

**Oxford Police Advisory Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

Place: Council Chambers

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Attending: Byron MacDonnell, Acting Chairman (presiding)
Board Members: Annie Crowe, Councilor Dawn Thompson, Councilor Dave Clark, S/Sgt. Craig Learning and Linda Cloney, recording secretary

Guest in attendance: Department of Justice, Policing Services Consultant Donna Jewers

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Agenda items Discussion and Decisions

2. Agenda It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Oxford Police Advisory Board for October 1, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Oxford Police Advisory Board for April 16, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. Presentation **Donna Jewers – Policing Services Consultant from Department of Justice**
Department of Justice Donna Jewers reviewed the make up of Police Advisory Boards.

The Nova Scotia Police Act is the legislation that establishes the framework for policing in Nova Scotia and outlines the authority of the Minister of Justice.

There is a requirement for every municipality in Nova Scotia to have a Police Board.

The municipal police boards arose out of the desire to balance two competing priorities, one the need for the police service to be independent from the direct control of government and two the need for community oversight on the police service.

The primary function of the Police Advisory Boards is to provide civilian governance on behalf of council in relation to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime in the community.

The second function of the Police Advisory Boards is to provide the administrative direction, organization and policy required to maintain an adequate, effective and efficient police department.

The RCMP Advisory Board cannot exercise jurisdiction over complaints and discipline of RCMP members within their community.

Governance is the key feature of Public Accountability.

The members of the police advisory board are required to sign a code of conduct.

The Annual Performance Plan is the process to ensure that the detachment commander has established programs and services that are meeting the priorities and objectives of policing within the community.

Donna Jewers expressed a Thank You to the Police Advisory Board members for their time in meeting with her.

5.1

RCMP Report

S/Sgt. Craig Learning presented the RCMP report in detail.

Key Highlights discussed:

- Community Policing Officer: Cst. Sarah Pennoyer is new to the Cumberland District RCMP. It is anticipated that Oxford will see an increase presence at the Oxford Regional Education Centre.
- The Cumberland District RCMP has a goal to coordinate a minimum of one road safety initiative per month.
- S/Sgt. Craig Learning requested a signature on the Annual Performance Plan acknowledgement of consultation form. Councilor Clark and Councilor Thompson will take this form back to Council for approval.

It was moved and seconded that the RCMP report for this quarter presented on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

A copy of the RCMP report is filed.

5.2

Business from the previous meeting

The Police Advisory Board members asked for an update on the data collection that was done in the Spring and an update for the Minister appointment for a new member on the Police Advisory Board. Linda will provide an update on both requests at the next meeting.

5.3

New Business

There was a general discussion regarding the Police Services Review process. Acting Chairman Byron MacDonnell will give an update at the next Police Advisory Board meeting.

5.4

Correspondence

Nil

5.5 **Board Member Issues**

The issue of speeding on Birchwood Road was brought up as a concern from a resident in Oxford. It was discussed that concerns that come in from public to the Police Advisory Board should come in writing and be reported to the RCMP directly.

5.6 **Municipal Issues**
Nil

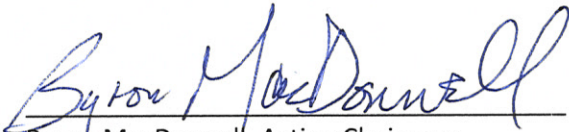
5.7 **Date and time for next meeting**

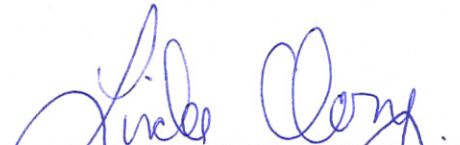
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 pm is scheduled for our next regular meeting

6 It was moved and seconded for the meeting to be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm


Byron MacDonnell, Acting Chairman


Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary