



## **Board of Police Commissioners**

### **Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers**

**City Hall  
320 Esplanade  
Sydney, N S.**

#### **Commission Members:**

**Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, Chair**

**Commissioner Ken Tracey**

**Commissioner Lorne Green**

**Citizen Appointee – Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert**

**Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Helen Luedee**

**Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Tom Vickers**

**Provincial Appointee – Commissioner Noelle Gouthro**

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1. **Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Administration of the Oaths of Office for Newly-Appointed Commissioners:**  
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Election/Selection of Vice Chair:** Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, Chair
5. **Approval of Agenda** (motion required)
6. **Approval of Minutes:** (previously distributed)
  - **November 23, 2022**
7. **Cape Breton Regional Police Services - Proposed Budget 2023-2024:**  
Chief Robert Walsh (See page 3)
8. **Divisional Reports:** Superintendent Reg Hutchings and Inspector Bill Turner  
(See page 5)

**Adjournment**

	Projected Operating Results 2022-23	Approved Budget 2022-23	Requested Budget 2023-24	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>Police Services</b>				
6000 WAGES/SALARIES	\$ 22,385,175	\$ 23,841,343	\$ 25,165,641	\$ 1,324,298
6010 BENEFITS	5,039,549	4,891,258	5,500,379	609,121
6011 WAGE RECOVERY	(3,669,051)	(3,920,836)	(3,279,847)	640,989
6180 OTHER COST RECOVERY - MEMBERTOU	(1,049,806)	(183,460)	(336,257)	(152,797)
<b>GL 6000, 6010, &amp; 6011 WAGES &amp; BENEFITS NET OF COST RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$ 22,705,867</b>	<b>\$ 24,628,305</b>	<b>\$ 27,049,916</b>	<b>\$ 2,421,612</b>
6020 TRAINING/EDUCATION	140,454	100,000	170,000	70,000
6030 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	33,662	70,000	70,000	-
6040 PROF MEM/DUES & FEES	2,963	2,500	5,000	2,500
6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	35,000	40,000	45,000	5,000
6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	62,016	45,000	53,000	8,000
6070 PHOTOCOPY SUPPLIES	9,000	16,000	10,000	(6,000)
6080 ADVERTISING	4,000	5,000	5,000	-
6090 POSTAGE & 6100 COURIER	14,250	15,000	15,000	-
6110 TELEPHONE/FAX	206,000	210,000	210,000	-
6120 PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,602	6,000	6,000	-
6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	195,000	195,000	217,000	22,000
6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	130,000	130,000	120,000	(10,000)
6150 MEETING EXPENSES	10,600	11,500	11,500	-
6170 PROMOTION	10,000	11,000	11,000	-
7000 HEAT	24,800	25,000	32,000	7,000
7010 ELECTRICAL	104,663	110,350	112,500	2,150
7020 WATER	6,600	10,000	7,000	(3,000)
7030 BLDG/FACILITY MAINT	85,000	83,000	83,000	-
7040 BLDG/FACILITY REPAIR	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
7060 BLDG/FACILITY RENOV	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
7070 BLDG/FACILITY RENTAL	26,920	25,000	28,000	3,000
7110 SECURITY	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
7500 VEH/EQUIP MAINT	23,020	23,020	23,000	(20)
7505 GASOLINE & DIESEL	548,850	405,000	500,000	95,000
7510 VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	340,000	287,717	300,000	12,283
7530 VEH/EQUIP REPLACEMENT	580,000	580,000	580,000	-
7540 VEH/EQUIP RENTAL	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
7550 VEH/EQUIP TOWING	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIP	200,000	135,000	135,000	-
8010 OPERATIONAL MAT/SUPP	135,000	135,000	135,000	-
8020 MAINTENANCE EQUIP	7,570	7,570	7,570	-
8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	175,000	175,000	175,000	-
8100 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	135,000	135,000	135,000	-
8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS	25,000	30,000	30,000	-
8125 MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS	129,168	129,168	130,000	832
8150 GRANTS/SUBS TO ORG	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
8165 STORM RECOVERY COST	1,500	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 26,201,503</b>	<b>\$ 27,870,130</b>	<b>\$ 30,500,486</b>	<b>\$ 2,630,357</b>

**Police Services**

**Budget Deliberations**

**2023-24**

	<b>Projected Operating Results 2022-23</b>	<b>Approved Budget 2022-23</b>	<b>Requested Budget 2023-24</b>	<b>Budget Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>Police Services Revenue</b>				
4751 RECORDS INQUIRIES	\$ 147,546	\$ 105,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 95,000
5151 FINES	144,506	225,000	225,000	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 292,052</b>	<b>\$ 330,000</b>	<b>\$ 425,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,000</b>



**Divisional Report  
November 16, 2022 – March 15, 2023**

**Calls responded to by the CBRPS:**

November 16, 2021 to March 15, 2022

Area	Calls for Service
North	3045
Central	8458
East	3536
Other	7129
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,168</b>

November 16, 2022 to March 15, 2023

Area	Calls for Service
North	3784
Central	9357
East	4060
Other	9923
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,124</b>

\***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.\*

**HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES**

- Eight 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.
- Held the 15<sup>th</sup> annual “Shop of the Class” in conjunction with the Mayflower Mall and Cape Breton Regional Center for Education, helping to fulfill wish lists for 38 deserving students with Mayflower mall gift certificates and additional shopping money donated by local businessmen as well as winter jackets from Sport Check.
- Through checkpoints and targeted traffic enforcement Cape Breton Regional Police Traffic Safety and Patrol Officers stopped and checked more than 5,000 vehicles with assistance from MADD Cape Breton for increased education and awareness of the importance of sober driving. No impaired drivers were identified but police issued approximately 50 tickets to drivers for operating vehicles without valid and required paperwork.
- Participated in the Opening Ceremony for the Red Dress Commemoration Park in Membertou, in honour and memory of murdered and missing Indigenous women, children and men. The community chose to develop this park at our police building, where it will be a symbol of our ongoing commitment to the rights of Indigenous peoples to be and feel safe.

- Fifteen Cape Breton Regional Police members were presented with the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal recognizing their service and contributions to our communities.
- Charged a 31-year-old man with Second Degree Murder of Christopher Allan Reid, after an extensive investigation by the Cape Breton Regional Police Major Crime Unit, with the assistance from Forensic Identification officers and the Medical Examiner's Office.
- Dedicated extra patrols to address community concerns in the Plummer Avenue area of New Waterford, leading to multiple arrests for outstanding warrants and information for further investigation and enforcement.

### **Training:**

- Block Training, Sydney (110) - ongoing
- Search Warrant Course, Dartmouth (2)
- ICS300, Sydney (3)
- Odara Training, online training (14)
- CPR, Glace Bay (13)
- ICIR, online training (4)
- Digital Investigation, online CPKN (1)
- Introduction to Human Trafficking, online CPKN (2)
- Major Crime Investigative Techniques, PEI (2)
- File Review Training, Sydney (15)
- Major Case Management Team Commander, Ottawa (1)
- R2MR, Halifax (1)
- Sexual Assault Investigation, Dartmouth (3)
- ACIIS Training, Dartmouth (2)

### **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, Mental Health assistance, and impaired driving complaints.
- Addressed citizen complaints regarding speeding and off road vehicle
- Checks are conducted 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

**Lock-up:**

Nov	Dec	January	February	March 1-15
104	113	103	110	53

**Lock-up Total: 483**

**Membertou:**

- Responded to over 1000 calls for service and laid more than 60 charges.
- Attended various meetings with Chief & Council, Interagency, Neighborhood Watch, and various other meetings.
- Carried out foot patrols and property checks on all businesses
- Took part in the grand opening of Red Dress Park, the Walk for Domestic Violence, and the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Walk
- Provided safety presentations to seniors at Parkland Cape Breton
- Provided a Robbery Prevention presentation at the Membertou Education Center
- Assisted with the Membertou Christmas Parade

**K-9 Unit:**

- Responded to 102 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 9 persons, located 6 articles
- Assisted patrols with 93 calls for service and 38 alarms

**School Liaison Officers:**

- Participated in coaching and mentoring students
- 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
- Assist 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

## **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT**

### **Traffic Safety Unit:**

- Responded and/or assisted in over 1417 occurrences
  - Enforced over 500 *Motor Vehicle Act* charges
- Traffic Safety Unit assisted with several complaints throughout CBRM in regard to stop signs and speeding
- Assisted Major Crime Unit and Forensic Identification Unit with major files
- Responded to and investigated several Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Provided traffic support for Christmas Parades as well as several road races throughout CBRM
- Traffic Safety Unit continues to address public complaints concerning traffic related issues

### **Street Crime/Drug Unit:**

- Members Executed 19 search warrants and conducted 11 vehicle stops, seized over \$175,000 worth of illegal drugs and \$45,000 in cash, resulting in 143 charges.
- Assisted other sections of CBRPS in executing search warrants, conducting surveillance and making arrests.

### **Community Safety Enforcement Unit:**

- Assigned 14 new files and laid 63 charges
- Assisted patrols, Investigative sections, and Safer Communities with surveillance and information gathering in response to complaints of increased criminal activity (break and enter, drug activity, prostitution, major disturbances, telephone scams, vehicle entries), high-risk offenders and ongoing investigations.
- Assisted Street Crime Unit in the execution of warrants resulting in several charges.
- Assisted other agencies to obtain statements

**Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) – (NS Department of Justice Public Safety Investigation Section)**

- Received 11 SCAN referrals resulting in 6 Notice to Vacate-Eviction, 3 arrests, 2 warnings
- Provided assistance with 13 Maintenance Enforcement Files
- Assist Police, Sheriff's Department, and Housing with 8 files
- Conducted 2 Divisional Presentations to other agencies

#### **Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:**

- Assigned 27 new investigations and laid 36 criminal code charges, including, Murder, Firearm offences, Sexual Assaults, Forcible Entry, 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 42 active investigations.
- Executed 18 search warrants and production orders along with sealing orders.
- Prepared Court documentation for upcoming trials.
- Reviewed 251 domestic-related files, resulting in 418 Criminal charges.

#### **General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator**

- Assigned 52 new files for investigation, including sexual offences, weapon offences, assaults, possession of a firearm, extortion, as well as breaches of court orders. A total of 50 files have been concluded by way of charges laid, pending information or closed.
- Currently managing 58 active investigations.
- Prepared and executed judicial authorizations related to their assigned investigations.
- Assisted other units with criminal code investigations.

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

- Worked on 155 active investigations including child luring, child pornography, sexual assault and sexual interference. There were 32 new files added during this time period.
- There were 21 judicial authorizations obtained (production order, search warrants, etc.) and forensically analyzed more than 10 devices.
- There were 8 calls for service for Drone operations
- Assisted other units with processing of electronic devices through digital forensics.

- Assisted other units with investigations – Robbery, drug related offences, assault, domestic violence.

### **Forensic Identification Unit:**

- Responded to 154 calls for service including: Arson, Armed Robbery, Deceased Persons, Photo array requests, Break & Enter, Property Damage, Mischief Complaints, Sex Assault, Assist Other Agency requests, Assault, Motor Vehicle Accidents, DNA Orders, Weapons Complaint, Process recovered stolen vehicles, 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.
- Liaise with outside agencies such as Deputy Fire Marshall's office, Sexual Assault Program, Sheriff and Correction Services, Nova Scotia Firearms Officer and RCMP Forensic Lab
- Maintain SOCO (Scenes of Crime Officer) files

### **Solid Waste:**

- Investigated numerous complaints of illegal dumping, resulting in 4 charges being laid and several warnings. Currently managing 22 active files.
- Several 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**

- Conducted 9 Polygraph examinations, Assist Major Crime Unit, General Investigative Section, Arson Investigator and Patrols with several investigations, conducting interviews, Polygraph tests, and advising on interview strategy and technique.
- Registered 30 individuals for the National Sex Offender Registry

- Conducted several pre-employment polygraph examinations for CBRM during the current reporting period

