



ATTENDING

Chair - Councillor Carl Oldham, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Jim Morgenstern, Joan Boutilier, Terry Hennigar, Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, Sgt. Stephen Power, and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ALSO ATTENDING

Interested members of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Councillor Hugh Simpson and Meg Townsend

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT COUNCIL/RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2016 BE APPROVED

Amendments:

- Page 4 – **Update on Homecoming Incident, September 2015 (Jim Morgenstern)**
Amend third bullet "...whereby the individual was paroled and agreed..." to read "...whereby the individual was placed on probation and agreed..."

MINUTES APPROVED WITH ABOVE NOTED AMENDMENTS

CARRIED

3. RCMP REPORT

a. Quarterly Update

- Sgt Stephen Power provided an update on what the RCMP have been doing over the last quarter (July 1, 2016 – September 26, 2016): Total calls for service – 543
- 2016-17 Annual Performance Plan
 - Safe roads and safe highways in Nova Scotia
 - Safety and security of all Nova Scotians (crime reduction)
 - Reduce cybercrime in Nova Scotia
 - Enhance relationship with Aboriginal communities
 - Safe and peaceful community (Wolfville specific)
 - Participation in foot/bicycle patrols
 - Enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Act
 - Issuance of Noise Bylaw charges
- Presentations:
 - Crosswalk and Bicycle Safety – The Community Policing Officer prepared handouts and delivered them while on foot patrol throughout Wolfville/Acadia. She spoke with the general public on both crosswalk and bicycle safety/laws



- RCMP attended Acadia University and did a presentation to approximately 100 International students, focusing on driving laws, Criminal Code Offences, Bylaws, laws on alcohol consumption and crosswalk/bicycle laws
- RCMP prepared and delivered a presentation in Wolfville to the Syrian refugee families. There were two interpreters on site who assisted with delivering the message. Topics covered were the role of police, Criminal Code laws, when to call 9-1-1, driving laws/rules of the road, bicycle & crosswalk safety, municipal Bylaws and how to get in contact with the police

b. Acadia University Welcome Week Recap

- In preparation for Welcome Week activities, police visited ten residences known to host loud parties in previous years. Investigators met with tenants and discussed laws and penalties, including the Town of Wolfville's Prevention of Excessive Noise Bylaw
- Additionally, as parties developed, investigators proactively engaged with the tenants and landlords, in an effort to prevent the party from disrupting the neighbourhood

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Policing Priorities - 2016

- RCMP Board Priorities were categorized into role, responsibility and how success was going to be measured. The report presented was not intended as a 'Report Card' at this point but intended to outline the RCMP Advisory Board Priorities and those areas of focus from a performance metrics point of view:
 - **Increase community understanding of community policing**
 - One of the challenges is that there is currently no benchmark data available on community understanding and satisfaction with community policing in Wolfville
 - This year there is a Community Satisfaction Survey (both telephone and online) being held which poses three questions related to policing in Wolfville. The Survey closes at end-September 2016 with results of the Survey being presented to the Board at the December meeting
 - **Decrease infractions related to liquor offenses, noise and property damage**
 - There is data available related to liquor and property damage offenses as well as noise infractions
 - 2015 was the first year that the Town was able to capture a full year of noise related data so there is good benchmarking data moving forward
 - **Develop mechanisms to evaluate the success of community policing**
 - Data will be obtained from the Citizen Satisfaction Survey and from statistics derived from the Annual Performance Plan
 - Improved policing statistics and improved satisfaction with community policing within Wolfville will be targeted and both are good measures to see how the Board is performing



- **Decrease incidents of unsafe cycling**
 - A decrease in the number of reported cycling infractions would be ideal as a performance metric, however this is difficult as no cycling infractions were reported in 2015
 - Education efforts by the Town and the RCMP will be quantified
 - Capital improvements and signage efforts by the Town will be quantified
- **Decrease drug-related/substance abuse incidents**
 - The RCMP has statistics on drug and substance abuse related incidents and charges for Wolfville
 - This priority rests primarily with the RCMP; however, the Board does have a role to receive reports and examine trends
 - Statistics in this area have been stable from 2014-2016, and have resulted in very few charges being laid

Discussion:

- **Next Steps:**
 - The next step will be to provide a “Report Card” at the December meeting of the RCMP Advisory Board to see how we are doing and what the statistics look like with regards to Policing Priorities in the Town of Wolfville
- **Alcohol Infractions**
 - There are no statistics for the number of alcohol related infractions that fall within the university age-group demographics
- **Communications Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)**
 - Staff are working on the development of a Communications SOP which is targeted to be shared with the Board at the December meeting
- **Community Satisfaction Survey**
 - Concern expressed with regards to the nature of the questions being posed within the Community Satisfaction Survey for Policing – the nature of the questions being asked do not necessarily relate to the Policing Priorities
 - The telephone Survey will be statistically significant focused on a sample size of 150 responses. The online survey will not be statistically significant but will provide another piece of information for the Board and Council to consider
 - The three questions with regards to Policing are an early attempt at gathering data. There may be some value in the future for the Board to develop questions with regards to a Policing-focused survey for the community
 - For the Board, the more information that is statistically provided going forward will better enable the Board to set priorities going forward
 - The online and telephone results will be presented separately
- This report is moving the RCMP Advisory Board in the right direction with regards to the development of performance metrics



5. NEW BUSINESS

a. RCMP Advisory Board Bylaw, Ch87 - Amendment

- Update provided to the Board with regards to the amended RCMP Advisory Board Bylaw, Chapter 87 going before Town Council for Second Reading
- The main change is that the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair is not by Council but by the Board
- After Second Reading, the Bylaw will be submitted for Ministerial approval
- There was some discussion on residency requirements to serve as a board member

b. Strategic Planning Process Input

The new Council will come into effect post-Election in October 2016. As part of the Strategic Planning Process scheduled for December, the following questions were put to the Board for Strategic Planning Process input:

- **Key accomplishments from past term:**
 - The collaborative effort between the Board and the RCMP, and the harmonious approach and responsiveness of the Police. The Board is one that feels as if it makes a difference
 - The clear articulation and formalization of the Priorities of the Board that will allow input into community policing
- **Top Priorities going forward:**
 - Increase community understanding of community policing
 - Decrease infractions related to liquor offenses, noise and property damage
 - Develop mechanisms to evaluate the success of community policing
 - Decrease incidents of unsafe cycling
 - Decrease drug-related/substance abuse incidents
- **What would you like Council to consider as part of the strategic planning process:**
 - The Town's relationship with Acadia University and the adequacy of current mechanisms (i.e., Wolfville-Acadia Town & Gown Committee). Are the Town's initiatives and the University's initiatives as fully integrated as they might be?
 - A Council Strategic Plan that has a clear and concise strategy on how the Town will improve and develop a more efficient relationship over the next four years between the Town as a municipality and the University

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- No issues put before the Board

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- The idea was presented to the Board for a one-day session coordinated by the Town called "Bridge-Building" with representation from the students, and not just the Student Union but also representatives from each year, University Administration and Security, the RCMP, Town residents, current sitting Council and whoever else the Town feels appropriate.
 - This Bridge-Building session would be to discuss the fundamental issues that keep coming up but just don't get solved
- Would like to see stronger positive relationships with students



8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCMP ADVISORY BOARD BE ADJOURNED AT 11:17 AM

CARRIED

Approved at the December 20, 2016 RCMP Advisory Board Meeting.

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Services.