursuant to subsection (1) is consistent with those matters referred to in subsection 55(3).</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(3) The budget prepared pursuant to this Section shall be submitted to council by the board for approval.</p> <p>Section 53 refers merely to the "budget for the police department" and makes no distinction between capital and operating budgets. The word "budget" is not defined in the <i>Police Act</i>. As a result, according to principles of statutory interpretation, it must be read in its entire context and in its grammatical and ordinary sense harmoniously with the scheme of the Act, the object of the Act, and the intention of the Legislature. According to the <i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>, the word "budget" refers to "the money that is available to a person or an organization and a plan of how it will be spent over a period of time."</p> <p>This interpretation is also in keeping with the scheme of the <i>Act</i> and the intention of the Legislature to the extent that municipal boards of police commissioners have broad authority under paragraph 55(1)(b) to provide "the administrative direction, organization and policy required to maintain an adequate, effective and efficient police department."</p> <p>As noted, currently, only Regional Council reviews the HRP's capital budget as part of the overall capital budget for the city. I believe this is the case because, given that HRP is a business unit of the HRM, it is administratively more convenient to include their capital costs within the larger capital budget for the city.</p>		

However, this approach may not be in compliance with the *Police Act*. This is because, under paragraph 55(2)(a), Regional Council may, with the approval of the Minister of Justice, prescribe “additional or more specific roles and responsibilities of a board” by means of a by-law. On the other hand, Regional Council has no authority to take roles and responsibilities away from the board, including those under section 53 dealing with the review and approval of the annual “budget for the police department.” **This suggests that Regional Council may have been acting outside of its jurisdiction, which creates the risk that its motions regarding the capital budget have historically been out of order, and thus a nullity.**

b. What is being requested

This motion is requesting a staff report from HRM Financial Services which will lay out a proposal for the Board’s approval regarding how to reform the budget review and approval process to bring it into compliance with the *Police Act*. This report should be received by the Board ahead of the beginning of its budget deliberations for fiscal 2023/24 in December 2022.

c. Rationale

As noted, under paragraph 55(1)(b), the Board is tasked with providing “the administrative direction, organization and policy required to maintain an adequate, effective and efficient police department.” Public confidence in the Board and its decision-making risks being undermined if there is a lack of clarity regarding the extent of the Board’s authority vis-à-vis the HRP budget, or if the process for budget review and approval prescribed under the *Act* is not followed.

Further, the current approach risks providing Regional Council with an undue degree of control over the HRP budget, which risks having the process become overly politicized. In this way, the current approach is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the *Police Act* and the recommendations from the *Royal Commission on the Donald Marshall, Jr., Prosecution*, both of which seek to insulate policing as much as possible from political interference. For example, though Council’s decision to cancel the HRP Armored Vehicle purchase in 2020 was laudable, this decision likely should have rested with the Board, not Council, for the reasons noted above.

Outcome Sought: Noted above

Commissioner Harry Critchley

Submitted March 16, 2022

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Item No. 10.2.4

Request for Consideration		
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<p>Council or Committee: Halifax Board of Police Commissioners:</p>		
<p>Date of Meeting: March 21, 2022</p>		
<p>Subject: Independent legal opinion regarding the Board's jurisdiction as it relates to the review and approval of the annual HRP budget proposal</p>		
<p>Motion for Committee to Consider:</p> <p>That the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners (the "Board") seek an independent legal opinion regarding the Board's jurisdiction under the <i>Police Act</i>, including as it relates to the review and approval of the annual Halifax Regional Police ("HRP") budget proposal under section 53 of the <i>Act</i>.</p> <p>1. What is being requested</p> <p>At the Board's meeting on February 28, 2022, there was disagreement regarding the extent of the Board's jurisdiction under the <i>Police Act</i>, specifically as it relates to the review and approval of the annual Halifax Regional Police budget under section 53. The disagreement concerned whether or not the Board had the jurisdiction to add, remove, or change specific line items in the HRP budget proposal or instead whether its authority was restricted to dictating the global budget figure for the department.</p> <p>The Board has very broad authority under subsection 55(1) to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) civilian governance on behalf of the council in relation to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime in the municipality; and (b) the administrative direction, organization and policy required to maintain an adequate, effective and efficient police department. <p>However, the Board is statutorily prohibited from exercising jurisdiction relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) complaints, discipline or personnel conduct except in respect of the chief officer of the municipal police department; (d) a specific prosecution or investigation; or (e) the actual day-to-day direction of the police department. <p>Notably, subsection 38(5) stipulates that "the actual day-to-day direction of the police department with respect to the enforcement of law and the maintenance of discipline within the department are the responsibility of the chief officer."</p> <p>According to section 70 of Administrative Order One, which applies to the Board and its meetings, "a motion in respect of a matter which is not within the jurisdiction of the [Board] shall not be in order."</p> <p>This motion is requesting an independent legal opinion regarding the extent of the Board's jurisdiction in light of the disagreement noted above.</p>		

2. Why an independent opinion?

HRM Legal Services advises both the HRP and the Board. According to a March 4, 2021 staff report from HRM Legal Services, a perception of a conflict could arise as a result of this arrangement “in the case of more contentious issues, such as where there are tensions between the goals of the Board and HRP or HRM, or disagreements with regards to authority.” This legal opinion requested here is regarding the Board’s authority as it relates to the review and approval of the HRP budget, a subject regarding which there is currently some confusion and disagreement.

The staff report goes on to concede that, in either of the two situations just noted, “the Board may have a legitimate concern that it will not be viewed as independent if it obtains advice from the same lawyers providing advice on that issue to HRP.”

In light of the above, it is necessary that the legal opinion be provided by someone independent of HRM Legal Services in order to maintain public confidence in the Board’s work. As the staff report notes, “a perception of a conflict of interest ... could negatively affect the Board’s legitimacy and the public perception of its independence.”

3. Rationale

As noted, under paragraph 55(1)(b), the Board is tasked with providing “the administrative direction, organization and policy required to maintain an adequate, effective and efficient police department.” Public confidence in the Board and its decision-making risks being undermined if there is a lack of clarity among Board members regarding the extent of the Board’s authority vis-à-vis the HRP budget.

Further, if the Board deems it useful, the independent legal opinion could at a later date form the basis for a Board policy, which could provide greater clarity to Board members (both new and returning) and inform the Board’s meeting procedures going forward.

Outcome Sought: Noted above

Commissioner Harry Critchley

Submitted March 16, 2022



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DRAFT MINUTES
March 21, 2022**

PRESENT: Commissioner Lindell Smith, Chair
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice Chair
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Harry Critchley
Commissioner Becky Kent

REGRETS: Commissioner Yemi Akindoju
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

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

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by the Board of Police Commissioners at a future meeting.

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at halifax.ca.

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The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m., and recessed at 2:20 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners reconvened in at 2:30 p.m. the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The 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, and that we are all treaty people.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 28, 2022 and March 9, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the minutes of February 28, 2022 and March 9, 2022 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 – Commissioner Critchley – Special presentation from Sunny Mariner, Canadian lead on Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review

Deletions:

- Item 10.2.4 Commissioner Critchley – Independent legal opinion regarding the Board's jurisdiction as it relates to the review and approval of the annual HRP budget proposal

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Critchley,

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Review of Proposed Board of Police Commissioners 2022 Meeting Schedule – December 13, 2021

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 7, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve the proposed 2022 meeting schedule until June 2022 as outlined in Attachment 1 of the February 7, 2022 staff report.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Commissioner Critchley – Human Resources consultant to study the issues of understaffing and increased mental health claims within the Halifax Regional Police – February 28, 2022

The motion on the floor read:

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners direct the Chief Officer of the Halifax Regional Police (HRP) to, in consultation with and with the approval of the Board of Police Commissioners, hire a Human Resources consultant to study the issues of understaffing, increased mental health claims, and increased long-term absences within the Halifax Regional Police. The objective of this study would be to present a report to the Board of Police Commission which would outline:

- a) the contributing factors giving rise to these issues; and**
- b) recommendations for addressing these issues in the short, medium, and long term.**

This report could then inform budget deliberations in future fiscal years.

Laura Nolan, Acting Executive Director Human Resources & Corporate Communications advised the Board of Police Commissioners regarding the human resources staffing that Human Resources & Corporate Communications currently provide Halifax Regional Police and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Critchley proposed that the motion be amended to request the Chief Administrative Officer work in collaboration with the Chief of Halifax Regional Police to direct HRM human resources staff to conduct the study. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners request that the Chief Administrative Officer in collaboration with the Chief Officer of the Halifax Regional Police to, in consultation with and with the approval of the Board of Police Commissioners, direct Human Resources & Corporate Communications to study the issues of understaffing, increased mental health claims, and increased long-term absences within the Halifax Regional Police. The objective of this study would be to present a report to the Board of Police Commission which would outline:

- a) the contributing factors giving rise to these issues; and**
- b) recommendations for addressing these issues in the short, medium, and long term.**

This report could then inform budget deliberations in future fiscal years.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 8.3.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation

8.3.1 Presentation – Policing and Family Violence Against Men – Kelsey Green

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Correspondence from Kelsey Green
- Presentation dated March 21, 2022

Kelsey Green gave a presentation on family violence, equal parenting, the need to improve police response to family violence incidents and the enforcement of family court orders, as well as a proposal to develop a non-ideological collaborative consultation approach to family violence. Green responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Wortley Report Progress Update

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Wortley Report Progress Update tracking document dated March 2022
- Information report from Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police dated March 18, 2022

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police and Acting Chief Superintendent Darren Campbell, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Halifax District RCMP) responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Neera Ritcey, Divisional Manager, Corporate Affairs, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Commissioner Critchley - Staff report on section 51 of the Police Act

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners' consideration form submitted by Commissioner Critchley

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

That the Board of Police Commissioners request a staff report from HRM Legal Services clarifying the meaning of the phrases “discipline,” “personnel conduct,” “contract negotiations,” and “security of police operations” in section 51 of the Police Act (collectively, the “grounds” for going in camera). The staff report should provide a definition for each of these phrases and explain what evidence is required under each ground before the Board can move in camera.

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Martin Ward, Solicitor advised the Board of Police Commissioners regarding whether it is necessary to further standardize the in camera process and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Critchley proposed that the motion be amended to request that the Chief Administrative Officer review the Board of Police Commissioners procedures for going in camera and include these procedures in the Commission's Policy Manual. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners request that the Chief Administrative Officer review the Board of Police Commissioners procedures for going in camera and include these procedures in the Commission's Policy Manual.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Commissioner Critchley – Staff report regarding ongoing HRP policies and procedures review

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners' consideration form submitted by Commissioner Critchley

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Chair of the Board of the Police Commissioners direct the Chief Officer of the Halifax Regional Police to draft a staff report providing details regarding their ongoing policies and procedures review.

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police advised the Board of Police Commissioners that an information report and presentation on the issue is scheduled to be submitted at the Commission's May or June meeting and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was withdrawn with consent of the Board of Police Commissioners.

10.2.3 Commissioner Critchley – Staff report intended to develop a new, statutorily compliant review and approval process for the annual HRP budget

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners' consideration form submitted by Commissioner Critchley

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners request a staff report from HRM Legal and Financial Services for the purpose of developing a new budget review and approval process for the 2023/24 fiscal year which is in compliance with the Police Act.

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Martin Ward, Solicitor advised the Board of Police Commissioners that items 10.2.3 Commissioner Critchley – Staff report intended to develop a new, statutorily compliant review and approval process for the annual HRP budget, and 10.2.4 Commissioner Critchley – Independent legal opinion regarding the Board's jurisdiction as it relates to the review and approval of the annual HRP budget proposal, be considered at the same time.

Commissioner Critchley proposed that the motion be amended to combine the motions in Item 10.2.3 and Item 10.2.4 into one motion. Item 10.2.3 would be part 1 and Item 10.2.4 would be part 2 of the amended motion. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners:

- 1. Request the Chief Administrative Officer provide a staff report for the purpose of developing a new budget review and approval process for the 2023/24 fiscal year which is in compliance with the Police Act.**
- 2. Seek an independent legal opinion regarding the Board's jurisdiction under the Police Act, including as it relates to the review and approval of the annual Halifax Regional Police budget proposal under section 53 of the Act.**

Ward advised the Board of Police Commissioners regarding the respective legislative roles of the Commission and Council in the budget review process and that changes to this process would need to be made by Regional Council and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Critchley proposed that the motion be amended so the motion is a recommendation from the Board of Police Commissioners to Regional Council, that the staff report recommended in part 1 of the motion also consider public participation at the Board of Police Commissioners during the budget review and approval process, and that part 2 request a staff report and not an independent legal opinion. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer provide a staff report for the purpose of developing an operational and capital budget review and approval process for the Halifax Regional Police, including public consultation and associated timelines, for the 2023/24 fiscal year in compliance with the Police Act.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer provide a staff report regarding the Board of Police Commissioners' jurisdiction under the Police Act, including as it relates to the review and approval of the annual Halifax Regional Police budget proposal under Section 53 of the Police Act.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

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10.2.5 Commissioner McDougall - Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference in Saskatoon

MOVED by Commissioner McDougall, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners approve Commissioner Kent to attend the Canadian Association of Police Governance 33rd Annual Conference and First Nations Police Governance Conference to be held in-person in Saskatoon from September 7 to 11, 2022 on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES – NONE

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police gave an update on recent and upcoming Halifax Regional Police initiatives and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Acting Chief Superintendent Darren Campbell, Halifax District RCMP gave an update on recent Halifax District RCMP initiatives and staffing announcements and responded to questions of clarification from the Board of Police Commissioners.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Commissioner Critchley – Special presentation from Sunny Mariner, Canadian lead on Violence Against Women (VAW) Advocate Case Review

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- Request for Board of Police Commissioners' consideration form submitted by Commissioner Critchley

MOVED by Commissioner Critchley, seconded by Commissioner Kent

THAT the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners invite Sunny Mariner, an internationally recognized expert on Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review, to provide a thirty-minute presentation to the Board either at a special meeting of the Board or during the Board's regularly scheduled June meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Correspondence dated February 15, 2022
2. Correspondence dated February 24, 2022

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 25, 2022

16. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant