

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 30, 2021 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Location: St. Peter's RCMP Detachment

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

Call to order

Doug Landry, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes – April 6, 2021

Moved by Councillor Shawn Sampson, seconded by Robert Phillips that the minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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 654 calls for service from April to June, 2021. These numbers include self-generated police files such as traffic and drug related investigations.
- During these months, members completed 12 check stops throughout the County, checking 179 vehicles. (Check stops had to be temporarily suspended for much of the quarter due to the tightened Provincial COVID restriction; hence the lower numbers compared to prior periods). Several criminal driving charges were laid during this time including 3 charges of impaired driving by alcohol/ refusal to provide breath sample and one charge of flight from police. Also, 3 driving suspension were issued. 23 collisions were investigated with no fatalities to report.

- One car with New Brunswick plates was stopped due to speeding on the #4 Highway. She was going to visit family during the lockdown between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. She was sent back to New Brunswick.
- Richmond County RCMP members issued 132 summary offence tickets under the various Provincial Acts (MVA, LCA, CCA, and OHVA) with 120 warnings issued along with 6 defect notices.
- A breakdown of some of the common offences where tickets were issued (not all-inclusive):
 - 4 – Distracted Driving (cell phone)
 - 3 – Not wearing a seatbelt
 - 24 – Speed between 1-15 km/hr over the limit
 - 30 – Speed between 16-30 km/ hr over the limit
 - 13 – Speed over 31 km/ hr over the limit
 - 1 – Driving too fast for road/weather conditions
 - 4 – No driver’s license / motorcycle license
 - 3 – No insurance
 - 9 – Expired/no Registration
 - 2 – Stunting / racing
 - 10 – Driving while revoked/suspended
 - 1 – spike belt used to stop speeder, (stolen vehicle from New Brunswick)

Other common Offences

- 14 - Assaults
 - 4 - Break and Enters (residences & businesses)
 - 2 - Theft of Motor Vehicle
 - 9 - Theft under \$5000.00
 - 1 - Theft over \$5000.00
 - 1 - Drugs (possession)
 - 2 - Drugs (trafficking)
 - 11 - Liquor Act
 - 5 - Causing a disturbance / Mischief (including public intoxication)
 - 3 - Impaired Driving (Charges)
 - 13 - Mental Health Act
 - 3 - Breach Probation / Conditions
 - 5 - Sexual Offences
 - 6 - Coroners Act
 - 20 - Utter Threats
 - 1 - Missing Person
 - 28 - 911 Act
 - 3 - Cannabis Control Act
 - 4 - Prisoners
- HR Update – Richmond County is currently one member below full strength as we await the arrival of a new member (Cst. Michael Seaman scheduled to arrive July 17th) and will be

field-trained by Cst. Stacey MacRae. Cst. Seaman is from Nova Scotia originally, has a wife and children, and had a lengthy career in the Canadian Armed Forces before joining the Mounties.

Also, we are sad to say goodbye to Cst. Justin Smith who will be leaving for the Annapolis Valley later this summer after 5 years in Richmond County. He is set to be replaced by Cst. Curtis Bowers who is originally from Ontario and currently posted in NWT. Cst. Bowers is also coming with his wife and children. We look forward to meeting our new co-workers and showing them around.

- Fleet Update – No police vehicle collisions to report this quarter. New Dodge Charger marked car (replacement for 3B2, the oldest Taurus). The other Taurus, 3B1 is next to be replaced.
- Richmond County District RCMP is the proud new owner of a Drager drug screening device. No members are trained et due to training restrictions during recent lockdown for Covid. Once a member or two are trained on it, we will be able to use this device to confirm cannabis use by testing the saliva of suspected drug impaired drivers.

The Sergeant also reviewed Activities and Events.

Questions or Concerns

- A Special Tactical Team was in the area due to anticipated problems with the Lobster Fishery. 30 extra RCMP officers are in the area;
- The Municipality is not required to contribute to pay for this Tactical Team;
- Sale of Cannabis out of homes in Potlotek. Different system for reserves. Legislation is still being drafted.

Next Meeting Date:

It was the consensus of the Board that the next meeting date be September 22, 2021 at 6 PM at the Lakeside Community Centre.

Adjournment:

Moved by Robert Phillips, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Recorder