

A regular meeting of the Middleton Police Advisory Board (PAB) was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, starting at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chairing the meeting, Jan Davis; member Gordon Rodgers, Councillors John Himmelman, Marc Britney and Melinda den Haan; RCMP member S/Sgt. John De Winter; and Recording Secretary, Krista Toole.

Regrets: Acting Chief Administrative Officer Brian Smith and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Also in attendance were Acting Sgt. Scott MacMillan, Cpl. Gaetane Cornect, Mayor Calvin Eddy and Deputy Mayor Dan Smith.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CPL IN CHARGE: CPL. GAETANE CORNECT**

S/Sgt. John De Winter introduced the new Cpl.-in-Charge, Gaetane Cornect. Cpl. Cornect transferred from British Columbia, has purchased a home in the local area and plans to retire here. Members welcomed Cpl. Cornect to Middleton. Also introduced was Acting Sgt. Scott MacMillan who will be joining the Annapolis detachment.

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Chair Davis advised the Board of the following changes to the agenda:

- New Business
  - Add item 6.2 - Joint meeting with Bridgetown, Annapolis County and Annapolis Royal Police Advisory Boards.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by G. Rodgers that the minutes of the Police Advisory Board meeting of January 14, 2014, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**5.1 New RCMP Building**

Topic will be covered under agenda item # 7: RCMP Report.

**5.2 Resources/Workload**

Topic will be covered under agenda item # 7: RCMP Report.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Training for RCMP Advisory Board Members**

Members were informed that there is an online course for training that will provide a good refresher for members.

**7. RCMP REPORT**

S/Sgt. De Winter informed the Board of activities undertaken in the area by the RCMP and presented the "Annual Report to Council".

- New Building
  - requesting support to research for a new building within the Town;
  - it is the provincial/federal government responsibility to pay for a new detachment;
  - it is up to the Police Advisory Board to pursue this request;
  - a request will be sent to Council to send a letter of support to the Department of Justice.
- Workload
  - requesting increased funding for front line officers with the County (one additional officer was approved last year and one or two officers are being requested this year);
  - S/Sgt. de Winter recommends that the Middleton Police Advisory Board continue to request that Annapolis County hire additional officers;
  - the officers here have the highest workload per officer in the province;
  - overtime is over \$200,000 this year;
  - S/Sgt. de Winter will forward to Chair Davis a PowerPoint presentation that addresses the few points/statistics that can be used to assist with requests for additional officers;
  - six (6) additional members are needed to provide an adequate compliment to the current workload;
  - forty-four (44) officers would be needed to meet the provincial average, currently there are thirteen (13) officers;

- joint meetings should be held with Police Advisory Boards in Bridgetown, Annapolis County and Annapolis Royal to discuss resources with Councils, Mayors and Warden being invited;
- Chair Davies will contact the chairs of the Bridgetown, Annapolis County and Annapolis Royal Police Advisory Boards;
- Councillors den Haan and Himmelman will assist with the planning of the meeting.

**It was moved by Councillor Britney, seconded by Councillor den Haan that the Police Advisory Board make a recommendation to Town Council that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice for a new detachment in Middleton. Motion carried.**

**8. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Chair Davis reported that parking in front of the banks continues to be an on-going issue.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Board agreed to meet bi-monthly. The next meeting will take place on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

A planning meeting for the joint Police Advisory Board meeting will take place on March 12, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Chair Davis's house.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by G. Rodgers seconded by Councillor Britney that the Board adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.**

  
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CHAIR

  
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RECORDING SECRETARY



**Town of Middleton  
Annual Report to Council  
2014 March 04**

**Introduction:**

I would like to extend greetings on behalf of our new Commanding Officer Assistant Commissioner Brian BRENNAN and our District Policing Officer (DPO) Superintendent Sylvie BOURASSA-MUISE. On behalf of the staff of the Annapolis RCMP, we would like to thank Warden RITCHIE, Council and staff for working collaboratively with Annapolis RCMP in our continued efforts to enhance a Safe and Secure Annapolis County.

**Staff Sergeant John de WINTER:**

The Annual Report for 2013-14, includes crime statistics as noted on the Mayors Report provided by the national Police Report Operational System (PROS). This report is categorized into crime groups reflecting calls for service which require a response by Annapolis RCMP.

In 2013-14 the Priority Objectives for our Policing Strategy were based on input from various community stakeholders, which identified the following priorities and initiatives:

- ✓ Road Safety,
- ✓ Crime Reduction,
- ✓ Domestic violence,
- ✓ Youth,
- ✓ Senior Safety,
- ✓ Mental Health,

In each of the objectives we tailor plans to meet successful results. Examples of this would be as follows:

**Road Safety:**

Front line members are being mentored to focus on Aggressive Drivers, which includes high end speeders, Intersection violators, distracted drivers and seat belt violations. These are some of the most impacting offences that can cause death and serious injuries to our citizens. We also attack impaired driving vigorously as over 1500 deaths are taking place on Canadian roads and highways annually. Annapolis RCMP continues to strive for the potential to implement a dedicated traffic position to ensure our roads are as safe as they can be.

## ***"We can reduce fatal and injury accidents in Annapolis County"***

### **Crime Reduction:**

Annapolis RCMP are implementing crime reduction strategies that could artificially spike crime rates in the first few years but the end results could be a much safer community over the long term. Some of these strategies include:

- Offender management through community sentence order and curfew checks,
- Street checks on suspect behaviour in traffic and pedestrian interactions. An example of the impact of this strategy can be articulated through the Supreme Court of Canada's "Caslake Decision" which gives police the ability to search vehicles and persons, when there are reasonable grounds.
- Intelligence led policing through the mentoring and development of operational members in the field is our goal of being tactical proficient in response to criminal elements without our community.

## ***"We can reduce Criminal Offences in Annapolis County"***

### **Domestic Violence:**

Annapolis RCMP is engaged in "Domestic Violence" training for all members. This is National and Provincial priority due to the large volume of domestic violence issues within Canadian communities and Annapolis members have been required to pass mandatory training which will help in the management of both victims and offenders.

## ***"Family Violence is everyone's concern, so lets make a difference"***

### **Youth:**

In modern day policing there has been a growing focus on education and prevention in law enforcement. At every opportunity the police need to enhance communications and build relations with stakeholders to ensure we mentor and development our youth. It takes a community to raise a child and I am proud to say Annapolis RCMP provides an exceptional Community Program Officer initiative. We are pleased and thankful for the funding and advocate for the long term sustainability and commitment to this program which is receiving accolades from our parents, citizens and schools. Going forward funding from the Government of Canada, the Town of Middleton and the Town of Bridgetown will take place. This is a strategic move that maintains a high level of service delivery and your influence in the most cost effective manner possible.

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***"It takes a community to mentor and raise a child"***

**Senior Safety:**

Our senior safety program is another component of law enforcement that has evolved to meet the needs of both adults and seniors who have become vulnerable to abuse and victimization. It is with pride the Annapolis RCMP are able to achieve impacting results for those who need a timely and appropriate response specific to the needs of individuals and our community at large. Education of the public and links into various stakeholders make this program another success story and again we are thankful for the dedicated resourcing of our Senior Safety program.

***"Annapolis County is there for adults and seniors in need"***

**Mental Health:**

A third component to Law Enforcement has been implemented with your Annapolis RCMP office. A full time Community and Safety Resource officer has been established within our organizational chart through our Corporate Planning office. The dedicated approach of having a provincially funded RCMP Mental Health Officer is a significant accomplishment for Annapolis County. Additionally, this position has been allowed to advance the needs of both the Community Program Officer and our Senior Safety Office position along with increased front line support to our members. It is important for rural communities to advocate positions such as our CSRO position to be imbedded into our rural communities when possible. We are better for it and thankful for this funding.

***"Our Goal is a Safe and Secure Community"***

**Current Establishment:**

**Bridgetown & Middleton Offices**

- 1 - Staff /Sergeant John de Winter
- 1 - Acting Sergeant Scott MacMillan - Operational NCO  
(Surplus to Establishment)

**Annapolis RCMP Middleton Detachment:**

- 1 - Cpl. Barry Lannon - Team Leader
- 8 - Cst. Jason Forrest (Middleton - East Zone)
- Cst. Mireille Chantelois (Middleton - East Zone)

- Cst. Todd Sparkes (Middleton - East Zone)
- Cst. Nick Hamill (Middleton - East Zone)
- Cst. Irene Clouter (Middleton - East Zone)
- Cst. Bradley Williams (Middleton-East Zone)
- Cst. Ashley Levy (Middleton-East Zone)
- Cst. Sharla Pinksen (Surplus to Establishment)

- 1 - Public Service Employee. Lorna Long Detachment Assistant

**Annapolis RCMP Bridgetown Detachment: (902-665-4481)**

- 2 - Cpl. Dale Guy - Team Leader  
 - Cpl. Gaetane Cornect - Team Leader
- 7 - Cst. Francois Harrisson (Bridgetown - West Zone)  
 - Cst. Ross Lloyd (Bridgetown - West Zone)  
 - Cst. Robert Archibald (Bridgetown - West Zone)  
 - Cst. Lisa Miner (Bridgetown - West Zone)  
 - Cst. Kyle Brake (Bridgetown - West Zone)  
 - Cst. Gary Beifuss (Bridgetown - West Zone)  
 - Cst. Reg Ripley (Bridgetown - West Zone)
- 3 - P/S Carolyn Crowell, Detachment Assistant  
 - P/S Arlene Mann, Detachment Assistant  
 - P/S Lesley Nippard, Detachment Assistant

**Annapolis RCMP Auxiliary Program:**

- 3 - Cst. Donald Kaulbach  
 - Cst. Rodena Renaud (nonoperational)  
 - Cst. Patrick Difford

**Prevention and Education:**

- 1 - Sharon Elliott - Seniors Safety Coordinator  
 1 - Rodena Renaud - Community Program Officer  
 1 - Cst. David Fairfax - Community Resource Safety Officer

**Street Crime Enforcement Unit:**

- 1 - Cst. Sheldon Clouter  
 1 - Cst. Kyle Brake



<b>Staff Sergeant</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Corporal</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Constables - General Duty</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Provincial Street Crime Enforcement Unit</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Community Safety Resource Officer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Senior Safety Program</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Community Program Officer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Administration Staff</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>

### **Volunteers:**

Our Citizens on Patrol and Neighborhood Watch volunteers help keep our homes safe by their dedication to the community and our detachment.

The Annapolis Detachment has a well-established working relationship with all Annapolis County and Towns, Fire Departments, Emergency Health Services (EHS), Department of Highways, Ground Search & Rescue, Natural Resources, and the Military.

### **Vehicles:**

Vehicle allotment is consistent with the establishment of members within the District. At present there are 11 vehicles being utilized by the members. There are also two all-terrain vehicles which are being utilized for searches and rural patrols.

### **Training:**

All Annapolis RCMP Detachment members participate in mandatory annual training including the following: Taser, Pepper Spray, Firearms, Immediate Rapid Deployment (IARD), self-defense, tactical troop, first aid, CPR, Search Warrant, Aboriginal perspectives, domestic violence, drug recognitions, Intelligence gathering, ground search and rescue, Intoxilyzer, cadet field coaching, interviewing and interrogations, child sexual assault training, health and safety training, radar, recognition of Emotionally Disturbed Persons Course, Canine training, DARE,

computer courses plus many on line voluntary training courses that members can now access through their security clearances..

Training of members is a regular activity within the county and unfortunately training opportunities cannot always be achieved due to limitations beyond our control.

### **Buildings:**

The cells for the Bridgetown detachment are now being modernized with the upgrading of one cell, hallways, guard station, interview room, garage bays and Breathalyzer room at a cost in excess of \$200,000.00. This achievement will increase efficiencies and provide for a better overall service and will provide employment to Annapolis County residents without any increased costing.

### **Zones:**

Annapolis District is divided into two zones to meet both the public's needs and to allow for more efficient policing. The Eastern Zone, based out of our Middleton office, is comprised of a Corporal, six constables and one public servant. The Western Zone, based out of our Bridgetown Office, consists of a Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, two Corporals, six constables and 3 public servants. District detachment management for both units is overseen by the Staff/Sergeant.

### **Long Term Goals:**

Annapolis RCMP continues to work with Annapolis Community leaders in our goal of being an efficient and effective police model for all residents. The police more so than any other agency can affect your community in a positive way and we continue to strive to be an organization of excellence in our goal of making Annapolis County one of the safest communities in the Canada.

### **Work Profile:**

Notwithstanding the pro-active approach being pursued, through prevention by public involvement and education, much of our work is still reactive. The following are statistics comparing calendar year 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The Annapolis District actioned 4673 occurrences in 2013 compared to 4625 calls in 2011.

ANNUAL REPORT				
OFFENCE CATEGORY	2011	2012	2013	INCREASE/DECREASE
ROBBERY	4	4	2	Decrease
ASSAULTS	184	184	216	Increase
SEXUAL ASSAULTS	28	25	31	Increase
EXCISE ACT	7	1	3	Increase
BREAK & ENTER	251	218	240	Increase
IMPAIRED DRIVERS	108	121	146	Increase
THEFT OVER	46	53	43	decrease
THEFT UNDER	348	331	398	Increase
COLLISIONS	326	300	287	Decrease
FRAUDS	57	73	70	Increase
DRUG - POSS/TRAF/PROD	101	105	136	Increase
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	1034	1077	1308	Increase
CALLS FOR SERVICE	4654	4625	4673	Increase
Traffic – (Jan, 01 to Dec, 31, 2013)	198	296	345	Increase

*Thank you for your continued support,*

*Staff Sergeant John de WINTER  
Annapolis County RCMP-GRC*

*“With your support, your police, more so than any other agency can impact a community in a positive way”*