



A regular meeting of Joint Police Advisory Board was held at the Middleton Town Hall on Thursday, February 20, 2025, starting at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, CAO Crocker, Warden, Diane LeBlanc, Councillors Nile Harding, John Bartlett and Sandra Fournier. Citizens Patricia Leslie, John Thompson, Carole Greentree, William Street and Staff Sargent Mike Maxwell and Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau.

Regrets: Chris McNeill

Also in attendance: Tina Halliday, Rebecca Grinstead

1. WELCOME

At 6:30pm, CAO Crocker welcomed everyone to the new Joint Police Advisory Board.

2. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Tina Halliday from Annapolis County facilitated the Swearing In Ceremony as a Commissioner of Oaths.

- Citizen John Thompson was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Citizen Patricia Leslie was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Citizen Carole Greentree was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Citizen William Street was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Councillor John Bartlett was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Councillor Sandra Fournier was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Councillor Nile Harding was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Warden Diane LeBlanc was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CAO Crocker called for nominations and Nile Harding was nominated and accepted the nomination.

- CAO Crocker called for nominations a 2nd time and there were no nominations
- CAO Crocker called for nominations a 3rd time and there were no nominations

- Nile Harding was acclaimed as Chair of the Joint Police Advisory Board

Chair Harding asked everyone to introduce themselves, and introductions took place.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Harding called for nominations and John Bartlett was nominated and accepted the nomination.

- Chair called for nominations a 2nd time and there were no nominations
- Chair called for nominations a 3rd time and there were no nominations
- John Bartlett was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Joint Police Advisory Board

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

250220.01 It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

6. MINUTES

6.1 Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

2024.09.26 Annapolis County PAB Minutes
2025.01.16 Town of Middleton PAB Minutes

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

New RCMP Community Orientation Project

There was a discussion around the RCMP Community Orientation Project

- Members stated that this project was around creating an orientation package that the RCMP could provide to new members to educate them about our Town and County.
- One member suggested reaching out to the Nova Scotia Community College, COGS who have done mapping of roads, etc.
- **ACTION:** Staff will bring a table of contents for the next PAB meeting for a potential orientation package, which will be reviewed with the RCMP prior to the meeting.

8. RCMP REPORTS

8.1 DOJ Policing Service Recipient Update, February 2025

Chair Harding stated that report was circulated to the board.

The Board currently does not have a member appointed by the Department of Justice. Members should encourage people to apply for the provincial position.

ACTION: Find the DOJ application form and post to Town of Middleton website.

8.2 2025-26 Policing Priorities

There was a lengthy discussion around the 2025-26 Policing Priorities. The top four (4) policing priorities for 2025-26 are:

1. Intelligence led policing (including Speed Signs, Crime Stopper Tips, Community Groups and Online Reporting Systems)
2. Reduction of property crime
3. Road safety
4. Police visibility and public engagement

A question was asked: "What can we do to help Sgt. Maxwell?"

- Report everything, don't just complain to your neighbors.
- Engage in constructive conversations to help maintain focus during meetings.
- Support crime reporting efforts through Crime Stoppers or online reporting platforms.

250220.02 It was moved and seconded to implement the four (4) policies carried over from last year. Motion carried.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday April 17 at 11:00am, in the Municipality of the County of Annapolis Council Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.



Chair



Recording Secretary