

A regular meeting of the Middleton Police Advisory Board (PAB) was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, starting at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Jan Davis; Councillors John Himmelman, Marc Britney and Councillor Melinda den Haan; Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner; RCMP members Acting Sgt. Scott MacMillan, Cpl. Gaetane Cornect; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Gordon Rodgers.

Also in attendance were Mayor Calvin Eddy, Councillor Gail Smith and seven (7) citizens.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

140909.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

140909.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last Police Advisory Board meeting of June 10, 2014, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Joint Police Advisory Board Meeting

Chair Davis reminded members that there will be a Joint Police Advisory Board meeting with the Annapolis County Police Advisory Board on September 30, 2014 at 7 p.m. The Councils for Annapolis County, Bridgetown and Middleton will also be invited.

4.2 Police Advisory Board Member Training

Chair Davis contacted Nadia Hillier of the Nova Scotia Department of Justice and she can attend a Police Advisory Board (PAB) Meeting to discuss rules and regulations pertaining to community boards and online training available to PABs. Chair Davis will contact her once a date has been determined.

4.3 Visibility of RCMP in Town

Concerns have been raised concerning the visibility of the RCMP in Town during the day and evenings in areas such as the main downtown, Rotary Park, behind the pharmacy, Tim Hortons and the Needs parking lot.

Acting Sgt. MacMillan stated that:

- Visibility should increase with two new members starting in September and the new Sergeant starting on October 1;
- The recent assault in Town is taking up a lot of resources. One interrogation can take between four and twelve hours and they are trying to balance the investigation with being present in the community.
- The current detachment is not conducive to today's world. When a large number of people are brought in for questioning they have to take them to Bridgetown or Kingston, which takes the RCMP out of the community and then they are not visible. A new detachment will mean more visibility in the community.

4.4 Drugs in Town

There are concerns regarding drugs in the Town. Citizens have been watching the drugs being sold from houses in their community and have heard people making deals in Tim Hortons. The Safer Communities and Neighbourhood Act is being used to address some of these issues.

5. NEW BUSINESS**5.1 Illegal Parking**

The RCMP were asked to look into illegal parking at the banks and the post office and people parking in the crosswalk area near the intersection of Main and King Streets.

5.2 Speeding on Main Street

RCMP were asked to look into the speeding taking place on Connaught Street and Main Street where the speed limit changes to sixty kilometers per hour.

6. RCMP REPORT

Acting Sergeant MacMillan and Cpl. Cornect informed the Board that they are coming to a conclusion on the recent rash of break and enters and provided an overview of RCMP activities since the last PAB meeting.

7. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

CAO Turner informed the Board that there is an annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Chiefs and Police Boards and if the PAB wishes to send a representative next year, it will need to be put in next year's budget.

On questions from residents, Acting Sergeant MacMillan advised that the methadone clinic does not come under the jurisdiction of the Town and will meet with the citizens regarding their concerns.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30.

9. ADJOURNMENT

140909.03: It was moved and seconded that the Board adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.



CHAIR



RECORDING SECRETARY