

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Board of Police Commissioners

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

1:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers
2nd Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, NS**

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Call to Order: Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

1. **Administration of the Oaths of Office for Newly Appointed Commissioners:**
Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk
2. **Election / Selection of Chair:** Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Election / Selection of Vice Chair:** Chair
5. **Approval of Agenda:** (motion required)
6. **Approval of Minutes:** (previously distributed)

➤ **June 27, 2024**
7. **EHS Coin of Excellence Presentation:** Chief Robert Walsh
8. **Cape Breton Regional Police Services - Proposed Budget 2025-2026:**
Chief Robert Walsh (See page 3)
9. **Divisional Reports:** Staff Sergeant Gill Boone and Staff Sergeant Keith Power
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Adjournment

Police Services

Budget Deliberations

2025-26

	Projected Operating Results	Approved Budget 2024-25	Requested Budget 2025-26	Budget Increase (Decrease)
Police Services				
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	\$ 25,867,749	\$ 26,629,983	\$ 27,740,882	\$ 1,110,899
6010 BENEFITS	5,640,398	6,232,594	6,743,192	510,598
6011 WAGE RECOVERY	(2,692,100)	(3,358,529)	(4,236,077)	(877,548)
6180 OTHER COST RECOVERY	(1,508,339)	(595,893)	(416,189)	279,704
GL 6000, 6010, & 6011 WAGES & BENEFITS NET OF COST RECOVERY	\$ 27,307,708	\$ 28,808,154	\$ 29,831,807	\$ 1,023,653
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	180,000	180,000	180,000	-
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	60,000	60,000	60,000	-
6040 PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	5,725	5,000	5,000	-
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	70,000	70,000	70,000	-
6070 PHOTOCOPY SUPPLIES	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
6080 ADVERTISING	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
6090 POSTAGE & 6100 COURIER	13,000	13,000	13,000	-
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	200,000	200,000	200,000	-
6120 PUBL/SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	217,000	217,000	250,000	33,000
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	126,550	120,000	500,000	380,000
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
6170 PROMOTION	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
7000 HEAT	32,000	32,000	32,000	-
7010 ELECTRICAL	112,500	112,500	112,500	-
7020 WATER	8,525	8,525	8,525	-
7030 BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	93,000	93,000	93,000	-
7040 BLDG/FACILITY REPAIR	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
7060 BLDG/FACILITY RENOV	20,000	15,000	15,000	-
7070 BLDG/FACILITY RENTAL	43,000	53,000	53,000	-
7110 SECURITY	1,025	2,000	2,000	-
7500 VEH/EQUIP MAINT	28,000	23,000	30,000	7,000
7505 GASOLINE & DIESEL	534,050	500,000	500,000	-
7510 VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	354,900	300,000	325,000	25,000
7530 VEH/EQUIP REPLACEMENT	540,000	580,000	560,000	-
7540 VEH/EQUIP RENTAL	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
7550 VEH/EQUIP TOWING	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIP	185,000	135,000	150,000	15,000
8010 OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	135,000	135,000	150,000	15,000
8020 MAINTENANCE EQUIP	6,070	6,070	6,070	-
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	150,000	175,000	175,000	-
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	265,000	135,000	150,000	15,000
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
8120 LEASES	-	-	157,800	157,800
8125 MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS	180,000	130,000	180,000	50,000
8150 GRANTS/SUBS TO ORG	25,000	25,000	-	-
8165 STORM RECOVERY COST	-	-	25,000	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,020,051	\$ 32,260,249	\$ 33,981,702	\$ 1,721,453

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Police Services Revenue	Projected Operating Results	Approved Budget 2024-25	Requested Budget 2025-26	Budget Increase (Decrease)
4751 RECORDS INQUIRIES	\$ 160,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -
5151 FINES	322,000	300,000	300,000	-
Total Revenues	\$ 482,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -



Divisional Report
June 30, 2024 – February 21, 2025

Calls responded to by the CBRPS:

June 30, 2023 – February 21, 2024

Area	Calls for Service
North	7018
Central	17,841
East	9420
Other	17,395
Online Reporting	0
Total	51,674

June 30, 2024 – February 21, 2025

Area	Calls for Service
North	7743
Central	20,163
East	12,176
Other	13,811
Online Reporting	337
Total	54,230

***Other** category contains calls with no specific address unable to be categorized to a division, abandoned 9-1-1 calls, license plate checks, information requests, etc.*

Online Reporting not implemented until March 2024

HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES

- Issued 425 tickets for traffic violations through targeted traffic enforcement projects for road safety, including Operation Impact and the Nova Scotia Operation Christmas and MADD Canada Red Ribbon campaigns: speeding, operating with improper mufflers, failing to stop, not wearing a seatbelt, not using a proper child restraint, impaired driving and operating vehicles without valid insurance, registration, inspection or license.
- Contracted a Senior Safety Navigator, funded by a Grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors & Long-Term Care, to coordinate crime prevention education and programming for the safety of the senior populations in our communities, and connect them to the appropriate resources and support for their overall well-being.
- Intercepted the transport of 1.5 million illegal cigarettes, valued at approximately \$418,000, and charged two individuals in conjunction with the Service Nova Scotia Compliance Unit for Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco.
- Successfully located two lost persons in wooded areas, using GPS and drone technology, which includes heat sensor, lights and loudspeaker.
- Seven new Constables were sworn in to service as a result of an ongoing recruitment campaign to fill existing vacancies and maintain our compliment of front-line officers keeping our communities safe.

- Participated in the 13th Annual Truck Convoy for Special Olympics in Halifax. A total of 222 trucks took part in the event raising \$167,700 in support of Special Olympics Nova Scotia.
- We were honoured to participate in the annual Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officers' Memorial where we joined colleagues and family members to pay tribute and respect for the dedication of officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.
- Held the 17th annual "Shop of the Class" event in conjunction with the Mayflower Mall and Cape Breton Regional Center for Education, helping to fulfill wish lists for 42 deserving students with Mayflower Mall gift certificates and additional shopping money donated by local businesses. With support from additional community partners, the students were also gifted an extra bag of holiday goodies as well as winter jackets from Sport Check.
- Through the Cops against Cancer Committee and Police Boys and Girls Club, hosted a "Buzz the Fuzz" event and Floor Hockey Tournament in honour of Constables Mark Royal and Tara Morgan, raising over \$2000 for the Canadian Cancer Society Camp Good Times Kids Cancer Camp.

Training:

- Use of Force, PEI (2)
- Executive Communicator Training, Ont. (1)
- Indigenous Policing Training Conf., Ottawa (1)
- CIT Training Level I & Level II, Truro (1)
- Polygraph Training, Niagara Falls (1)
- ICE Training, Ottawa (1)
- Use of Force Recertification PEI (7)
- IAPE Evidence Management Training, Niagara Falls (1)
- PSU Annual Training (12)
- Pipeline / Convoy Course, Dartmouth (2)
- CPIC Training, Online (3)
- Junior Leadership Training, Glace Bay (9)
- Drug Recognition Refresh, Glace Bay (2)
- Search Warrant Drafting Course, Dartmouth (2)
- Tactical Intelligence Course, Ottawa (1)
- ACE Training, Dartmouth (2)
- CMPFOR ICE Training, Ottawa (1)
- Annual Block Training, Glace Bay (40 to date) *Training began Feb12th-ongoing*

Patrols:

- Attended calls relating to incidents of Assault, Assault with a Weapon, Suspicious Fires, Theft, Vandalism, Deceased Persons, Missing Persons, attempted suicide/suicide, Break and Enter, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Domestic Violence, Mental Health assistance, and impaired driving complaints
- Increased Foot Patrol in commercial districts to address concerns from business owners
- Enforced Winter Parking Regulations so that Public Works can safely remove snow from roadways and to ensure safe traffic flow for emergency vehicles
- Addressed citizen complaints regarding speeding, off road vehicles and loud mufflers
- Conducted checks on a daily basis in relation to high-risk offenders on conditional sentence orders and release orders through the courts
- Assisted investigative units with vehicle stops
- Monitored and enforced compliance through patrol and property checks

Prisoner Care Facility:

July 2024	August	September	October	November	December	January	Feb 1-21/25
156	158	153	138	127	113	135	77

Prisoner Care Facility Total: 1057

Membertou:

- Responded to over 1060 calls for service, laid 309 charges and conducted 1294 property checks
- Attended various meetings with Chief & Council, Interagency, Membertou Corporate Security, Membertou School Principals, and various other meetings
- Carried out foot patrols and property checks on businesses
- Provided Halloween Safety talks with Membertou Pre-School and Membertou Elementary School students
- Participated in events such as Chief Terry Paul's four decades of Leadership Event, Membertou Powwow, Terry Fox Walk, Run for Wishes Opening Ceremonies, Truth & Reconciliation events, Halloween events with Membertou School and Daycare, Remembrance Day ceremonies, and Shop of the Class

K-9 Unit:

- Responded to 297 calls for K-9 service including, Alarms, Arrest Warrants, Assault with a weapon, Break and Enter, IPTA, Domestic Assault/Threat, Missing Persons, Motor Vehicle Collisions, Public Relations, Robbery, Weapons complaints, assist patrol members, Street Crime Unit, Major Crime Unit and ERT.
 - Located / arrested 19 persons, located 28 articles
- Assisted patrols with 377 calls for service

School Liaison Officers:

- Worked closely with school administration to address potential issues and ensure school safety
- Participated in training sessions on fire drills, lock downs and lock and secure procedures
- Investigated criminal matters that occurred during school hours
- Assisted Patrol officers with files connected to students at schools
- Dealt with incidents including bullying, assaults, threats, working with school administration and parents to address issues internally through suspensions and restitution or through further police investigation and the Court system where warranted
- Attended various after school activities and events, which include sporting events, meetings, and Parent/Teacher meetings
- During the summer months when schools are closed, School Liaison Officers were assigned to Patrols

Community Officer:

- Attended CBRPS Community Offices in Marion Bridge, Charlotte Street and Dominion
- Participated in a Shoplifting Blitz during the Holiday Season to address concerns by local merchants
- Carried out information sessions for Local Businesses focussing on Crime Prevention
- Conducted Senior Safety Sessions with residents of Harbour View Hospital Adult Day Program, Parkland Seniors Facility and Glace Bay Hospital Seniors Day Program and for a group of residents from Nigeria at St. Mary's Church in Glace Bay
- Participated in Food Drives for the Jane Paul Centre, Loaves & Fishes and the Glace Bay Food Bank collecting a large quantity of food items and raising over \$7000

- Conducted safety sessions for several schools in the community, focussing on Cyber Bullying and Internet safety
- Attended several meetings such as Downtown Business Watch, Undercurrent Youth Association, Restorative Justice and Neighbourhood Watch
- Attended numerous events throughout CBRM including Remembrance Day Events, the Bobby Joe Ryan Memorial Hockey Tournament, Community Christmas Parades and Light-up Events, the Cory Keeping memorial Hockey Tournament in North Sydney, Bay it Forward, Seaside Days, Rock the Fiddle, Lambert Todd Days, and Coal Dust Days.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Responded and/or assisted in over 2000 occurrences
 - Enforced over 838 *Motor Vehicle Act* charges
- Addressed several complaints throughout CBRM regarding stop signs, parking, speeding, and other traffic related issues
- Responded to and investigated 13 Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Conducted two operations with vehicle inspection officers to deal with vehicles not fit for travel on the roadways
- Provided traffic support for events throughout CBRM such as Membertou Summer Games, Children's Burn Camp Escort, parades, motorcycle runs, and road relays

Street Crime/Drug Unit:

- Officers Executed 26 search warrants and seized over \$225,000 worth of illegal drugs and approximately \$48,000 in cash resulting in 236 charges
- Assisted other sections of CBRPS with executing search warrants, conducting surveillance and assisting Patrols

Community Safety Enforcement Unit:

- Assigned 96 new files and laid 184 charges including, Theft, Mischief, Property Damage, Domestic Assault, and various breaches
- Assisted patrols, Investigative sections, Safer Communities, and other outside agencies with ongoing investigations providing surveillance and information gathering in response to complaints of increased criminal activity

- Assisted Street Crime Unit in the execution of warrants resulting in several charges

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

- Assigned 248 new investigations and laid 92 criminal code charges, including, Murder, Sexual Assaults, Robbery, Major Assaults, Domestic Violence, Criminal Harassment, Uttering Threats, Break and Enters, Fraud, Weapon Violations, Breach Violations, and charges under the Youth Criminal Justice Act
 - Currently managing 68 active investigations
- Executed search warrants and production orders along with sealing orders
- Prepared Court documentation for upcoming trials
- Received 391 domestic-related files, resulting in 649 Criminal charges

General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator

- Assigned 112 new files for investigation, including sexual offences, assaults, and breaches of court orders.
- Currently managing 24 Arson investigations
- Prepared and executed judicial authorizations related to assigned investigations
- Assisted other units with criminal code investigations

Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) / Computer Forensic Unit:

- Worked on over 177 active investigations including child luring, child pornography, and sexual assault and executed 1 Search Warrant
- Forensically analyzed more than 51 devices and completed 24 drone operations.
- Supported ongoing investigations into Homicides, Robberies, Drug related offences, assaults, and domestics where cell phone warrants are executed by the unit

Forensic Identification Unit:

- Responded to 148 calls for service including: Arson, Domestic Assault, Deceased Persons, Break & Enter, Mischief Complaints, Home Invasion, Assault, Armed Robbery, Weapons Complaint, Assist Other Agency requests, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Recovered Stolen Vehicle, DNA Orders, Disturbance, Fingerprint Identifications, and Search Warrants
- Maintained exhibit control for all evidence seized by the police service, and managed all photographic evidence

- Conducted lab work associated with file exhibits submitted by Major Crime, General Investigation Unit, Arson Investigation Unit and Patrols for processing
- Liaised with outside agencies such as Deputy Fire Marshall's office, Sexual Assault Program, Sheriff and Correction Services, Nova Scotia Firearms Officer, RCMP Forensic Lab, and Alcohol & Gaming
- Maintained SOCO (Scenes of Crime Officer) files

Marine Unit:

- Located and retrieved 3 deceased individuals and 1 vehicle from the water
- Assisted Sydney Fire Rescue with a boat adrift in Sydney Harbour
- Patrolled Mira River and Bras d'Or lakes during special events
- Provided safety divers for the Port Morien Polar Dip on January 1st
- Provided safety boat for events such as the annual United Way harbour swim and Rock the Fiddle Event
- The Marine Unit continues to train on a monthly basis

Solid Waste:

- Investigated over 200 complaints associated with illegal dumping, resulting in 15 charges being laid and several warnings issued. Currently managing numerous active investigations.
- Interviews with suspects and/or witnesses were carried out
- Assisted Patrols with calls for service

Mental Health Liaison Officer:

- Acts as a liaison between the NSHA and the CBRPS to help address systemic issues and resolve particular situations involving individuals with mental health disorders
- Assisted officers with cases involving emotionally disturbed persons and incidents involving patients within the Cape Breton Regional Hospital

Polygraph

- Used Forensic Polygraph in 10 Criminal Investigations and conducted 37 Pre-Employment Polygraph Examinations

- Assisted Major Crime Unit, General Investigative Section, Arson Investigator and Patrols with several investigations, conducting interviews, analysis of statements and advising on interview strategy and technique.
- Registered 79 individuals for the National Sex Offender Registry

