A regular meeting of the Middleton Police Advisory Board (PAB) was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, starting at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Jan Davis; Members Gordon Rodgers and Hilton Seymour; Councillors John Himmelman and Melinda den Haan; Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner; RCMP members S/Sgt. Dan MacGillvray, Sgt. Terry Miller and Cst. David Fairfax; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Councillor Marc Britney and Cpl. Gaetane Cornect.

Also in attendance were Mayor Calvin Eddy and Councillor Gail Smith.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

150113.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

3. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Mayor Calvin Eddy swore in Hilton Seymour as a member of the Middleton Police Advisory Board.

4. PRESENTATION

.01 Cst. David Fairfax - Community Safety Resource Officer

Cst. Fairfax provided an overview of the Opioid Replacement Treatment Program (ORTP) in the Annapolis Valley including:

- general information on the development of the ORTP;
- information about Opioids and treatment options;
- an overview of the structure and practices of the ORTP.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Joint Police Advisory Board Meeting – September 30, 2014

150113.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Joint Police Advisory Board meeting of September 30, 2014, be approved as amended. Motion carried.

5.2 Police Advisory Board Meeting - November 18, 2014

150113.03: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Police Advisory Board meeting of November 18, 2014, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

5.3 Police Advisory Board Meeting – December 11, 2014

150113.04: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Police Advisory Board meeting of December 11, 2014, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Sgt. Terry Miller introduced the new Staff Sergeant, Dan MacGillvray who provided the PAB with an overview of his background and experience.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Speeding in Town

Chair Davis advised the Board that there have been no further complaints.

6.2 Response of RCMP when called

Chair Davis informed the Board that Cpl. MacMillan was going to follow-up with dispatch as some phone calls from citizens were not responded to/answered. Sgt. Miller will follow up with Cpl. MacMillan and dispatch.

6.3 Parking Tickets

CAO Turner informed the Board that parking tickets have to be registered with the NS Department of Justice which enables Summary Offence Tickets (SOTs) to be issued and, if payment is not made, the ability to have it collected when people renew their licenses.

Sgt. Miller pointed out that if the parking offense falls under the municipal bylaw, responsibility for the prosecution rests with the Town. This can be quite costly and the revenue received from the tickets may not warrant the expense of prosecuting those that do not pay. Charging people under the Motor Vehicle Act is very time consuming.

There may be other methods that can be looked at to ensure people are not parking in "no parking" zones.

S/Sgt. MacGillivray will explore the options that are utilized in Windsor and CAO Turner will explore the process for issuance of SOTs. Both will report back at the next PAB Meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Schedule of Meeting - 2015

The Board agreed to change the September meeting from September 8 to September 15, 2015 due to a conflict with the Town Council meeting.

8. RCMP REPORT

S/Sgt. MacGillvray and Sgt. Miller informed the Board that there had been an overall reduction in calls, a minor spike in domestic violence calls and few property crimes.

The visibility of the RCMP in the Town is a priority and they both consider it a very important part of the operation.

9. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Himmelman inquired about an article in the local newspaper concerning the Annapolis County Police Advisory Board requesting renovations/expansion to the Bridgetown detachment. Sgt Miller informed the Board that a request was made to increase the capacity of the Bridgetown office and it will not have an impact on Middleton's request for a new detachment.

S/Sgt. MacGillvray will follow up with the planning section in Halifax.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30.

11. ADJOURNMENT

150113.05: It was moved and seconded that the Board adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

RECORDING SECRETARY