

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 6, 2021 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

Location: Videoconference

Present: Sergeant Ed Nugent, Doug Landry, Robert Phillips,  
Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Brent Sampson

Call to order

Sergeant Ed Nugent, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Doug Landry, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes – January 16, 2020

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the January 16, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Introductions

Sergeant Nugent welcomed the Board members to the meeting and members introduced themselves.

Appointment of Chairperson:

Sergeant Nugent called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Councillor Shawn Samson nominated Robert Phillips for the position of Chairperson. Mr. Phillips declined the nomination.

Councillor Samson nominated Doug Landry for the position of Chairperson. Mr. Landry accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Mr. Doug Landry becomes the Chairperson of the Police Advisory Board.

### Appointment of Vice Chairperson:

Mr. Landry called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson.

Councillor Brent Sampson nominated Councillor Shawn Samson for the position of Vice Chairperson.

Councillor Samson accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Councillor Samson becomes the Vice Chairperson of the Police Advisory Board.

### Provincial Appointee Process

It was noted that information regarding a Provincial Appointee to the Board was included in the package. It was also noted that the link should be shared with members of the public to encourage interested parties to make application through the Municipal Clerk or the Department of Justice regarding the Provincial Appointee for the Police Advisory Board.

### Sergeant Ed Nugent re: Richmond County Stats

Sergeant Nugent reviewed the Policing Report (attached). The following points were brought forth:

- The Richmond County District RCMP responded to a total of 532 calls for service from January to March, 2021. These numbers include self-generated police files such as traffic and drug related investigations.
- During these months, members completed 49 check stops throughout the County, checking 628 vehicles. Several criminal driving charges were laid during this time including 1 charge of impaired driving by alcohol, 1 charge of dangerous driving, one charge of flight from police, and one charge of driving while prohibited. Also, 1 driving suspension was issued. 23 collisions were investigated with no fatalities to report.
- Richmond County RCMP members issued 81 summary offence tickets under the various Provincial Acts (MVA, LCA, CCA, and OHVA) with 125 warnings issued along with 2 defect notices.
- A breakdown of some of the common offences where tickets were issued (not all-inclusive):
  - 4 – Distracted Driving (cell phone)
  - 14 – Speed between 1-15 km/hr
  - 9 – Speed between 16-30 km/hr
  - 2 – Speed over 31 km/hr
  - 1 – Crossing double solid line
  - 1 – No seatbelt
  - 6 – No driver's license
  - 6 – No insurance

- 4 – Expired/no Registration
- 6 – Driving while revoked/suspended

- HR Update – Richmond County is currently one member below full strength, as Constable Travis MacDonald is now Corporal Travis MacDonald of Baddeck Detachment as of this week.

Congratulations to Travis on his well-deserved promotion; Richmond’s loss is Baddeck’s gain. We are scheduled to receive a new recruit from Depot this May as a replacement; he is well-reported on and spent 14 years in the Canadian Armed Forces before joining the Mounties. We look forward to his arrival, and to handing him a large pair of boots to fill. Cst. Justin Smith is also due to transfer out this summer but we’re still waiting on his replacement to be named.

- Fleet Update –Two of our Ford Taurus Interceptors are well beyond the frightening mileage zone though, and are finally being replaced. 3B02 is now above 270,000 km but is slated for the scrap heap next week – a shiny new Dodge Charger is waiting in Halifax to take its place. We’ll see how the Dodges hold up to our high-mileage policing here in Richmond. They’re very cramped for full-sized Mounties (not to mention prisoners) but they’re powerful and at least they’ll be new for a little while. Our last Taurus, 3B01, is next on the chopping block at 190,000+ km, and I’m told we’ll get another Charger for it in the new fiscal year. The rest of the fleet is doing fairly well, although our 2017 Chevy Tahoe is creeping toward replacement as well at 160,000+ km.

- Richmond County District RCMP is the proud new owner of a Drager drug screening device. Once members are trained on it, it will be used to confirm cannabis use by testing the saliva of suspected drug-impaired drivers.

The Sergeant also reviewed Activities and Events.

#### Questions or Concerns

- There was a question regarding patrol times and it was noted that 24/7 coverage would be impossible;
- There will be a focus on speed monitoring;
- There has been more of a focus on check stops.

#### Next Meeting Date:

It was the consensus of the Board that the next meeting date be June 30, 2021 at 6 PM at the St. Peter’s RCMP Detachment.

#### Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Recorder