

The quarterly meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay’s Police Advisory Board was held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. via videoconferencing.

Present:

Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata
Councillor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
Manager of Public Works & Transportation, J. Uhlman
Deputy CAO, Eric Levy
David Lesiuk
Cpl. Matthew Leggett
S/Sgt Victor Whalen
Mayor D. Devenne
Katherine McCarron

Absent:

CAO, Dylan Heide (regrets)
Annette St. Onge

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.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Mr. Lesiuk , seconded by Ms. McCarron , **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of Item 5: Resident Concern on Hedge Row.”**

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Mayor Devenne , seconded by Ms. McCarron , **“THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting of the Police Advisory Board be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

3. Presentation of Police Reports

3.1 Mahone Bay Quarterly Report: September – December 2023

3.2 Mahone Bay Annual Report: 2023

These items were discussed simultaneously.

Cpl. Matthew Leggett introduced himself. Stated that the reports reflect an average amount of summer activity in the Quarterly Report. Mental health and wellbeing calls take up majority of calls with traffic issues.

Councillor Lohnes-Croft asked about scamming and asked for the need of increased need for this type of policing in Mahone Bay. Cst. Leggett responded that this is a national issue, and that he would be willing to assist with education on the topic. Staff Sgt. Whalen stated that some community education is happening in Lunenburg County and could be done in Mahone Bay.

There was a discussion on homelessness. Staff Sgt. Whalen indicated that there have been calls in parts of Lunenburg County.

Councillor Lohnes-Croft asked what 'other' means in the reports. Cpl. Leggett stated it was something police are involved in, but does not fit into a specific policing issue, ie. relaying calls to fire, hang up calls, etc. Staff Sgt. Whalen said they will get a list of what 'other' means specifically.

4. Speed Sign Stats

Deputy CAO, Eric Levy updated the committee on the current speed sign statistics. The Committee discussed speed zones within the Town.

Mayor Devenne suggested that Clearway Street have speed humps.

Deputy Mayor Kangata suggested moving the speed signs and to continue advocating for the changes and ask Council to consider some form of change in those areas.

A motion by Ms. McCarron, seconded by Mayor Devenne, **“THAT the Committee refer the speed statistics to Council for discussion.”** **Motion carried.**

5. New Business

5.1 Resident Concern on Hedge Row

Deputy Mayor Kangata reviewed the issue and asked Cpl. Leggett to speak to the issue. Cpl. Leggett stated he discussed the issue with the resident. He encouraged patrol in the evening and discussed the concerns with the resident.

Staff Sgt. Whalen stated that some residents have expressed concerns but have never called the police. He discussed a TikTok challenge that some are doing where they kick doors.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2024

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 12:51 p.m.

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