



**Town of Westville
Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 18, 2018**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

Commission Members Present: Dorothylane Hale – Chair
Steven Joudrey – Vice Chair
Bernard Murphy
William Gray
Edward Ferguson
Leonard White
Lynn MacDonald

Town Employees Present: Police Chief Donald Hussher
Kelly D. Rice – CAO
Amanda Cyr – Recording Secretary

Public in Attendance: Yes

Media Organizations Present: None

1. CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Chair Hale called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Westville Council Chambers, calling for any conflict of interest. None declared.

2. APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

2.1 *It was moved by Commissioner MacDonald to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chair Joudrey seconded. Motion carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 *It was moved by Vice Chair Joudrey to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting on Tuesday July 17, 2018. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 4.1 Commissioner White asked if anything has been done regarding the speeding issue in the Splash Pad parking lot. Vice Chair Joudrey stated that signs have been posted at the entrance.

Chair Hale asked the Chief if there are still bear sightings being reported. Chief Hussher stated there are still sightings being reported and that one was killed.

Chief Hussher reported that the Torch Run went very well.

5. CHIEF HUSSHER'S REPORT

- 5.1 Chief Hussher presented his report for August 2018.

Chief Hussher stated that domestic violence calls are still on the rise and consuming a lot of time. A lot of work goes into the charge leading up to the court appearance, by which time the victim recants their statement, then shortly after it seems the same people end up calling and tying up officers again with another domestic violence issue. It is consuming a lot of resources and unfortunately only about 2 out of 10 of these cases actually make it to court.

Chief Hussher confirmed the departure of an Officer who will be finishing up next week. Interviews for this term position will be held on Thursday Sept. 20th and any Commissioner interested in being involved in the interviews is welcome to do so. Chair Hale stated that she would join the Chief for interviews.

Chief Hussher is pleased to share that the Youth Corps is starting up again this fall, noting it is a great opportunity for young people to build skills and future opportunities.

Commissioner Gray asked if the 5 off road vehicle investigations noted on the report were in the area of Drummond Mine. Chief Hussher said they are between the mine, Queen Street and Main Street. A couple have been apprehended and officers have a good idea who the others are. The Department of Natural Resources are assisting with the use of their own off road vehicle, as well as the Stellarton Police Department.

Vice Chair Joudrey moved to accept the report from Chief Hussher as presented. Commissioner MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. NEW BUSINESS /OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Chair Hale gave a brief overview of the NSAPG Fall Conference she attended in Bridgewater this month. She also made the Board aware that the Department of Justice is going back to the practice of training Boards. She also reminded the Commissioners that there is a seat available on the Governance Board if anyone is interested.

8. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC

- 8.1 Mayor MacKay asked Chief Hussher where the job opportunities with the Police Department are posted. Chief Hussher responded that for a term position they are selected from applications already on file. When it comes to replacing a full time position the opportunity will be advertised in local newspapers.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 9.1 *Commissioner Ferguson motioned to adjourn the Police Commission meeting at 6:21 p.m. Commissioner MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Sept. 18, 2018 Town of Westville Board of Police Commissioners.


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CHAIRPERSON


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RECORDING SECRETARY