

A meeting of the Police Advisory Board (PAB) was held in person on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 starting at 6:00pm.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting: Janet Davis, Mayor Gail Smith, Councillors Jonathan Archibald and Bernadette Knapp, S/Sgt. Grant Ryland, Cpl. Pascal Boudreau, RCMP; Citizens-at-large, Jo-Ann Hightower, Brenda Ford, and Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau.

Regrets: CAO Ashley Crocker

Also in attendance: Two (2) Citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

260714.01 It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. **Motion carried.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3.1. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2026

No errors or omissions were noted, and the minutes were considered approved.

4. RCMP REPORTS

4.1. Quarterly Report for April to July 2026

S/Sgt. Grant Ryland gave a brief overview of the Quarterly Report for April to July 2026.

- Chair Davis inquired whether the increase in mental health-related concerns has contributed to the recent influx of calls.
 - S/Sgt. Ryland responded that it varies depending on the individual's circumstances. In some cases, the Mobile Crisis Team is involved. He added that each situation is assessed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the person's needs.

- S/Sgt. Ryland said a new Staff Sergeant has been appointed and will be arriving from British Columbia in August.

4.2. Town of Middleton Q2 Statistics

S/Sgt. Ryland gave a brief overview of the Q2 Statistics.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1. Process for Appointing a DOJ Rep on the Police Advisory Boards (PABs)

- Chair Davis noted that no applications have been received from anyone at the provincial level.
 - Councillor Knapp stated that she is aware of Dane Berringer's application being brought forward.

ACTION: Staff to follow up on the status of Dane Berringer's application.

5.2. Training for PAB Members

Board members were asked to identify three potential dates for PAB Member Training. The Board agreed to hold the training after a regular PAB meeting in September if possible. The proposed dates are **September 9, September 10 (if September 9 is unavailable), and September 29**. Staff will work with Department of Justice on selecting a date.

6. **ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

- Councillor Archibald asked whether members of the public who attend meetings are permitted to speak.
 - Chair Davis replied that there is a limited opportunity for public comment. Individuals wishing to address the Board should submit their comments in advance of the meeting by emailing ea@town.middleton.ns.ca
- Councillor Archibald stated that he appreciated the RCMP update on the recent drug raid but questioned why no public alert was issued regarding the individual with a pellet gun. He asked whether there is a process for determining when an alert should be issued.
 - S/Sgt. Ryland explained that information shared on Facebook contributed to unnecessary panic and the spread of misinformation. He noted that the incident was contained by the RCMP within

approximately six minutes and it was not considered an active shooter situation. He added that there is a defined process and specific criteria that must be met before a public alert is issued.

- A separate discussion took place regarding the threshold for notifying the Town.
- Chair Davis inquired whether the RCMP always responds to reports of theft.
 - Cpl. Boudreau replied that an in-person response is not necessarily required in every case, depending on the circumstances.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will take place in September (9, 10 or 29) and will be determined once training is coordinated with the Department of Justice.

Recording Secretary Marceau from the Town of Middleton facilitated the Swearing in Ceremony as a Commissioner of Oaths.

- Citizen Brenda Ford was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY