

The quarterly meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay's Police Advisory Board was held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via videoconferencing.

**Present:**

Mayor D. Devenne  
Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata  
Councillor Kelly Wilson  
Darrell Dawson  
Clerk & Dep. CAO, M. Hughes  
Manager of Public Works & Transportation, J. Uhlman  
CAO, Dylan Heide  
Cpl. Dan Smith, RCMP  
Cpl. John Payne, RCMP  
S/Sgt Victor Whalen, RCMP

**Absent:** Angus Smith

**Land Acknowledgement**

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

**Minutes**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dawson, **“THAT the minutes of the April 29, 2021 meeting of the Police Advisory Board be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

**Presentation of Police Reports**

Cpl. Dan Smith introduced Cpl. John Payne, who will be taking over the role of RCMP Liaison with the Town of Mahone Bay as of August 9, 2021, and S/Sgt Victor Whalen, new Lunenburg District Commander. Cpl. Smith presented the RCMP Quarterly Report for April – June, 2021, highlighting some of the larger files of the quarter, including a number of serious collisions, missing persons cases, and a murder. Also highlighted from the

report were the various ways in which RCMP resources have been deployed in response to the Federal Quarantine Act.

Cpl. Smith noted that the Traffic Services division has been in Mahone Bay frequently lately and noted that the division has been very responsive to requests to increase their presence and visibility in Mahone Bay. Other Mahone Bay specific highlights included the May 25, 2021 vandalism at Tiny Tots Playground and the Mahone Bay ballfield, as well as ongoing traffic support for the newly installed 3-way stop at Main Street at Clearway Street.

### **Speed Sign Statistics**

Mr. Uhlman advised the committee that one of the digital speed signs has been taken down because of a malfunction, and the required part for repair will not be delivered for a few weeks. Mr. Heide noted that the Town's 2021/22 budget includes money for two additional speed signs. As Traffic Authority, Mr. Heide also relayed plans to install a crosswalk across from Kedy's Landing and plans to petition the Department of Traffic and Infrastructure Renewal to reduce the speed limit coming into Mahone Bay from Oakland.

### **New Business**

#### PAB Training

The Clerk advised members that training for PAB members is still not available but is expected soon and it will be forwarded to PAB members.

#### COVID-19

Cpl. Smith provided a detailed account of how RCMP resources have been directed toward the ongoing pandemic as part of his regular report.

#### Correspondence – W. Kowalski

The committee received a letter from William Kowalski, which was received at the June 24, 2021 meeting of Council. The correspondence included a concern that RCMP were not addressing the issue of speeding in Mahone Bay in the evening. The clerk was able to provide an update in that Mr. Kowalski had been informed of the enforcement steps which have been taken to address his concerns.

**Next Meeting:** October 28, 2021 at noon.

**The meeting adjourned upon motion at 1:16 p.m.**

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Mayor David Devenne

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Town Clerk, Maureen Hughes