

## **RCMP Advisory Board – Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 6, 2019

**Time:** 5:15 PM

**Location:** Antigonish County Municipal Office, Board Room

### **Present**

Chair, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart  
Municipal Councillor Vaughan Chisholm  
Town Councillor Diane Roberts  
Sgt. Warren McBeath (RCMP)  
Carroll MacAdam (Member at Large - County)

Town Councillor Jack MacPherson  
Matt Whitehead (Provincial Appointee)  
Fred Bell (Member at Large - Town)  
Judy Julien (Paqtnkek Councillor)

### **Also Present:**

Jeff Lawrence, Town CAO  
Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk Treasurer  
Lindsay Basinger, Town Strategic Projects Officer  
Donnie MacDonald, Municipal Councillor  
Mike Taylor

### **Regrets**

Russ Nicols (Member at Large – County)  
Verne Barnett (Member at Large – Town)

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Deputy Warden Stewart called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. All present then introduced themselves.

#### **2. Approval to the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Chisholm that the agenda be approved as presented. MC.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

A correction was noted for the spelling of Mr. MacAdams' first name. Moved by Councillor MacPherson, seconded by Councillor Roberts that the minutes be approved as amended. MC.

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### **5. RCMP Quarterly Report**

Sgt. MacBeath spoke to the attached report and provided an organizational chart of the Antigonish Detachment for the Board's reference. The staffing compliment was reviewed. Questions from the Board concerning the Traffic Unit, its coverage area and how it fit within the organization. Deputy Warden Stewart expressed his thanks to Sgt. McBeath and stated that he is doing a very good job.

#### **6. Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

#### **7. Police Resource Levels**

Sgt. MacBeath shared with the Board that there have been no increases in the number of members posted at the Antigonish Detachment since 1991 or before and requested that the discussion of police resources be opened. Discussion ensued. It was felt that the most appropriate course would be to refer the request to Municipal / Town staff to review with the RCMP and the Department of Justice prior to a formal presentation to the Board and subsequently Councils.

#### **8. Annual Performance Plan (APP) Initiatives for 2019/20**

Sgt. MacBeath spoke to the 2019/20 APP Initiatives, which focus on:

1. Road Safety Enhancement;
2. Crime Reduction; and,
3. Enhancing Relationships with Indigenous Communities.

Sgt. MacBeath also spoke to the functions being reviewed this year as part of the RCMPs annual process, which include:

- Sexual Assault Investigation;
- Exhibits;
- Supervision;
- Domestic Violence; and,
- Vehicle Maintenance.

#### **9. Concerns RE: Speeding on Highway 337 at Mount Cameron**

Councillor MacDonald raised concerns with speeding in this area of the County. Sgt. MacBeath was asked if the RCMP can use the data collected on the County speed reader to determine if additional enforcement is required in that area; Sgt. MacBeath would be happy to receive and review the data collected. Municipal staff will coordinate with the RCMP.

Discussion followed and a brief description of the speed reader was provided.

#### **10. RCMP Walking Patrol in Town**

On behalf of Town Council, Councillor MacPherson raised the question of RCMP walking patrols on Main Street. It was reiterated by Sgt. MacBeath that there are insufficient resources to provide regular walking patrols on Main Street. Discussion followed including other options to achieve the same outcome, including cameras. The Town is currently pursuing cameras at strategic points along Main

Street that will enhance public safety without requiring additional RCMP resources. A question and brief discussion ensued concerning axillary RCMP members, which are not used any longer.

**11. Updated Terms of Reference**

Lindsay Basinger spoke to proposed amendments to the Board's terms of reference and that they will be provided for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

**12. Adjournment**

On motion of Mr. Bell the meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019, at Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation, chaired by Councillor MacPherson.

**Antigonish RCMP Monthly Report – 2019/05/01-2019/05/31**

**Submitted by Sgt. Warren McBeath – 2019/06/03**

**Occurrence and Crime Reporting**

| Type of File                   | Town       | County     | Paqtnkek  | Totals     |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Crime against Person           | 21         | 22         | 2         | 45         |
| Crime against Property         | 11         | 20         | 2         | 33         |
| Impaired Driving               | 6          | 13         | 1         | 20         |
| Traffic Collisions             | 5          | 6          | 1         | 12         |
| Traffic Offences               | 37         | 145        | 3         | 185        |
| Checkpoints                    | 0          | 8          | 0         | 8          |
| 911 Act-Offences Only          | 8          | 11         | 0         | 19         |
| Other Municipal                | 2          | 2          | 2         | 6          |
| Other Provincial               | 15         | 5          | 2         | 22         |
| Other Criminal Code            | 7          | 2          | 1         | 10         |
| Assist Other Gov't Agency      | 8          | 5          | 1         | 14         |
| Assist GP/Crime Prevention     | 24         | 24         | 0         | 48         |
| <b>Total Calls for Service</b> | <b>144</b> | <b>263</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>422</b> |

**Notable Events:**

Police Week was May 13-17 and we held our Annual barbeque at the detachment on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The event was very well attended (especially considering the cold weather) and transfer plaques were presented to S/Sgt. Glassford and Cst. Beadman.

Lobster fishing season is well underway and we have been partnering with DFO to ensure any disputes do not get out of hand. Patrols have been made to all local fishing wharfs in Antigonish County.

Planning has continued for several upcoming major events including the Highland Games, Riverside Speedway Races, Nova Scotia Summer Festival, Senior 55+ Games, St. FX Orientation Week and Homecoming 2019.