

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Board of Police Commissioners Minutes

March 5, 2025

1:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

Commission Members

Commissioner Glenn Paruch, Chair

Commissioner Kim Sheppard-Campbell, Vice Chair

Commissioner Ken Tracey, Citizen Appointee

Commissioner Matthew Conner, Citizen Appointee

Commissioner Tom Vickers, Citizen Appointee

Commissioner Noelle Gouthro, Provincial Appointee

Staff

Mayor Cecil P. Clarke

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Christa Dicks, Director of Corporate Information Services / Municipal Clerk

Robert Walsh, Chief of Police

Stephen MacKinnon, Deputy Chief of Police

Reginald Hutchings, Superintendent

Keith Power, Staff Sergeant

Gill Boone, Staff Sergeant

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

Sean Tobin, Chief of Staff

Desiree Magnus, Communications / Public Relations Advisor

Logan Aucoin, CBRPS Constable

Dave Burns, CBRPS Constable

Mike Jones, CBRPS Constable

Bobbie MacCormick, CBRPS Constable

Jeff MacKinnon, CBRPS Constable

Troy Wadden, CBRPS Constable

Gordon MacDonald, Councillor District One

Eldon MacDonald, Deputy Mayor / Councillor District Five

Spencer Merrill, Information Technology Technician

Kelly McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Yuecong Cao, Recording Secretary

Absent

Commissioner Paul Nickituk (regrets)

The following does not represent a word for word record of the proceedings of this meeting. The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at www.cbrm.ns.ca.

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk, called the meeting to order.

1. Administration of the Oaths of Office for Newly Appointed Commissioners

The Municipal Clerk administered the Oaths of Office for the newly appointed members of the CBRM Board of Police Commissioners, namely Glenn Paruch, Kim Sheppard-Campbell, Ken Tracey, Matthew Conner, and Tom Vickers.

2. Election / Selection of Chair

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk, reviewed the terms of the CBRM Police Committee Policy and nomination and meeting process. Christa Dicks called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Police Commission.

Commissioner Tracey nominated Commissioner Paruch for Chair, Commissioner Paruch accepted the nomination. Christa Dicks asked if there were any further nominations. There were no further nominations, Commissioner Paruch was declared Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Land acknowledgement was done by Chair Paruch.

3. Roll Call

Yuecong Cao, Recording Secretary, conducted the roll call attendance.

4. Election / Selection of Vice Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Police Commission. Commissioner Tracey nominated Commission Sheppard-Campbell for Vice-Chair, Commissioner Sheppard-Campbell accepted the nomination. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations. There were no further nominations, Commissioner Sheppard-Campbell was declared Vice-Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

5. Approval of Agenda**Motion**

Moved by Commissioner Tracey, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard-Campbell, to approve the March 5, 2025, CBRM Board of Police Commissioners agenda as presented.

Motion Carried**6. Approval of Minutes****Motion**

Moved by Commissioner Tracey, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard-Campbell, to approve the CBRM Board of Police Commissioners minutes from:

➤ June 27, 2024

Motion Carried

At this point of the meeting, item number nine, divisional reports was discussed.

9. Divisional Reports

Staff Sergeant Gill Boone presented the following sections of the report:

- Highlights and Initiatives
- Training
- Patrols
- Lock-up
- Membertou
- K-9 Unit
- School Liaison Officers
- Community Officer

For Information Only

Staff Sergeant Keith Power presented the following sections of the report:

- Operational Support
- Traffic Safety Unit
- Street Crime/Drug Unit
- Community Safety Enforcement Unit
- Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit
- General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator
- Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE)/Computer Forensic Unit
- Forensic Identification Unit
- Marine Unit
- Solid Waste
- Mental Health Liaison Officer
- Polygraph

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7. EHS Coin of Excellence Presentation

Emergency Health Services (EHS) personnel presented the following Constables with the EHS Coin of Excellence for their hard work and dedication:

- Logan Aucoin
- Dave Burns
- Mike Jones
- Bobbie MacCormick
- Jeff MacKinnon
- Troy Wadden

8. Business Arising

Chief Walsh presented the proposed budget, included in the agenda package, for the Cape Breton Regional Police Services for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Discussion took place regarding camera procurement, 911 budget, and equipment replacement. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Tracey, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard-Campbell, that the Police Commission recommend Council to approve the proposed 2026-2026 Cape Breton Regional Police Services budget.

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Commissioner Gleen Paruch
Chair

Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk
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